



OIE Platform
on Animal Welfare
for Europe



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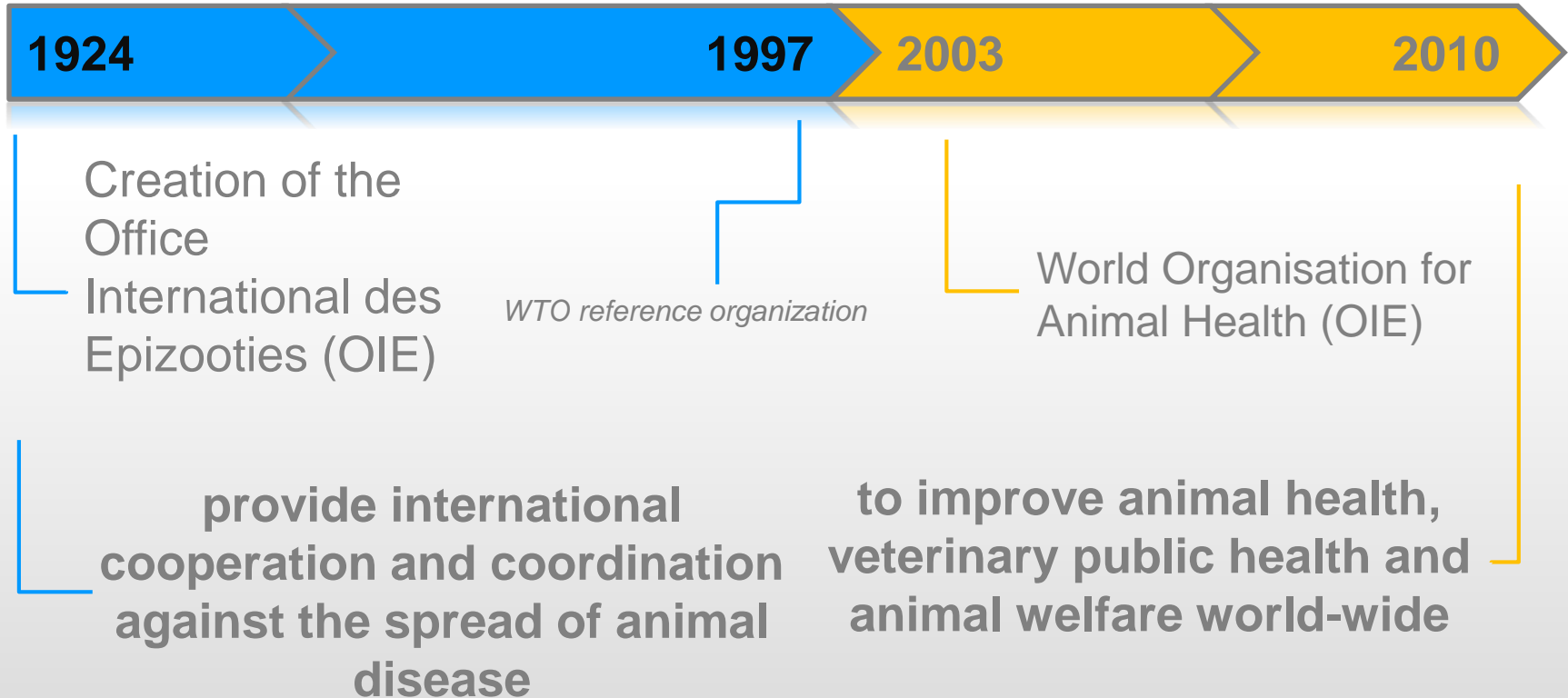
**World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
and
OIE Platform on animal welfare for Europe**

**First OIE regional workshop on the role of Veterinary Services
on animal welfare in natural disasters for Balkan countries
26-28 November 2018, Teramo, Italy**

