



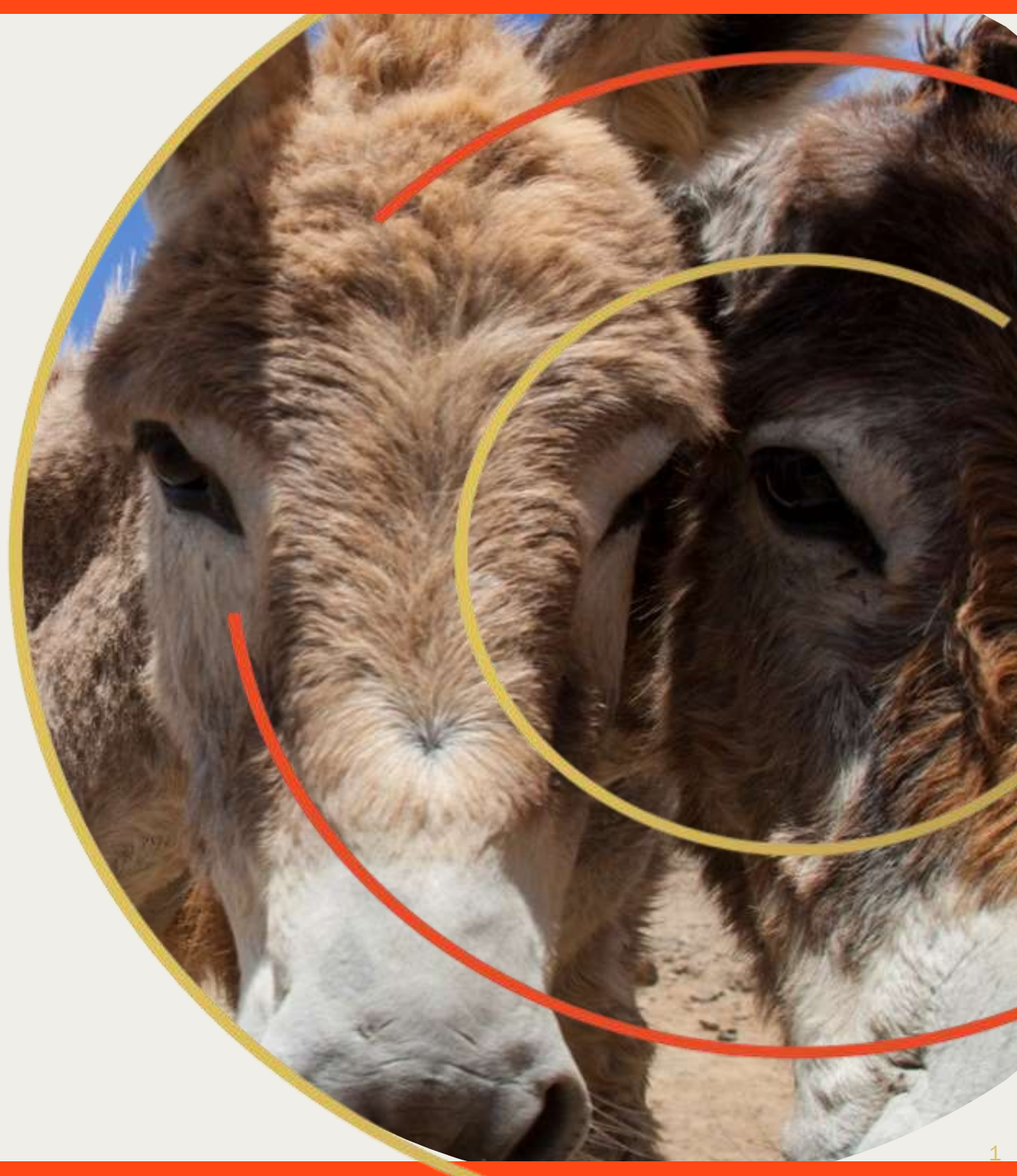
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Regional training workshop for WOAH National Focal Points on Animal Welfare in Europe

25 – 27 June 2024, Madrid, Spain



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WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016



2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019



3rd Action Plan
2021 - 2023



4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026



Launch
2013

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





Priority topics



Transport of animals



World
Organisation
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GAWS PILLARS ACTIVITIES



DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS UNDER REVIEW (TERRESTRIAL CODE)

Other work in progress

- ❑ Chapters 7.2. and 7.3. Transport of animals by sea and land; Second ad hoc Group meeting planned for the 18-20 June 2024
- ❑ Chapter 7.4. Transport of animals by air. Preliminary discussions with IATA.



