

OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe Three years in Review



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100%
of the 1st Action
Plan completed

20
activities
conducted



More
600 K€
funds
disbursed

2nd AP
under
preparation

ANIMAL WELFARE PROFILE IS RAISED ALREADY IN EUROPE LETS PURSUE EFFORTS ALL TOGETHER



M. Eloit, OIE Director General

I am very proud to announce that 100% of the activities scheduled under the first Action Plan of the OIE Platform on animal welfare for Europe have been implemented, with some great success including a certain coordinating effect of OIE animal welfare partners in Europe. In light of these conclusive results, donors have decided to renew their trust and support a second Action Plan. It is currently being designed as the logical continuation of the first one, in line with the OIE Sixth Strategic Plan; it will also allow the implementation of the recommendations recently adopted in Guadalajara by the participants of the 4th OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare.

I invite all of you to join us in continuing raising the profile of animal welfare, which is more and more at the heart of what makes European society tick.

Overview – State of activity implementation

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▪ ToT Workshop on transport and slaughter (2)			(Y2)
▪ ToT Workshop on long distance transport , including modules elaboration			(Y3)
▪ Regional stray dog Roadmap for Balkan countries – including an Awareness Campaign			(Y1, 2, 3)
▪ Regional stray dog Roadmap for West Eurasia			(Y2, 3)
▪ Steering Committee meetings (7)			(Y1, 2, 3)
▪ Newsletters and Advocacy documents			(Y1,3)
▪ Platform website			(Y1, 2, 3)
▪ Translation in Russian			(Y1, 2, 3)

FIRST ACTION PLAN – LOGICAL FRAMEWORK APPROACH

Goal

Improving animal welfare in Europe

Purpose

Empowering Veterinary Services to take action on animal welfare in compliance with OIE standards

Outputs

1. Awareness is raised and a high level of understanding of animal welfare is achieved
2. Implementation of OIE animal welfare standards is progressively improved
3. Participation of Countries in the OIE's standard setting procedure is encouraged

Activities

A set of 20 activities will be implemented

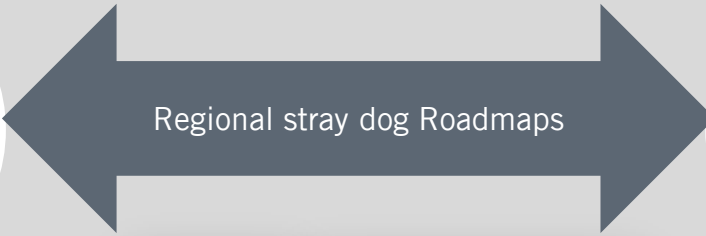
BALKANS
(11 countries)

WEST EURASIA
(8 countries)

I. Stray dog population control

to become compliant with OIE standard 7.7 by
2025

to become compliant with OIE standard 7.7 by
2030



- Self-assessment (2015)
- Regional Workshops (2014; 2016)
- National Reports
- Regional Report
- OIE Awareness Campaign on stray dogs in the Balkans

- Self-assessment (2016)
- Regional Workshops (2015)



OIE Campaign official launching:
13 May 2016



II. Slaughter of production animals

III. Long distance transport



OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program methodology (3 sessions back to back)

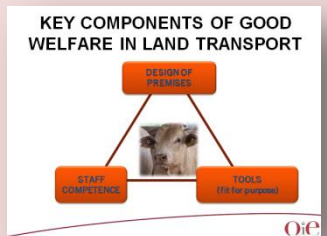
Stage 1 (First Session)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practices in humane handling, transport and slaughtering interwoven with field visits and practical training sessions 4 days
Breaks: 3-4 weeks (Distance Learning, readings and consultations)	
Stage 2 (Second Session)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recapitulation of the First Session One-on-one (Trainer to trainees), consultations on the development of training sessions followed by delivery of presentations 5 days
Breaks: 4-5 weeks (Development of Training Sessions)	
Stage 3 (Last Session)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on animal welfare in a long distance transport for stakeholders delivered by the new set of trainees 2 days

Elaboration of training modules – content:

