

Communication between Competent Authorities

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by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa

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Network of Contact Point on long-distance transportation in Europe

- **Transport of animals – priority topic since (2014)** - very sensitive topic in Europe
- **Series of capacity building activities 2017-2018** - Regional network of expert
- **Pilot Whole Journey Scenario Workshop in Poland (2018) proposed follow - up action**
(base on reference to the existing network of contact points already set up in the EU)
- **EU Network of Contact Points - Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005**
facilitate cooperation and communication between the CA of the Member States
- **National Focal Points on Animal Welfare seminar in The Hague, June 2019**
(unanimous support)
- **Draft Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation**
(developed by OIE Platform Secretariat and Steering Group in coordination with RCG (July 2019 – April 2020)

Network of Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation

Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation were adopted by the Regional Commission for Europe during 29th Regional Conference, 9-10 November 2020

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Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation¹

All OIE Delegates of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe are invited to nominate a National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation (hereafter 'Contact Point') and consequently inform the OIE. The Delegate shall inform OIE whenever there is a change of the nominated Contact Point.

The National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation

Is placed under the supervision of the OIE Delegate.

Should be regularly, actively and directly involved at national level in the supervision or control of long-distance transportation of live animals, including the animal welfare dimension, upon exportation, transit and/or importation.

Should be allowed to have direct exchanges of information, by email and other forms of communication, with the network of Contact Points (hereafter 'the Network') on practical issues pertaining a future, ongoing or recent consignment of animals.

Should maintain a high-level coordination with the OIE National Focal Point for Animal Welfare (hereafter 'the Focal Point'), when Contact Point and Focal Point are different.

Proposed tasks of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation:

1. To establish and maintain direct operational communication links with the other Contact Points in Europe, especially with those in countries with which there is regular trade and with those in countries through which long distance journeys transit.
2. To provide, upon request of another Contact Point, and within the shortest possible delay, accurate information, such as approved border posts (opening hours of Customs and Veterinary services offices, capacity), approved/registered control posts / resting points (location, capacity species and ages of animals catered for), approved/authorised vehicles/vessels, national regulation, etc.
3. To inform the Contact Points of the country of origin, possible countries of transit along the route, or any other relevant country, of any non-compliance or problem observed upon control of a specific consignment.
4. To address, if possible, any assistance request from another Contact Point.
5. To keep the OIE Delegate and the Focal Point informed of his/her activities as Contact Point.

The network of National Contact Points on Long-Distance Transportation in Europe

The Secretariat of the OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe is responsible for establishing and keeping updated the list of National Contact Points in Europe.

The list will not be made publicly available but shared only with the OIE Delegates, the Focal Points and the National Contact Points in Europe.

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Proposed tasks:

- to establish operational communication links with the other Contact Points in Europe
- to provide, upon request of another Contact point and within the shortest possible delay, accurate information such as approved border inspection posts (opening hours, capacity), approved control posts / resting points (location, capacity), approved means of transport or vessels, national regulation, etc.
- to inform the Contact points of the country of origin, and of the possible countries of transit along the route, of any non-compliance or problem observed upon control of a specific consignment.
- to address, if possible, any assistance request from another Contact Point
- to keep the Delegate and Focal Point informed of his/her Contact Point activity

The Platform may organize events, such as meetings of the Network, aimed at allowing the Contact Points to better know each other, discuss common issues, share best practices related to long-distance transportation, etc.