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Transport of animals





Transport of animals



Network of WOAAH National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

Whole Journey Scenario Workshops:

- within Europe
- multi regional Europe / Middle East / North Africa

Self-assessment and monitoring tool on transport - concept note



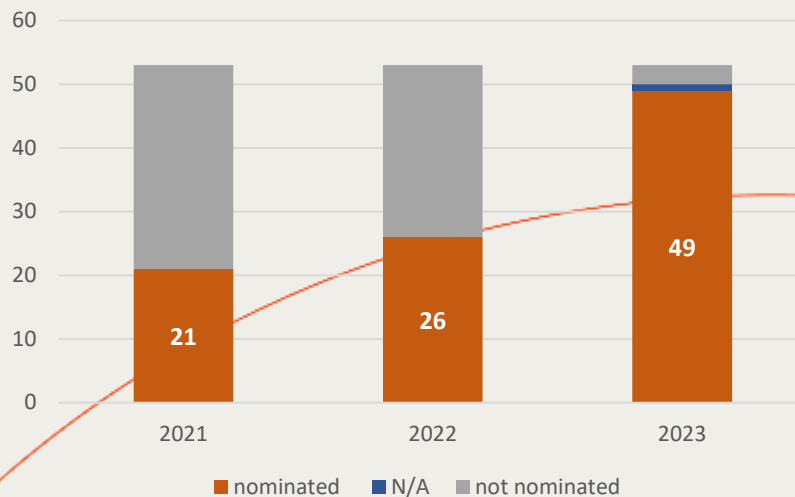
National Contact Points on long distance transportation for Europe

 1st meeting – November 2021

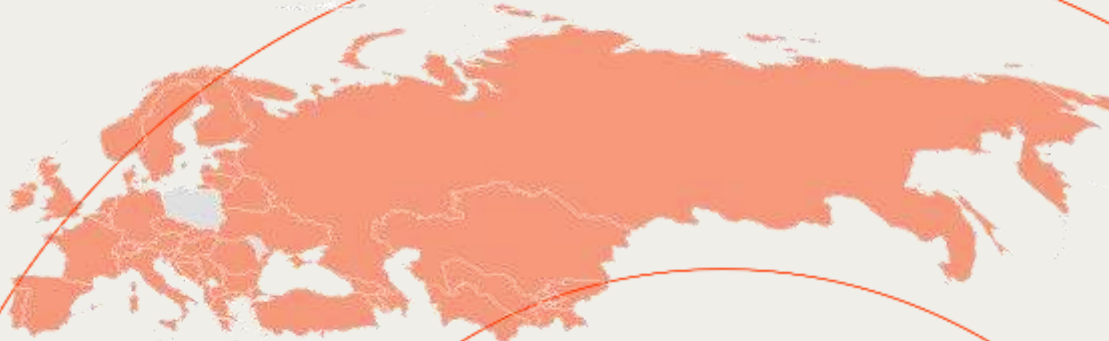
 2nd meeting – December 2022

 3rd meeting – 20-22 June 2023

 4th meeting – July 2024



establishing operational communication links within the network of contact points in Europe to facilitate the exchange of the relevant information and solving problems arising with long-distance and cross border transport of animals in the region





3rd meeting National Contact Points on long distance transportation for Europe 20 – 22 June 2023, Dublin, Ireland



56

Participants

42

WOAH
Members





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.



National Contact Points on long distance transportation for Europe

Next steps

- next meeting – online – 9th July 2024
- plan of the network of NCPT engagement
(i.e.: sharing information, maintaining the list of contacts updated, developing network's documents).



