

OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Action Plan for 2014 - 2016

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The Action Plan for 2014-2016 is based on the Concept Note of the OIE Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe proposed and discussed during the 25th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe in Fleesensee, Germany (2012) and unanimously adopted during the 81st OIE General Session in Paris, France (2013).

Activities of the Action Plan come from needs identified by participants during the following OIE Global and Regional events:

- OIE Seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare in Kiev, Ukraine (2012)
- 25th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe in Fleesensee, Germany (2012)
- Third OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare in Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia (2012)
- OIE Seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare in Teramo, Italy (2013)

The main outlines of this Plan were discussed and validated by the Steering Group of the Platform during its first meeting held in in Paris, France (19-20 December 2013). It was officially endorsed by the OIE Regional Commission for Europe during the 82nd OIE General Session in May 2014.

I. Objectives of the Action plan for 2013-2015

The overall objective of the Action for 2014-2015 is to improve animal welfare in Europe.

The Strategic Objective of the Action Plan for 2014-2016 in accordance with the Concept Note of the Platform is to empower Veterinary Services to take actions in Animal Welfare in compliance with OIE standards.

More specifically the Action plan for 2014-2016 has the following three Specific Objectives:

- 1. To raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of animal welfare in the Europe region.
- 2. To progressively advance with the implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare.
- 3. To encourage the participation of member countries of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe in the OIE standard setting process.

Management and functioning of the Platform will be the major transversal activity for meeting these three technical objectives.

II. Scope of the Action plan for 2014-2016

The scope of the Action Plan is covering the three priority topics as proposed in the Concept note, Annex 1, Art. 5:

- 1. Transport of animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3)
- 2. Slaughter of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5)
- 3. Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)

III. Activities of the Action plan for 2014-2016

The Action plan for 2014-2016 is composed of 8 activities taken from the menu of eligible activities as per defined in the Concept Note, Annex 1 (please refer to the table - General overview of the Action plan for 2014-2016, on page 4). This includes the following list of priority activities:

- 1. Development of website of the OIE Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe (Year 1, Q2-Q4); launching of the (interim) website (Year 1, Q3);updating of the website (continuing)
- 2. Translation of documents in Russian language (continuing)
- 3. Organisation of the first workshop on stray dog population control for the Balkan countries (SDB1 Year 1, Q2)
- 4. Organisation of the second workshop on stray dog population control for the Balkan countries (SDB2 Year 3, Q2)
- 5. Organisation of the first workshop on stray dog population control for the West-Eurasian countries (SDW1 Year 2, Q3 tbc)
- 6. Organisation of an awareness campaign on stray dogs (Year 2; Q1)
- 7. Organisation of transport and slaughter trainings (Year 2; Q1 and Q2)
- 8. Organisation of transport training (Year 3, Q1 and Q2)
- 9. Governance activities of the Platform, including meetings of the Steering Group and Newsletters (continuing)

Some activities such as: (i) the OIE Seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare; (ii) the OIE Training for New Delegates and (iii) the OIE PVS Pathway activities (OIE PVS evaluation, OIE PVS Gap, OIE PVS veterinary legislation and OIE PVS twinning on Veterinary Statutory Bodies or Veterinary Education Establishments) are not *sensu stricto* activities of the Platform, however, they are listed amongst the Platform's eligible activities as they contribute to achieve its objectives. *Such activities are marked with * in the text below*.

The General overview of the Action plan for 2014-2016 is presented in table on page 4 and details on each specific activity are presented as tables in Annex I (Table 1 to 8).

The OIE Platform is also envisioned to act as a coordinating and dialogue mechanism to ensure that all countries and stakeholders involved in animal welfare in Europe share a common vision and conduct activities consistently towards achieving this vision, in compliance with OIE standards. In this regard, efforts will be made to prevent duplication among existing activities / programmes on animal welfare in the region and better organize synergies and resources pooling (TAIEX, BTSF, NGOs projects, etc).