National Contact Points on long distance transportation for Europe



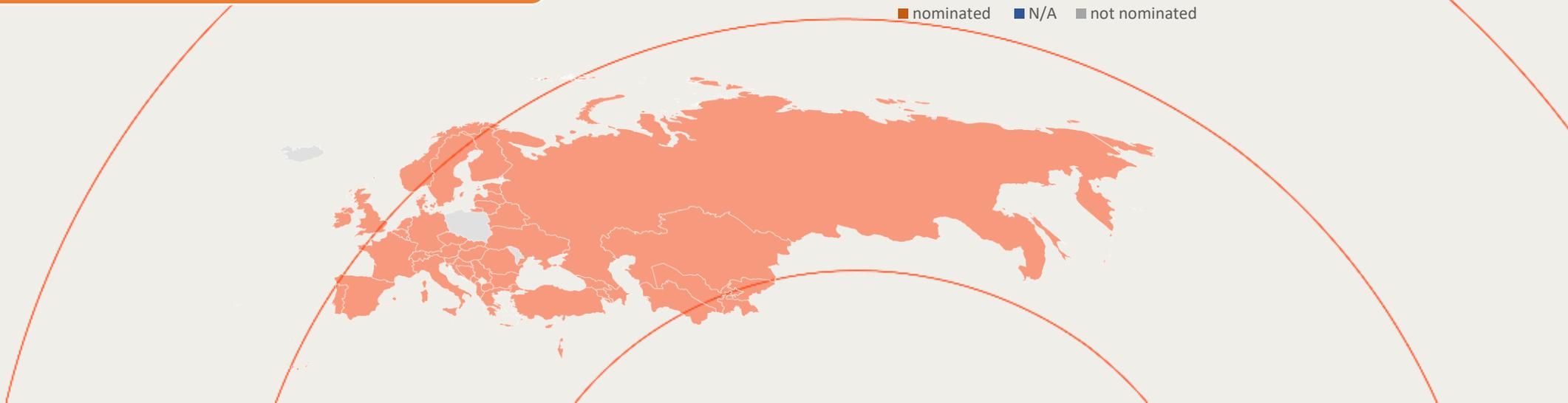
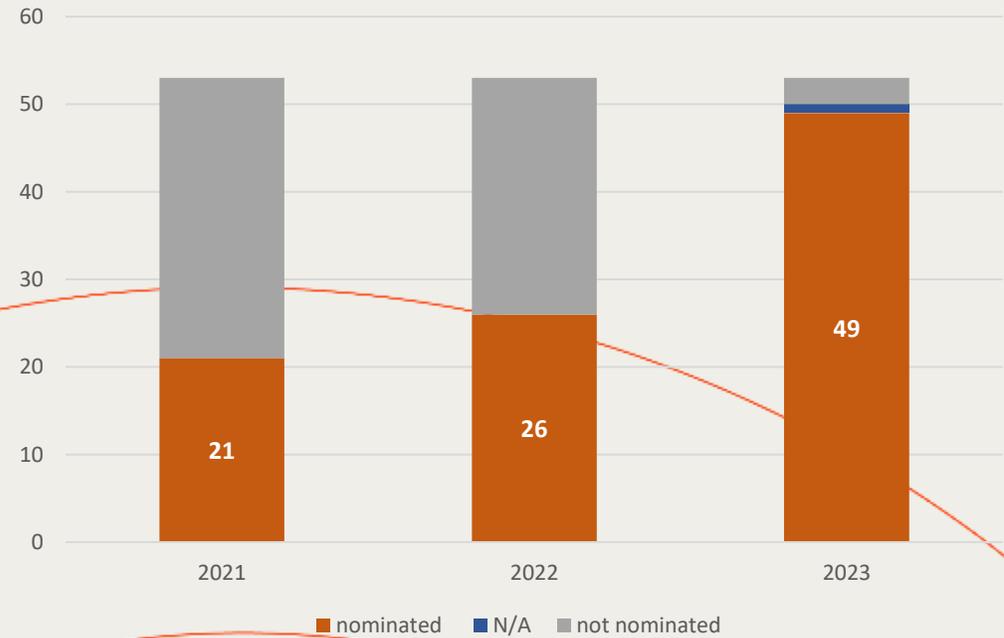
1st meeting – November 2021



2nd meeting – December 2022



3rd meeting – 20-22 June 2023





3rd meeting
WOAH regional network
of National Contact Points
on long-distance transportation
in Europe

20 – 22 June 2023
Dublin, Ireland



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Did you contact any other WOA National Contact Point on transportation in Europe ..



How helpful were those exchanges with other contact points?





The main strength of this meetings is to share information and best practices and network.

Its very important to learn how other countries implement the transport requirements, to learn with the experiences of the others and to create a network of people who can easily communicate regarding animal transport.





Questions, Comments, Ideas....?

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