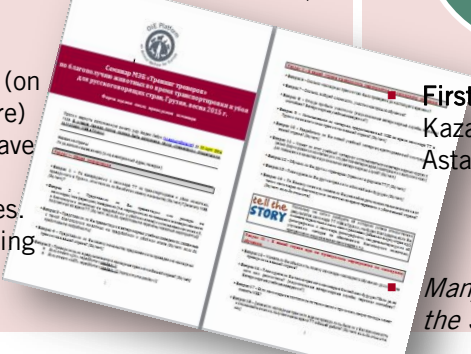
- Animal behaviour
- Planning and preparations for the journey
- Loading and transport
- Unloading and resting and the resting points
- Training of drivers - theory, practice, legislation, examination
- Animal welfare in transport and meat quality

- First ToT Workshop on slaughter**, Tbilisi / Georgia, First semester 2015 (5 countries, 10 trainers formed)
- Second ToT Workshop on slaughter**, Bryansk and Moscow / Russia, First semester 2016 (7 countries, 14 trainers formed)

Cattle
Pigs
Sheep
Horse
Poultry



Post Workshop **evaluation** (on the basis of a questionnaire) indicated that countries have cascaded the training at national level in most cases. Kazakhstan used the training material to revise their veterinary core curriculum



First ToT Workshop on long distance transport, for Kazakhstan and Ukraine (10 trainers formed), in Astana / Kazakhstan:

- Session 1: 13-15 December 2016 (3 days)**
- Session 2: 16-20 January 2017 (4,5 days)**
- Session 3: 22-23 February (1,5 day)**

Many long distance activities to be carried out under the Second Action Plan (see later)

IV. Governance activities

Steering Group meetings

Composition of the Steering Group (SG)

- Country representatives (Ireland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Turkey)
- European Commission
- OIE (Headquarters and region)
- IZSAM Teramo (OIE Collaborating Center on AW)
- Permanent observer: World Animal Protection
- Other participants invited on an ad hoc basis

The objectives of the SG meetings are to report on the implementation of the Platform activities carried out over the past 6 months (since the previous SG meeting) and present and discuss a draft programme for the next 6 months to come,



Steering Group meetings

SG1	Paris, December 2013
SG2	Moscow, April 2014
SG3	Brussels, December 2014
SG4	Belgrade, May 2015
SG5	Dublin, November 2015
SG6	Teramo, April 2016
SG7	Madrid, November 2016

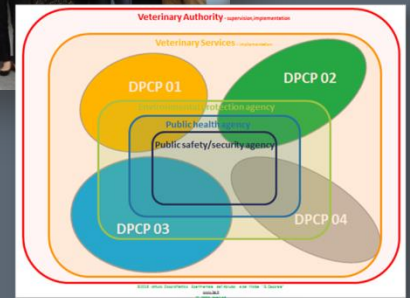
Stakeholder engagement

The OIE engages with a large range of AW stakeholders at international and regional level, to conduct or promote the Platform activities (workshops, support to countries, etc.). A Stakeholder consultation meeting is organised every year to exchange on respective AW activities in Europe and create synergies and complementarities.

The OIE also encourages the OIE Delegate to consult Stakeholders present at national level. Countries are notably invited to establish a **stray dog multi-stakeholder Advisory Group** (or a national stakeholder framework) as stated in article 7.7.5. of the OIE TAHC.



Second Stakeholder consultation meeting (Brussels, June 2016)



Donor support



The OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund is the main Platform financial mechanism that receives funds from third parties (from the public and private sectors) for the purpose of implementing the Platform Action Plans.

The OIE wishes to deeply thank all donors who contributed in cash or in-kind

Donors Advocacy document (2013)

- European Commission
- France
- Germany
- Switzerland
- World Animal Protection
- IZSAM Teramo
- RSPCA
- Regional Animal Welfare Center for the Balkans (RAWC), with the support of RSPCA
- Hosting countries (Romania; Russia; Belgium; Georgia ; Serbia; Kyrgyzstan; Ireland; Albania; Spain