IV. Partners and Stakeholders

The Action Plan for 2014-2016 targets the following groups:

1. OIE Delegates, OIE National Focal Points on animal welfare coming from 53 Member Countries of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe;

- 2. Professionals dealing with animal welfare:
 - Veterinarians coming from both public and private sectors;
 - Veterinary teaching establishments;
 - Farmers;
 - NGOs and
 - Industry in the field of transport and slaughter as well as companies for catching the dogs
- 3. Large public (including children at school)

The Participation of Partners in the Steering Group of Platform as Observers is considered on *ad hoc* basis when their contribution to specific topic of the Agenda is necessary.

Possible participation of Partners in some of the activities of the Platform could be proposed, based on relevant professional expertise and experience. Priority will be given to Partners having a Cooperation Agreement with the OIE.

2014 2015 2016 Activities of the Platform Q2 Q3 Q1 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 1.1 Website of the OIE Platform (creation) (maintenance) (maintenance) **1.2 Russian translations** 1.3 Awareness campaigns (tbc) 2.1 OIE Workshops on stray dog control 2.2 OIE ToT on transport and slaughter (IAWP) 2.3 OIE Training on transport 4.1-4.6 Meetings of the Steering Group 4.7 Newsletter of the Platform Other OIE activities relevant to the Platform 2.4 OIE Seminar for New (Tbc) Delegates* 3.1 OIE Seminar for National Focal Points on AW for Europe* 3.2 OIE PVS Pathway* (upon request)

V. Indicative time table of priority activities of the Action plan for 2014-2016

*Not "sensu strictu" activities of the Platform (see § III)

Tables legend			
2014	2015	2016	Period of implementation

VI. Reporting and monitoring

The Secretariat of the Platform is in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan for 2014-2016. He reports on activities of the Platform to the Steering Group and to the OIE Regional Commission for Europe during following events:

1. OIE General Sessions (May 2014, May 2015 and May 2016)

- 2. 26th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe to be held in Switzerland in September 2014
- 3. Forthcoming meetings of the Platform's Steering Group planned in 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- 4. 27th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe (date and venue tbc)

In terms of monitoring two types of indicators will be considered:

1. Impact indicators – related to the implementation of the Strategic and Specific Objectives of the Action Pan for 2014-2016:

Overall and Strategic Objective	Indicators of Impact
Improve animal welfare in	- Profile of AW in the countries
Europe; Empower Veterinary Services to	- Number of activities conducted in AW
take actions in animal welfare in	- Part of VS budget dedicated to AW activities
compliance with OIE standards	- Number of VS human resources allocated to AW
	- Implementation of the OIE Platform on animal welfare for Europe Action Plan
Specific Objectives	Indicators of Impact
1 — Awareness is raised and a high level of understanding of	- Number of regional and national events on AW in the region
animal welfare in the Europe region is achieved	- Number of countries identifying AW as a national priority
	- Number of complaints on AW in the press / sent to the VS
2 — The implementation of OIE standards on animal welfare is	- Level of advancement of the OIE PVS evaluation on animal welfare (CC II.14)
progressively advanced	- Results of the self-assessment questionnaires (stray dog only)
	- Number of inspections made on AW
	- Number of penalties raised for AW
3 — The participation of countries in the OIE standard setting process is encouraged	- Number of comments on OIE Draft chapters on AW received from OIE Member Countries from countries

 Result indicators – linked to the implementation of specific activities of the Action Plan 2014-2016 (see Annex I, tables from 1 to 8)