OIE at a glance

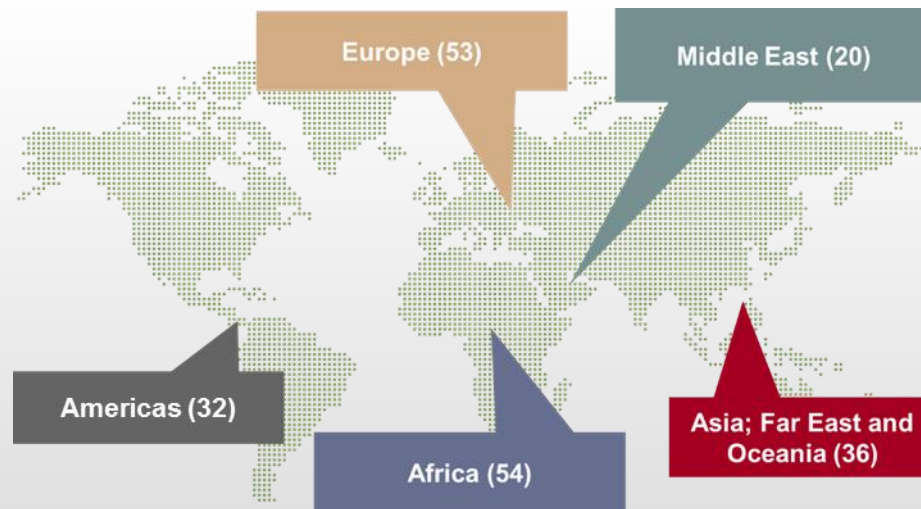


WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH
Protecting animals, preserving our future



WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)

- intergovernmental organization
- recognised as a reference organisation by the World Trade Organisation
- 182 Member Countries



- permanent relations with 75 other international and regional organisations

OIE objectives

- ensure **transparency** in global animal health situation
- collect, analyse and disseminate **scientific veterinary information**
- provide expertise and encourage **international solidarity** in animal disease control
- safeguard world trade by publishing **animal health standards**
- improve national **Veterinary Services**
- provide a better guarantee **safety for food** of animal origin
- promote **animal welfare** through a science-based approach

World Assembly of Delegates

Highest authority of the OIE

- Composed of all national Delegates of the OIE
- Convenes at least once a year in May



Adopts the OIE Standards published in the OIE Codes and Manuals



1 Member = 1 vote

The Delegate

National Representative for the OIE



- Responsible for negotiating international veterinary standards
- Notification to the OIE of the national animal disease situation
- National representative with international status

Appointed by the national government

(most frequently, the country's Chief Veterinary Officer)

National Focal Points

8 areas of expertise

Aquatic animals

Communication

Wildlife

Animal welfare

Animal disease notification

Animal production food safety

Veterinary products-AMR

Veterinary Laboratories

Appointed by the Delegate

National Focal Points

Assist the Delegate to

- **Comment on draft standards** proposed by the OIE
- **Prepare** and implement **appropriate legislation**

Technical contact points for the OIE regional offices and Headquarters

- Under the authority of the Delegate

Information exchange and international **networking**

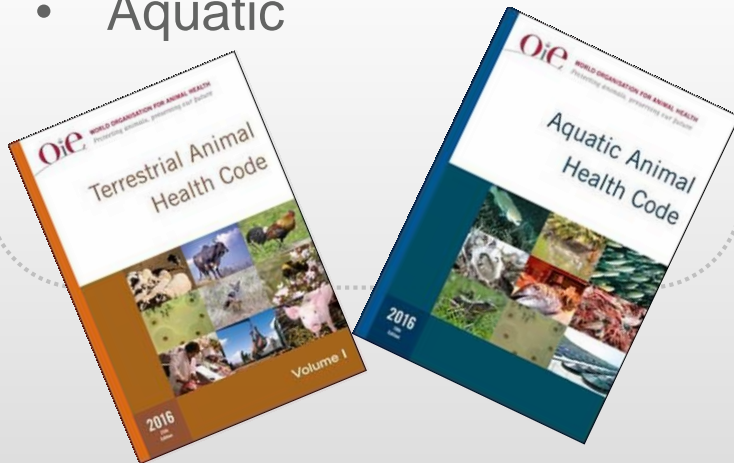


THE OIE STANDARDS

Available on
the
OIE website
(www.oie.int)