“Whole Journey Scenario” workshops

- **Objective** to help countries **improve animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport** in compliance with WOAH standards for the whole duration of the journey along the specific route
- **Focus** on the **responsibilities of the Competent Authorities** over the entire journey
- **Opportunity** to **share best practices and strengthen collaboration** between Competent Authorities and other authorities



'Whole Journey Scenario' workshops

Regional workshops

- Pilot 'Whole Journey Scenario' Workshop for Europe - April 2018, Poland
- Follow-up meeting - November 2021
- 'Whole Journey Scenario' workshop on animal welfare during transport for the Middle East - November 2019, Amman (Jordan)





'Whole Journey Scenario' workshops

Multi-regional workshops

- Multi-regional WJS workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe and the Middle East
June 2021 – Teleconference



Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Turkey
Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar,
Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates

Multi-regional WJS workshop
on long-distance transport by land and sea
between Europe, the Middle East and North
Africa - November 2022 – Cairo, Egypt



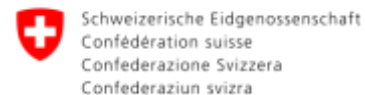
Multi-regional WJS workshop
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between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa
November 2023, Tunis – PLANNED

Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa

7 - 9 November 2023, Tunis, Tunisia



This workshop was funded by European Union, Ireland and Switzerland and kindly hosted by Tunisia



Agenda

- **WOAH and WOAHP mandate on animal welfare, and global and regional strategy and update on new activities (guidance documents and the Observatory thematic study)**
- **Recall of TAHC Chapter 7.2 and 7.3**
- **Country reports (overview of state of play and update for since previous meeting - competent authorities, border post, main livestock trade, legislation, implementation of the WOAHP standards and main challenges)**
- **Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock and Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System/ Emergency procedure / Communication between Competent Authorities**
- **NGO perspective**
- **REMESA Scientific and Technical Office**
- **National School of Veterinary Medicine Tunis (ENVMT) (twining project)**
- **Working group exercises – case studies**
- **Session on slaughter of animals**