General overview of the Action Plan for 2014-2016

Overall and Specific			Activities for 2014-2016	Priority	Implementing			
Strategic	Menu of eligible activities			year		topics	partners (under the lead of the	
Objectives			Title of activities		2015	2016	coverage	OIE)
ees and		Website of the Platform	1.1 Website of the OIE Regional Platform on animal welfare for Europe	creation	maint	aining	3 priority topics	
Velfar e	1. Raise awareness understanding of animal welfare in European region	Russian translation	1.2 Translation of documents of the OIE Regional Platform in Russian language		permanent		3 priority topics	
nimal V Welfar	1. Raise E animal Amareness campaign		1.3 Awareness campaign on stray dog population management	1	0	1 (tbc)	stray dog control	
Improve animal welfare in Europe wer Veterinary Services to take actions in Animal Welfare in compliance with OIE Standards on Animal Welfare Melfare tin compliance with OIE Standards on Animal Welfare 1. Raise awarene tin standards 2. Implementation of the OIE 1. Raise awarene tin participation in standards animal welfare in setting process setting process European region		Workshop	2.1 OIE Workshop on (National Strategy for) stray dog population control	1	1	1	stray dog control	IZSAM Teramo expertise in the preparatory phase
imal welfare in Europo ices to take actions in DIE Standards on Anim 2. Implementation of the OIE standards	Train the trainers	2.2 OIE Train the trainers Workshops on AW during transport and slaughter based on the IAWP methodology	0	2	0	transport and slaughter		
welfa o tak indar	velfa b tak indar ement ds	Training	2.3 OIE Training on transport of animals by land	0	0	1	transport	
animal welfare in ervices to take acti n OIE Standards or	2. Implem standards	OIE PVS Pathway activities*	2.4 OIE PVS Pathway activities	(upon country request)		3 priority topics		
	Encourage the irticipation in e OIE standard tting process	OIE Seminar for new Delegates*	3.1 OIE Regional Information Seminar for Recently Appointed OIE Delegates	1	0	1 (tbc)	3 priority topics	
Improve Veterinary Se mpliance with 3. Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process		OIE Seminar for NFP *	3.2. OIE Regional Seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare for Europe	0	1	0	3 priority topics	
Impro Empower Veterinary in compliance w	in co in co ment oning of m	Governance meetings	4.1 Meetings of the Steering Group of the OIE Regional Platform on AW for Europe	2	2	2	-	
Ē	4. Management and functioning of the Platform	Newsletter	4.2 Newsletters of the OIE Regional Platform on AW for Europe (biannual)	1	1	1	-	

	Action Plan for 2014-2016			
Title of activity	1.1 Website of the OIE Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe			
	X Raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of AW			
General objective	X Implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare			
	X Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process			
	X Management and functioning of the Platform			
Specific objective	 Provide an access to information for the large public Provide an access to professional information for the OIE Delegates and National Focal Points on Animal Welfare Create an active regional network on AW which will benefit of information on the functioning and management of the Platform through a secured access 			
	x Transport of animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3)			
Scope	x Slaughter of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5)			
	x Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)			
Tasks Targeted audience Number of participants Location Budget	 Develop Technical Specifications of the Platform website of Terms of reference of the website Create an 'interim' webpage of the Platform on the existing OIE Regional website for Europe (www.rr-europe.oie.int) Test the website and start uploading and downloading information on the website (in 2014) Consider and discuss with the Members of the Steering Group the need of development of different applications at later stage (for ex. electronic survey/questionnaire as that will collect proposals and opinions of the countries for the future actions, specific activities and needs to be addressed in the future by the Platform) (starting from 2015) The website will be available in English and Russian OIE Delegates, OIE National Focal Points, organisations dealing with AW, professionals on AW, veterinary faculties, students, industry and large public n/a 			
Budget				
Time schedule	 In 2014: 2nd trimester – development of Technical Specifications of the website and creation of the platform 3rd trimester – Testing and official launching of the website (interim) 			
Duration	n/a			
Implementer (under the lead of the OIE)	OIE OIE Administration, Logistics and Publications Department, OIE Communication Unit and Platform's Secretariat			
	Partners tbc			
Result indicators	 Number of pages in the website Number of participants using the Platform website Number of pages consulted in Russian vs English Number of exchanges using the e-forum 			

Action Plan for 2014-2016				
Title of activity	1.2 Translation	of documents of the OIE Regional Platform in Russian language		
General objective	 X Raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of AW X Implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare x Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process X Management and functioning of the Platform 			
Specific objective	 Provide an easy access to all OIE important documents in the field of AW Facilitate the daily work of Russian speaking countries and improve their compliance with the OIE standards on AW 			
Scope	x Slaughter c	of animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3) of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5) oopulation control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)		
Tasks	 Develop a list of documents that need to be translated in Russian language (OIE Guidelines, Recommendations, Education materials etc.) Select a professional translator from English to Russian language Translate the relevant documents Upload all translated in Russian language documents on the newly created website of the OIE Regional Platform on AW for Europe 			
Targeted audience	Russian speaking countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan)			
Number of participants	Large public and professionals			
Location	n/a			
Budget				
Time schedule	This activity wil	l start from the second quarter of 2014.		
Duration				
Implementer (under the lead of the OIE)	OIE Partners	OIE Headquarters and Platform's Secretariat with the support of the OIE Regional Representation in Moscow, Russia (under discussion) Tbc		
Result indicators	 Number of pages translated in Russian Number of documents in Russian language, consulted and downloaded from the website 			

