

WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS

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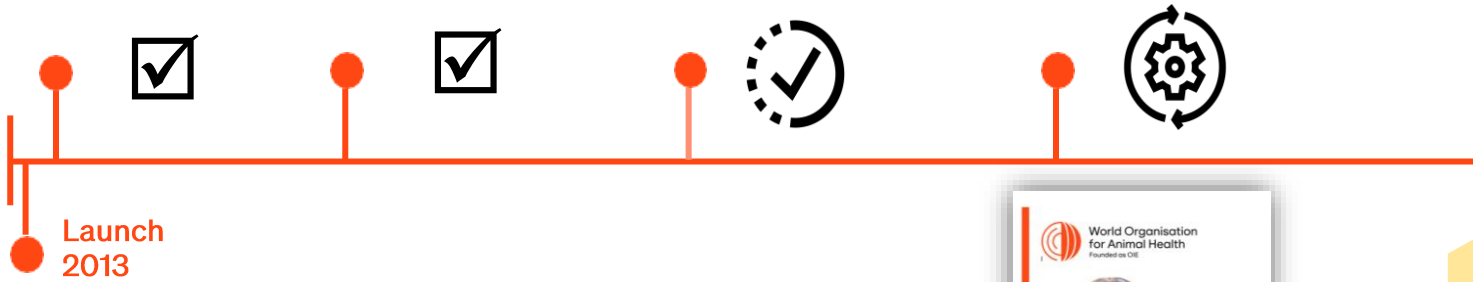
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1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016

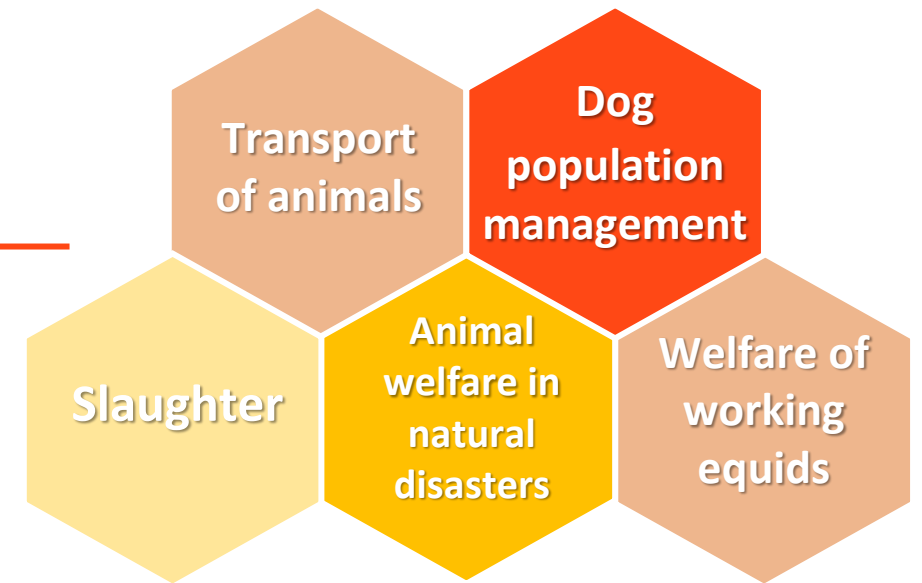
2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019

3rd Action Plan
2021 - 2023

4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026



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





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- ✓ New Chapter 7.12 in TAHC - Welfare of working equids (2016)
- ✓ Awareness day on working equids
8 West Eurasian countries, September 2017, Tashkent (Uzbekistan)

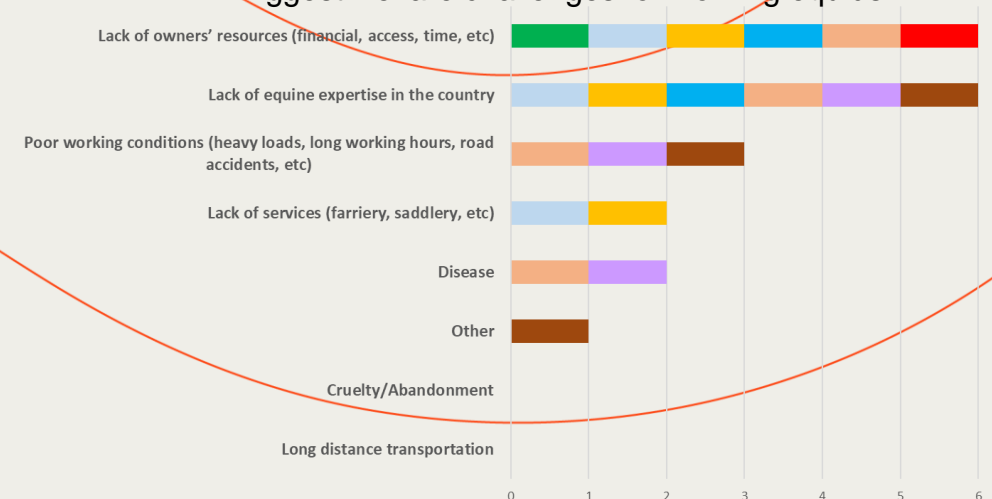


raise country awareness on the welfare of working equids in this region (including equid-human partnership), identify potential welfare challenges in those countries and explore possible capacity-building activities to address the identified needs and gaps.

- ✓ **Baseline survey (2019)**

- Working equids population
- Working equids in local country context
- Veterinary services
- Para-professional services
- Health and welfare issues
- Stakeholder engagement and awareness

Biggest welfare challenges for working equids



Welfare of working equids Initial proposal for the 3rd Action Plan (2021-2023)

Awareness campaign

(development, preparatory workshop, deployment, evaluation)

Under discussion for further development.

Development of an awareness campaign material based on the results of the baseline survey conducted in 2019 - a decision should be taken about further activities that are the most applicable and would have the most impact (e.g. an awareness campaign) to be organized in selected West Eurasian countries to raise public awareness on the economic and welfare importance of working equids.





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Next steps

Online event - September 2023

- raise awareness on WOAAH standards on welfare of working equids and on the economic and societal importance of working equids
- share existing tools and knowledge resources
- further identify WOAAH members needs and discuss how to address WOAAH members' needs within planned activities of the next action plan of the Platform for 2024 -2026.

4th Action Plan (2024-2026) activities
will be defined based on the outcomes of
the event

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