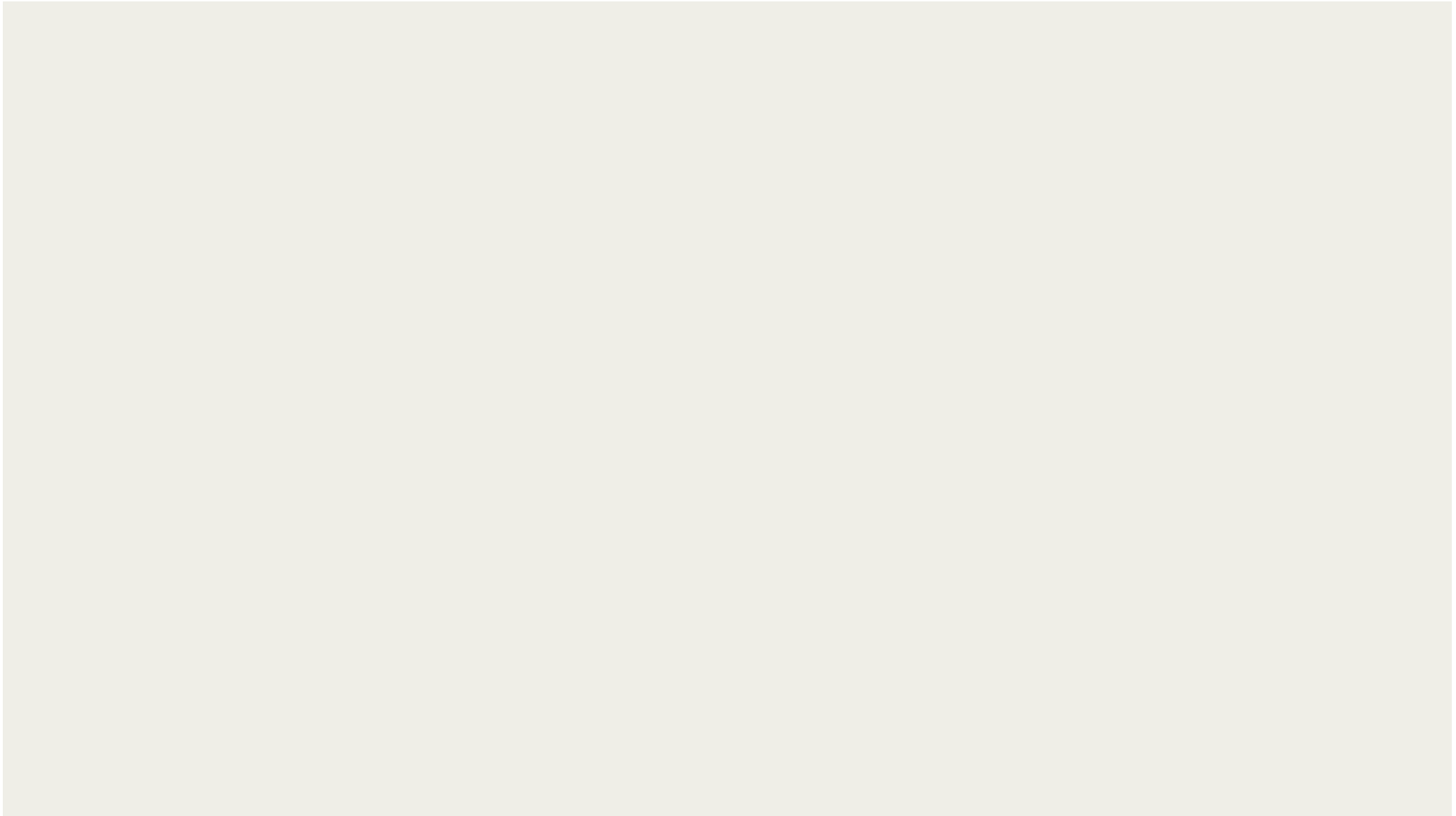
Main points

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WOAH
Members

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- Multiregional whole journey scenario workshop are useful and instrumental to improve multiregional collaboration and collaboration between Competent Authorities
- need for strengthening communication and collaboration between Competent Authorities
- importance of defining responsibilities
- importance of appropriate journey planning and preparation before animals' departure
- importance of emergency procedures including process of verification, updates, and revisions
- need to further develop procedures in the event of refusal to allow the completion of the journey