CODES

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic



MANUALS

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic



Standards to improve health and animal welfare,
and veterinary public health

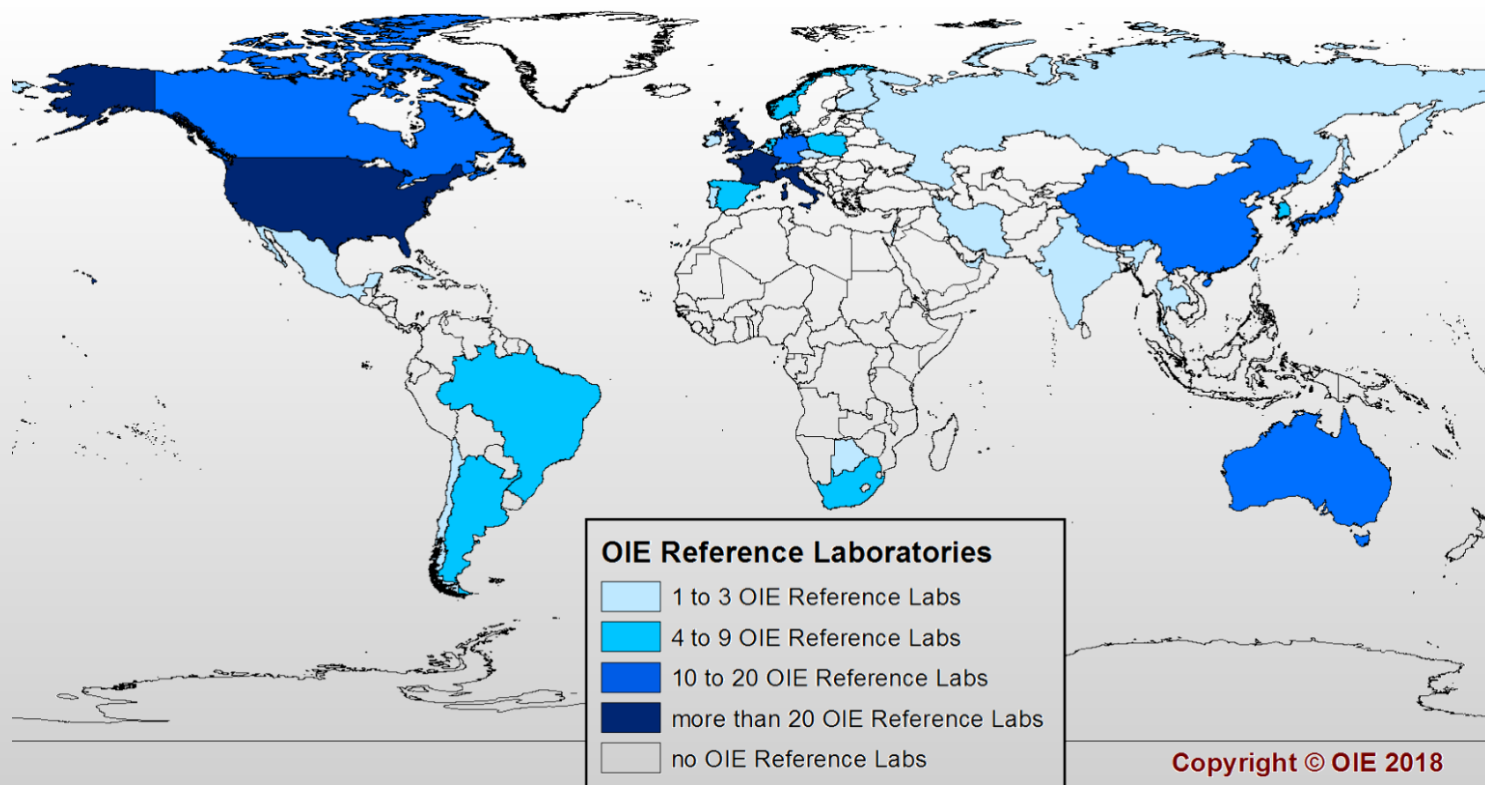
Reference Laboratories

