



Country needs raised at the SDB4 and expected targeted support in between workshops

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- Conclusion of the 4th WOA Regional Workshop on Dog Population Management
 - for Balkan countries (SDB4)

Workshop Report



19 participants in representation of Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Greece including speakers, with the exception of Albania, Turkey and Kosovo that were not able to attend.



- [Balkan Countries] - **To contribute to the development of the SAM Tool 2.0**, to be used for **conducting the next self-assessment rounds** in order to monitor their Roadmaps progress over time;
- [Balkan Countries] - To strengthen the Platform's level of technical assistance by **setting a pool of 'stray dog managers' in the Balkans** and to **expand the range of training and capacity building programs** aiming at increasing: (1) professional skills and capacities of the VSs involved in the development and implementation of the National Action plans and (2) technical know-how of the personnel carrying out carrying out stray dog control activities at Municipal/local level;
- [Balkan Countries] –To enhance the opportunities **to access to technical assistance projects/financial measures** with the support of the Platform Secretariat, the OIE Network of CCs on Animal Welfare, RAWC, other sub-regional Academic bodies/Institutions and local/international NGOs;
- [WOAH] **To report the outcomes of the SDB4 workshop** to the OIE General Director and to the Steering Group of the OIE Platform on AW for Europe during next SG meeting
- [WOAH] **To organize the SDB5 Workshop in 2023** (provided funding is available), to support Balkan Countries in the implementation of their national Roadmaps and to monitor their progressive compliance with Chapter 7.7 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code on stray dog population



Despite the evolution perceived, **persistent weak points** for national control strategies were identified in:

- (i) the **absence of a National Action Plan/national control strategy** ;
- (ii) **scarce investments in public awareness and educational programs** for responsible owners;
- (iii) **poor communication and coordination** between national and local authorities;
- (iv) **limited collaboration with NGOs** and other stakeholders;
- (vi) **shortness in human, technical and financial resources**;
- (vii) **lack of essential training and educational opportunities** for operators involved in stray dog control activities.



4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT

2024

2025

2026

regional workshops on dog population management

6th workshop for the Balkan countries



5th workshop for the West-Eurasian (Central Asia and Caucasus) (2025)

7th workshop for the Balkan countries (2026)



Regular support for the SAM Tool 2.0 self-assessment rounds

Periodic flash thematic meetings (2024 - 2026)



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What topic do you need to be address in the flash thematic meeting?



Thank you

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