4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS

2024



Regional WJS workshop
Europe



Meeting of the NCPT network

2025



Multi-regional WJS workshop
Europe/NorthAfrica/Middle
East

Regional WJS workshop Europe



Meeting of the NCPT network

2026



Regional WJS workshop
Europe

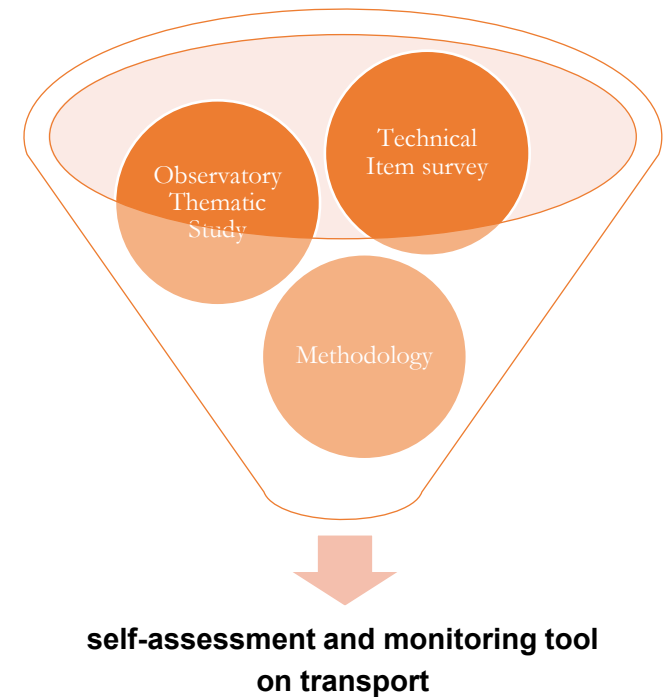


Meeting of the NCPT network

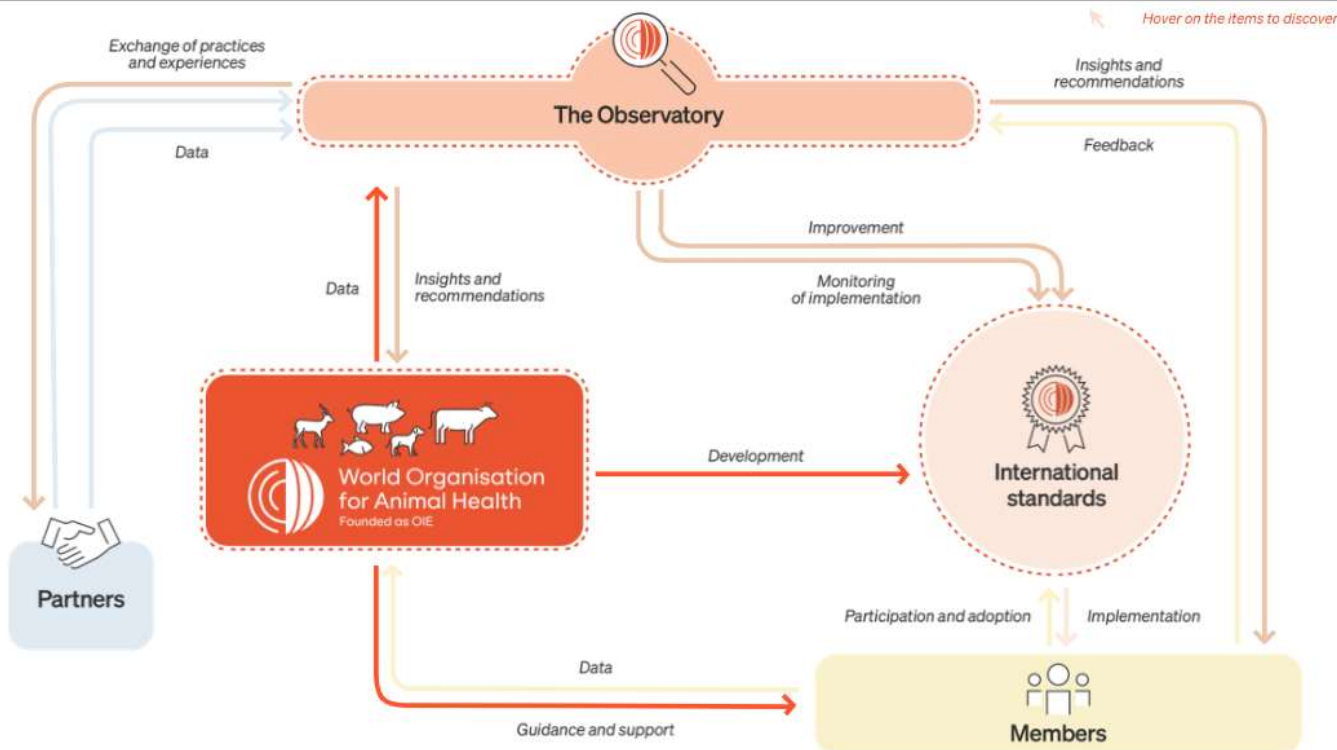
Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on transport

Developing self-assessment and monitoring tool on animal transport

- IT project concept proposal developed
- WOAHA IT Portfolio Committee - approval on 25 April
- Preparatory work on methodology and survey questions.
- WOAHA IT support available from November 2024



THE OBSERVATORY: MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WOAH STANDARDS



Annual Report



The Observatory developing a **thematic study** on the implementation of standards related to transport of live animals at global level

Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAAH standards and challenges faced

Objective

- Assess to what extent the standards related to transport of live animals are implemented in WOAAH Members;
- Seek for feedback on Members' overall experience with these standards (what factors facilitate their implementation versus what barriers prevent their implementation);
- Inform standard revision process of the Code commission.

Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAAH standards and challenges faced

Methods

- A survey targeting the Veterinary Services of WOAAH Members to assess the level of implementation of WOAAH standards related to animal welfare during transport
- Interviews and/or focus groups to explore the barriers to the uptake of these standards as well as the success factors with Veterinary Services of WOAAH Members;
- A survey targeting the private sector, with a similar aim.

Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAAH standards and challenges faced

Next steps

- Provide a dashboard presenting these results with a regional filter
- Identifying different profiles of Members based on several criteria, e.g. regulatory enforcement mechanisms, and the level of prioritization.
- Conducting focus groups/interviews with samples of Members corresponding to identify success factors and barriers to the implementation of WOAAH standards
- Producing comprehensive report.