Expert Centres for animal diseases

246 Reference laboratories in 35 countries

105 diseases

World Distribution of OIE Reference Laboratories



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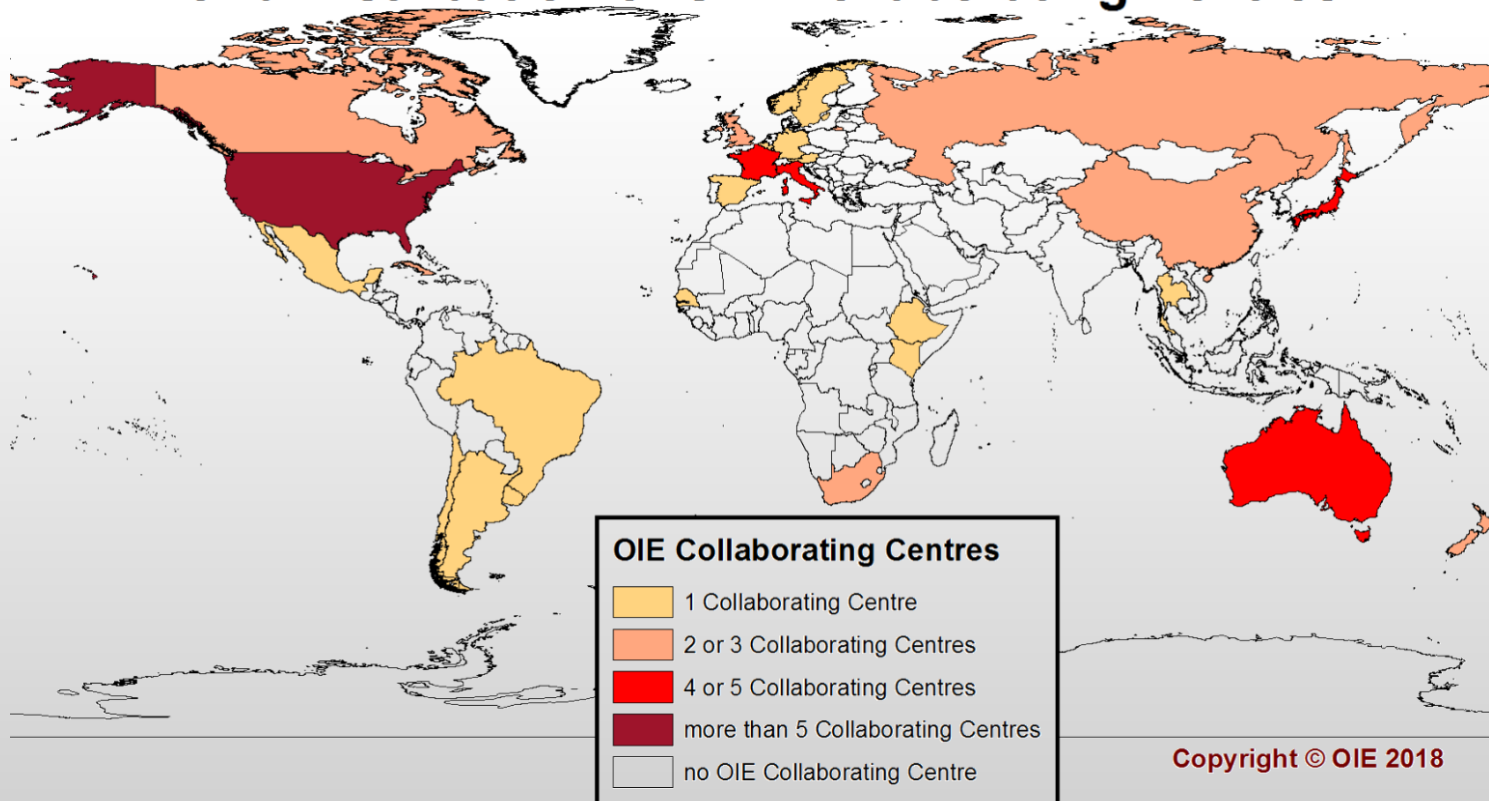
Collaborating Centres