Action Plan for 2014-2015				
Title of activity	1.3 Awareness c	ampaign on stray dog population management		
		ness and achieve high level of understanding of AW tion of the OIE standards on animal welfare		
General objective	Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process			
	Managemen	nt and functioning of the Platform		
Specific objective	 To aware large public (including citizens, families, children at school etc.) on: Responsible ownership practices Need of identification and vaccination of dogs Rabies and other zoonotic disease risks to the human health 			
	Transport of	f animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3)		
Scope	Slaughter of	animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5)		
	x Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)			
Tasks	 Collate of relevant already existing awareness materials and select the most appropriate (Secretariat) Develop new materials if necessary (Secretariat) Prepare an 'Awareness campaign Package' with material and guidelines for countries to run a successful campaign (Secretariat) Implement the campaign (countries) Distribute awareness materials to selected target (for ex. private vets, schools, municipalities, etc.) using Veterinary Services channel Develop a tool to measure the impact of the awareness campaign (for ex. a questionnaire, e-tool of the website etc.) 			
Targeted audience	 This activity will be mostly orientated to Balkan countries and Russian speaking countries (around 24 countries in total: including 12 Balkan and 12 Russian speaking countries) 			
Number of participants	• n/a (as much as possible)			
Location	n/a			
Budget				
Time schedule	result a seco	tion of the first campaign in 2014 and depending of the achieved and campaign could be also considered in 2015 and 2016.		
Duration	n/a			
Implementer (under the lead of the OIE)		OIE International Trade Department, OIE Communication Unit and Platform's Secretariat		
	Partners			
Result indicators	 Number of material produced / distributed Number of schools targeted by the awareness campaign Number of abandoned dogs (before and after the campaign) Results of the evaluation questionnaire (on the outcomes of the campaign) 			

Action Plan for 2014-2016				
Title of activity	2.1 OIE Workshops on (National Strategy for) stray dog population control			
	X Raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of AW			
General objective	X Implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare			
General Objective	Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process			
	Management and functioning of the Platform			
Specific objective	• The OIE Workshops aim to discuss, analyse and provide comments on the compliance with the OIE TAHC of the stray dog population strategies for Balkan countries			
	Transport of animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3)			
Scope	Slaughter of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5)			
	x Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)			
	Methodology:			
	Develop a robust methodology. The training will focus on the OIE TAHC			
	Chapter 7.7 with practical sessions devoted on analysis of the compliance of			
	the stray dog control strategy with the TAHC, selection of appropriate			
	combinations of control measures, dividing of responsibilities amongst			
	different stakeholders, management and designing of dog shelters etc.			
Tasks	Develop a questionnaire to study and assess the compliance with the OIE			
	Guidelines (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7) in the targeted group of countries			
	Develop a Concept Note and consider some OIE partners participation			
	Prepare the Workshop agenda			
	Send invitation / agenda / logistical details			
	Consider a follow-up Workshop 2 (with possible use of the ToT methodology) to			
	monitor the progress from the first one and possibility involve other			
Targeted audience	stakeholders; (Specific annex on Workshop 2 will be developed in due time) OIE National Focal Points from selected number of countries			
	11 Balkan region countries (and territories) including: Croatia, Bosnia and			
Number of participants	Herzegovina, Kossovo, Montenegro, Serbia, FYR of Macedonia, Albania, Romania,			
	Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey			
Location	Romania			
Budget				
Time schedule	June 2014			
Duration	3 days			
Implementer	OIE OIE Headquarters and Platform's Secretariat			
(under the lead of the OIE)	Partners European Commission, IZSAM Teramo, relevant NGOs			
	- Number of participants in the Workshop			
	- Satisfaction from participants (usefulness)			
Result indicators	- baseline situation are available (2014))			
	 A sub-regional vision is defined to control stray dogs in the Balkans National roadmap for the control of stray dogs are defined and implemented 			