Communication

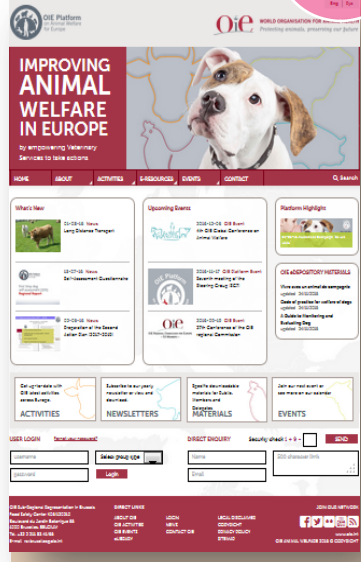
Communication activities

- Newsletters
- New Platform website
- Presentation of the Platform activities in various audiences

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2014 Newsletter

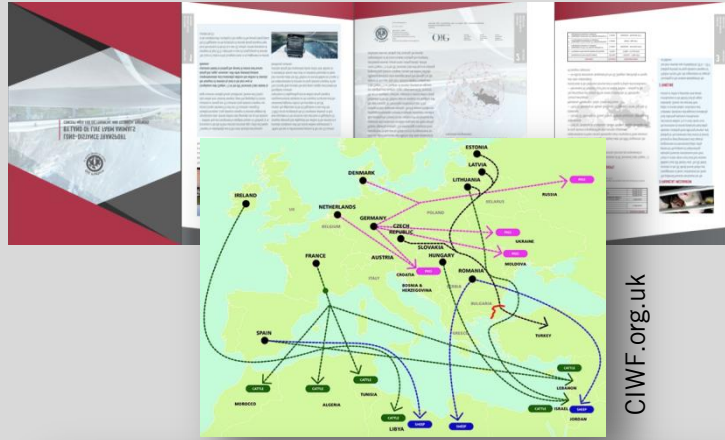


The new Platform website has interesting functionalities to support the future activities of the Platform, such as **e-forum, webinars, e-survey, e-calendar, e-library** (to post best practices), etc. Separate secured spaces are also provisioned, respectively for the Members of the Platform Steering Group, and for the OIE Delegates and national Focal Points. The new website will be available in English and Russian.

What is Next?

Continuation of the first Action Plan

- **Stray dogs:** continuation of the stray dogs Roadmaps for the Balkans and for West Eurasia (workshops every 2 years and capacity building activities in collaboration with stakeholders); the OIE Campaign in the Balkans will be pursued notably in schools (annual activity)
- **Transport:** (i) **Second ToT Workshop on long distance transport**, Belarus (tbc), second trimester 2017 (2 countries, 14 trainers formed); (ii) **Regional workshops on long distance transport, for West Eurasia and Balkans countries** (dates and location tbc); (iii) **Regional workshops on long distance transport, for West Eurasia and Balkans countries** (dates and location tbc)



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Evaluation of the first Action Plan

The evaluation of the first Platform Action Plan, scheduled for early 2017, will assist in the design on a relevant second Action Plan. The evaluation process will remain simple (more qualitative than quantitative) and the countries, as main Platform beneficiaries, will be consulted. The results of the evaluation will be presented during the OIE 85th General Session (Paris, May 2017)

2nd Action Plan (2017-2019)

The first Platform Action Plan will end on 31 December 2016. There is however a general consensus from the beneficiary countries and donors that, despite the great achievement already accomplished under the OIE Platform, a lot of work in the field of animal welfare still remains to be done in Europe and that a second 3-year Platform Action Plan (2017-2019) was most welcome. It was agreed that the three priority topics of the first Action Plan, namely **stray dog**, **transport** and **slaughter**, should be continued under the second Action Plan, while there is some room to introduce some new animal welfare topics of interest to the region such as the **welfare of equids** and **disaster management**. Subsequent activities to cover this topics are currently under discussion.



Proposed features of the 2nd Action Plan

- In line with the OIE Sixth Strategic Plan
- A Continuation from the First Action Plan, with the same three priority topics (transport; slaughter; stray dog population control)
- Greater ownership by countries: the Steering Group will be chaired by a Member of the Bureau of the OIE regional Commission for Europe
- Across regions activities ('whole journey scenario Workshops' from Europe to the Middle-East)
- Proposed for endorsement during the 85th OIE General Session (Paris, May 2017)

Continuation of topics

Proposed new topics



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