Centres of excellence on horizontal topics

55 Collaborating Centres in 29 countries

49 topics

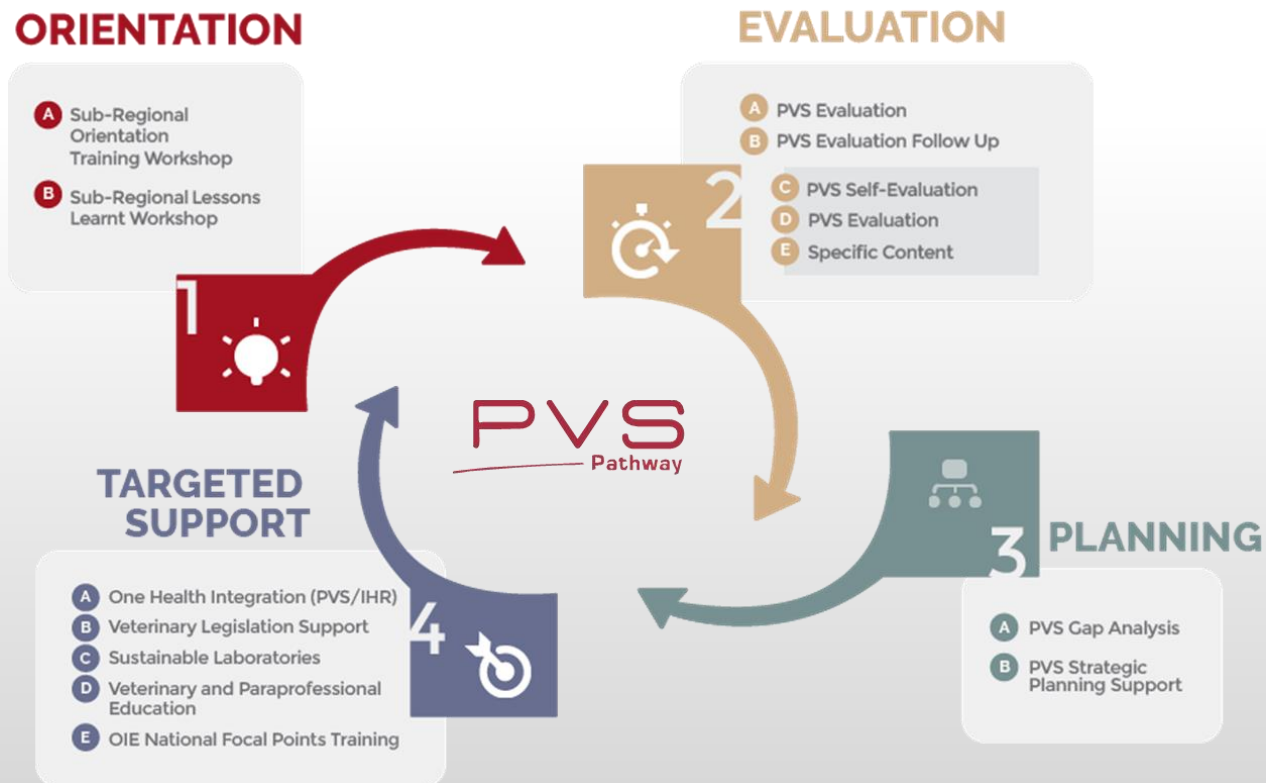
World Distribution of OIE Collaborating Centres



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OIE PVS Pathway

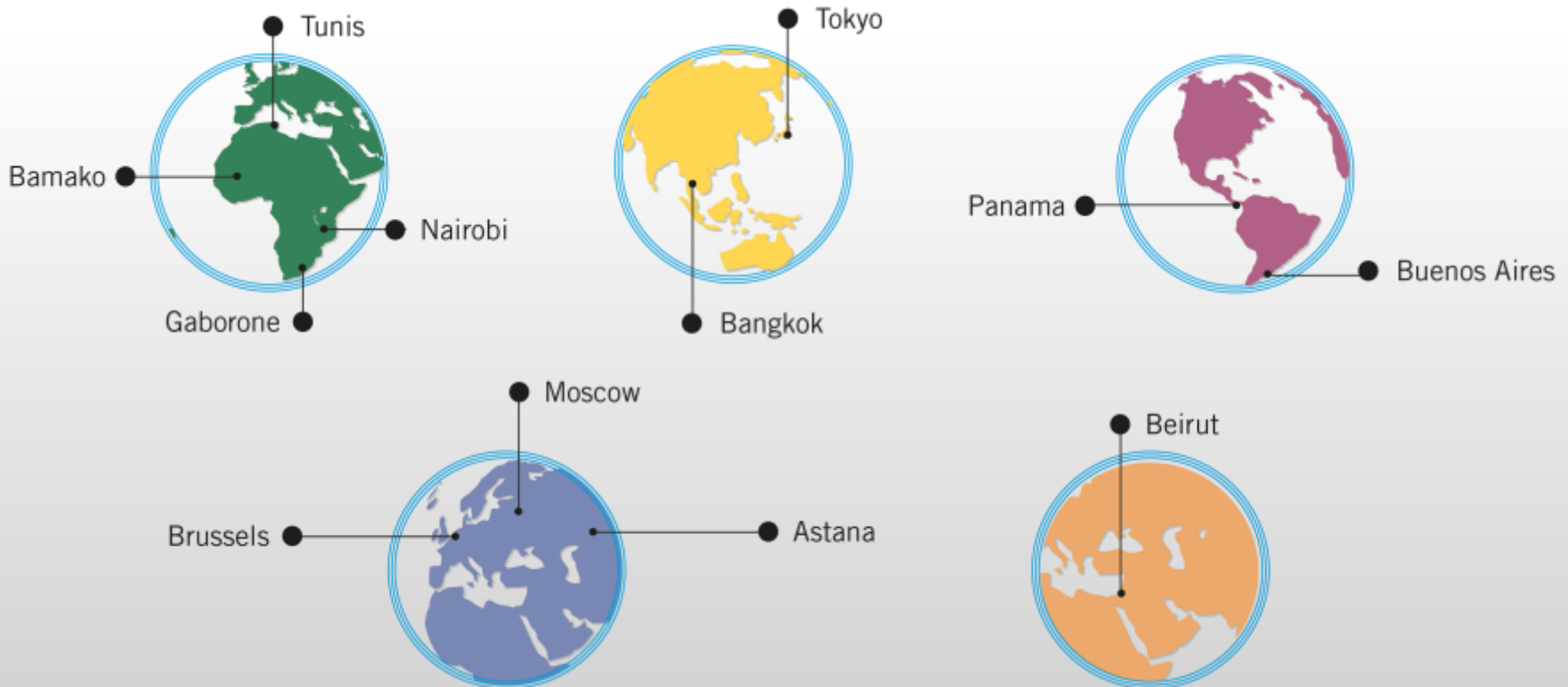
The OIE PVS Pathway is a global programme for the sustainable improvement of a country's Veterinary Services' compliance with OIE standards on the quality of Veterinary Services.