Action Plan for 2014-2016				
Title of activity	2.1 OIE Works	nops on (National Strategy for) stray dog population control		
	X Raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of AW X Implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare			
General objective	Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process			
	Manageme	ent and functioning of the Platform		
Specific objective	 The OIE Workshops aim to discuss, analyse and provide comments on the compliance with the OIE TAHC of the stray dog population strategies for West Eurasian countries (Caucus and Central Asia) 			
	Transport o	f animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3)		
Scope	Slaughter of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5)			
	× Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)			
	 Methodology: The methology used will be the same as for the Workshops on stray dogs in the Balkans (see Table 4) 			
Tasks	 Develop a Concept Note and consider some OIE partners participation Prepare the Workshop agenda Send invitation / agenda / logistical details Consider a follow-up Workshop 2 (with possible use of the ToT methodology) to monitor the progress from the first one and possibility involve other stakeholders; (Specific annex on Workshop 2 will be developed in due time) 			
Targeted audience	OIE National Focal Points from selected number of countries			
Number of participants	8 countries including: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia; Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan (other Russian-speaking countries could possibly be also involved)			
Location	tbd			
Budget				
Time schedule	Septeber 2015	(tbc)		
Duration	3 days			
Implementer (under the lead of the OIE)	OIE Partners	OIE Headquarters and Platform's Secretariat European Commission, IZSAM Teramo, relevant NGOs		
Result indicators	 Number of participants in the Workshop Satisfaction from participants (usefulness) baseline situation are available (2015) A sub-regional vision is defined to control stray dogs in the Balkans 			
	- National road	map for the control of stray dogs are defined and implemented		

Action Plan for 2014-2016			
Title of activity	2.2 OIE Train the Trainers Workshops on animal welfare during transport and slaughter		
General objective	 X Raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of AW X Implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process Management and functioning of the Platform 		
Specific objective	 Improve welfare of farm animals during transport and slaughter in Russian speaking countries 		
Scope	 x Transport of animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3) x Slaughter of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5) Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7) 		
Tasks	 Methodology: This training is based on the methodology already applied in Turkey and other countries by the OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP): (i) It includes 3 training sessions organised one after another: The first one comprises class room sessions and slaughterhouse visits (4 days) The second one is devoted to the preparation of presentations by the trainees on the basis of knowledge learned during the First session (4 days) The third one aims to develop training sessions organised by trainees including the presentation of specific topics, with room for discussion (2 days); a wide audience is invited (Ministry of agriculture, VEE, NGOs, transport and slaughterhouse industry) (ii) The period between two sessions is about one month (iii) The same trainees attend all three sessions (additional stakeholders attend the 3rd session) Develop and adapt the workshop methodology from national to regional level together with the experts from the OIE International Trade Department Prepare the Workshop Agenda Send invitation letters Support nominated participants to attend the training 		
Targeted audience	OIE National Focal Points from selected countries (tbc)		
Location	(tbc)		
Number of participants	 12 Russian speaking countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan) 2 workshops will be conducted, involving 6 countries each 		
Budget			
Time schedule	March (S1)-April (S2) –May (S3) 2015		
Duration	S1: 1 week; S2: 1 week; S3: 2 days		
Implementer	OIE OIE International Trade Department and Platform's Secretariat		
(under the lead of the OIE)	Partners		
Result indicators	 Number of participants Satisfaction from participants (usefulness) Number of trainings conducted by trainers in their country 		