The OIE collaborates with governments, donors and other stakeholders

Regional (RR) and Sub-Regional (SRR) Representations

Under the direct authority of the Director General
Collaborate closely with Regional Commissions



Europe

www.rr-europe.oie.int



Regional Representative

Dr Kazimieras Lukauskas
Moscow (Russia)

Sub-regional Representatives

- **Dr Fabien Schneegans:** Brussels (Belgium)
- **Dr Mereke Taitubayev :** Astana (Kazakhstan)

Regional Commission

53
members

A country can be a member of several Regional Commissions

OIE Objectives on Animal Welfare

Contributing to the improvement of animal welfare globally via:

- *development of science based standards*
- *support and technical advice to OIE Members to help them towards implementation of the standards*

OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code

Section 7. Animal Welfare

7.1. Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (2003)

7.2. Transport of animals by sea (2005)

7.3. Transport of animals by land (2005)

7.4. Transport of animals by air (2005)

7.5. Slaughter of animals (2005)

7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes (2005)

7.7. Stray dog population control (2009)

7.8. Use of animals in research and education (2010)

7.9. Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems (2012)

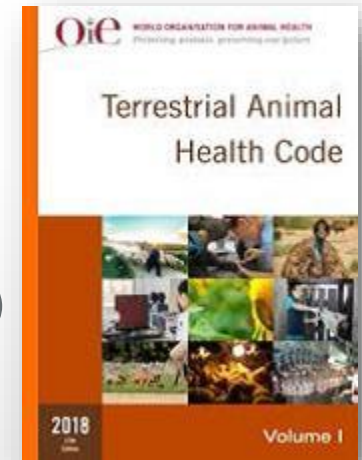
7.10. Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems (2013)

7.11. Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems (2015)

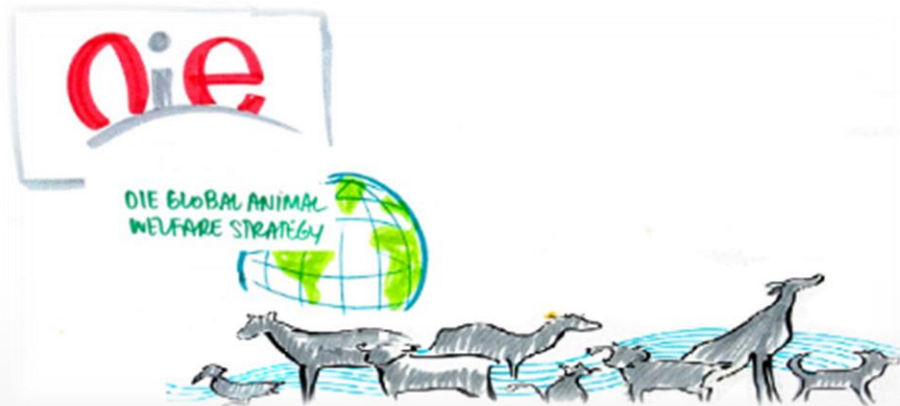
7.12. Welfare of working equids (2016)

7.13. Animal welfare and pig production systems

<http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>



OIE GLOBAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY



*A world where the welfare of animals is respected,
promoted and advanced,
in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health,
human well-being, socio-economic development and
environmental sustainability.*

OIE Platform for *animal*
welfare for Europe



OIE Platform
on Animal Welfare
for Europe

Introduction

- **OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe**
(launched in December 2013)

to improve animal welfare in all 53 countries of Europe and empower Veterinary Services to take action on animal welfare in compliance with OIE standards



OIE Platform
on Animal Welfare
for Europe

Introduction

Specific objectives

- Raising awareness and understanding of animal welfare in the European region;
- Supporting progressive implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare;
- Encouraging participation in the OIE standards setting process.



OIE Platform
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for Europe

Introduction

- **First Action Plan (2014-2016)**

adopted in May 2013 (three priority topics)

All planned activities successfully implemented !

- **Second Action Plan (2017-2019)**

adopted in May 2017 (five priority topics)

OIE Platform activities are 'embedded' in the Regional Action Plan Framework of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe



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1st Action Plan (2014-2016) Priorities

- Stray dog population management
- Slaughter of animals
- Transport of animals by land



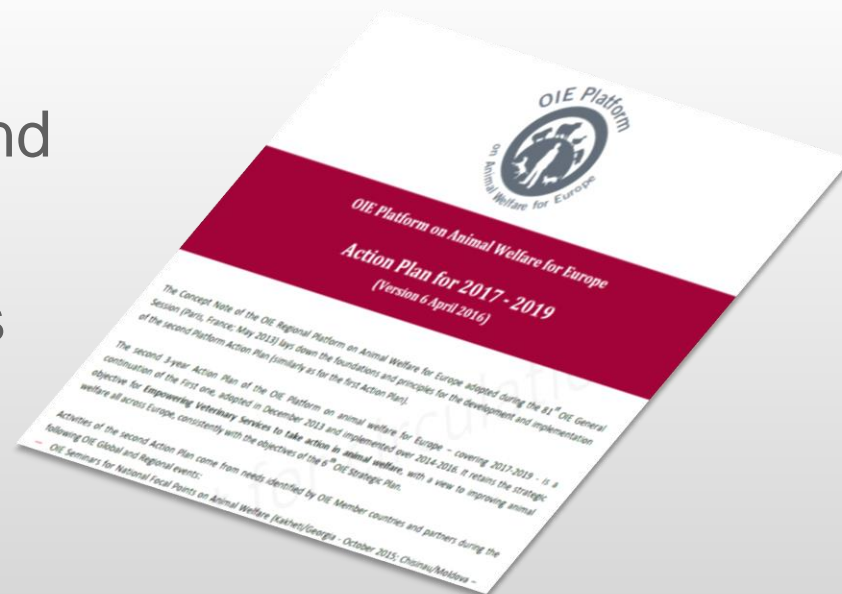


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2nd Action Plan (2017-2019) Priorities

- Stray dog population management
- Slaughter of animals
- Transport of animals by land

- Animal welfare in disasters
- Welfare of working equids



Slaughter of animals

Regional OIE 'Train-the-Trainers' workshops on animal welfare during transport and slaughter for Balkan countries



Transport of animals



Stray dog population management

OIE Regional stray dog Roadmaps

Sub-regional Vision to become fully compliant with Chapter 7.7 of the OIE TAHC on stray dog population control

Balkans (2025)



West Eurasia (2030)



Stray dog population management

OIE Self-Assessment and Monitoring Tool



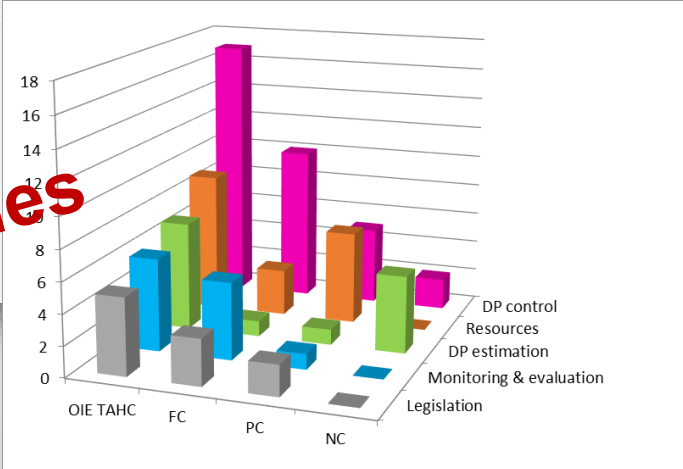
BACKGROUND



Collaborating Centre
for Veterinary Training, Epidemiology,
Food Safety and Animal Welfare