Action Plan for 2014-2016				
Title of activity	2.3 OIE Worksh	nop on animal welfare during transport of animals by land		
		eness and achieve high level of understanding of AW tation of the OIE standards on animal welfare		
General objective	Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process			
	Management and functioning of the Platform			
Specific objective	 Raise awareness on the need to implement OIE Standards on Animal Welfare and in particular the OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3 on Transport of animals by land Support Veterinary Services of member countries with initial low level of advancement to take further steps to better comply with the OIE standards on transport of animals by land 			
	x Transport of animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3)			
Scope	Slaughter of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5)			
	Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)			
	Consider and possibly upscale some national training methodologies to a regional level			
Tasks	Develop a methodology for this training			
1 0 3 1 3	 Develop a Concept Note (to consider ToT approach) 			
	 Collect and disseminate all available training materials on transport of production animals 			
	12 Russian speaking countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia,			
Targeted audience	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan)			
Number of participants	(tbc)			
Location	In Russian speaking countries			
Budget				
Time schedule	In 2016			
Duration	(tbc)			
Implementer	OIE	OIE International Trade Department and Platform's Secretariat		
(under the lead of the OIE)	Partners			
Result indicators	- Number of participants - Satisfaction from participants (usefulness)			

	Action Plan for 2014-2016			
Title of activity	4.1 Meetings of the Steering Group of the OIE Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe (SG1; SG2; SG3; SG4; SG5; SG6 and SG7)			
	Raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of AW			
General objective	Implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process			
	X Management and functioning of the Platform			
	 Validate the Action plan for 2014-2016 of the Platform Exchange views and find consent on specific activities and topics to be covered by the Platform 			
Specific objective	 Consider the need of new activities to be covered by the Platform Evaluate past activities once carried out and consider their relevance and continuation for the future 			
	 Explore and discuss different possibilities for funding activities of the Platform 			
	x Transport of animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3)			
Scope	x Slaughter of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5)			
	x Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)			
Tasks	 Organise meetings of the Steering Group twice a year Send an invitation letters Prepare and send a draft agenda for the meeting Consider observers and potential donors to be invited for some of the sessions of the Agenda when relevant 			
	 Prepare and send for preliminary comments of documents relevant to specific activities of the Platform 			
Targeted audience	 Identify date and location for every meeting Members of the Steering Group of the Platform 			
Number of participants	In total 25 people (including: 10 members; 10 observers and 5 OIE staff)			
Location	different every time			
Budget				
Time schedule	Q2 and Q4 every year. The organisation of SG meetings is flexible, depending of the progress of some specific activities of the Platform.			
Duration	One and half day meeting			
Implementer (under the lead of the OIE)	OIE OIE Headquarters and Platform's Secretariat Partners			
Desult indicators	- Number of participants			
Result indicators	- List of topics addressed and decisions made			
	- List of follow up actions to carried out until the next SG meeting			

Action Plan for 2014-2016				
Title of activity	4.2 Newsletter of the OIE Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe			
	(biannual)			
	X Raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of AW Interpretation of the OIE standards on animal welfare			
General objective	Encourage the participation in the OIE standard setting process			
	X Management and functioning of the Platform			
	Popularize the OIE Platform, its activities and achievements			
Specific objective	Inform on the events organised under the Platform for the relevant period			
	Provide information on selected specific topics in every Newsletter			
	x Transport of animals by land (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.3)			
Scope	x Slaughter of animals for human consumption (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5)			
	x Stray dog population control (OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7)			
Tasks	 Develop a newsletter after every meeting of the Steering Group aiming to inform on the main outcomes and advancement of the Action plan of the Platform Post the Newsletter of the OIE Platform on the website Send the Newsletter targeted audience by e-mail Distribute a paper version of the Newsletter during OIE events for Europe Develop an RSS tool as part of the website of the Platform that includes sending of the Newsletter, once the website becomes operational mid 2014 			
Targeted audience	• OIE Delegates, OIE National Focal points, OIE partner organisations and professionals dealing with AW in Europe and possibly in other regions (tbc).			
Number of participants	n/a			
Budget				
Time schedule	Biannual (A new version of the Newsletter will be available after every meeting of the Steering Group)			
Duration	n/a			
Implementer	OIE OIE Communication Unit and Platform's Secretariat			
(under the lead of the OIE)	Partners			
Result indicators	Number of Newsletters developed Number of recipients of the newsletter Number of RSS recipients requested to receive the Newsletter through the OIE website			