- Background
- Geographical
- Objectives
- Duration
- Survey

**Two components :
Stray dogs and rabies
2016 / 2017**



AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON STRAY DOGS IN THE BALKANS

Campaign Package prepared by the OIE,
Delivered to the national Delegates (in national languages),
Campaign implemented at national level



Welfare of working equids



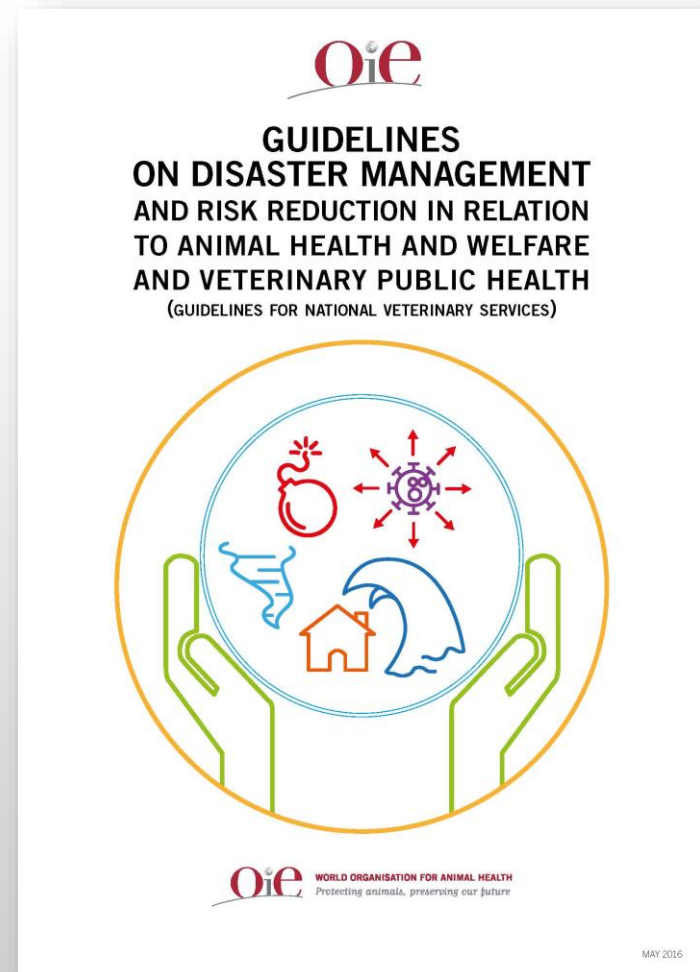
- Awareness Day on the Welfare of Working Equids (September 2017)
- *Baseline survey*
- *Exploring needs and possibilities for developing Awareness Campaign*

Welfare of animals in disasters

- The OIE has a well-recognised leadership role in protecting the world against biological disasters.
- In any disaster situation, the first priority is to preserve human life and health.
However, animal welfare is an important aspect that must not be overlooked.
- The prospects for communities to recover and become sustainable are strongly influenced by the preservation of their animals, whether these are used for food production, work, security or company.

Welfare of animals in disasters

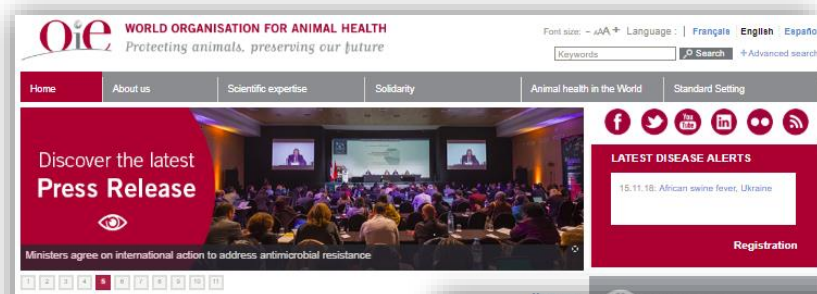
- [Discussion paper](#)
(2013)
- *ad hoc* expert Group
(2014)
- [OIE Guidelines](#)
(2016)



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Thank you for your attention!



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