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Terms of Reference and state of play of the network

4th meeting WOAHA regional network of National Contact Points
on long-distance transportation in Europe

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Teleconference

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Network of Contact Point on long-distance transportation in Europe

- **Transport of animals – priority topic since (2014)**
- **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)
- **National Focal Points on Anima 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)



National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

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

All Delegates

of the Regional Commission for Europe have been invited to nominate

a National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation





The National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation

- placed **under the supervision of the 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 on practical issues pertaining a future, ongoing or recent consignment of animals.
- should maintain a **high-level coordination with the National Focal Point on Animal Welfare** (when different)



Proposed tasks

- 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.
- 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/authorized vehicles/vessels, national regulation, etc.
- 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.
- to address, if possible, any assistance request from another Contact Point.
- to keep the Delegate and the Focal Point informed of his/her activities as Contact Point.

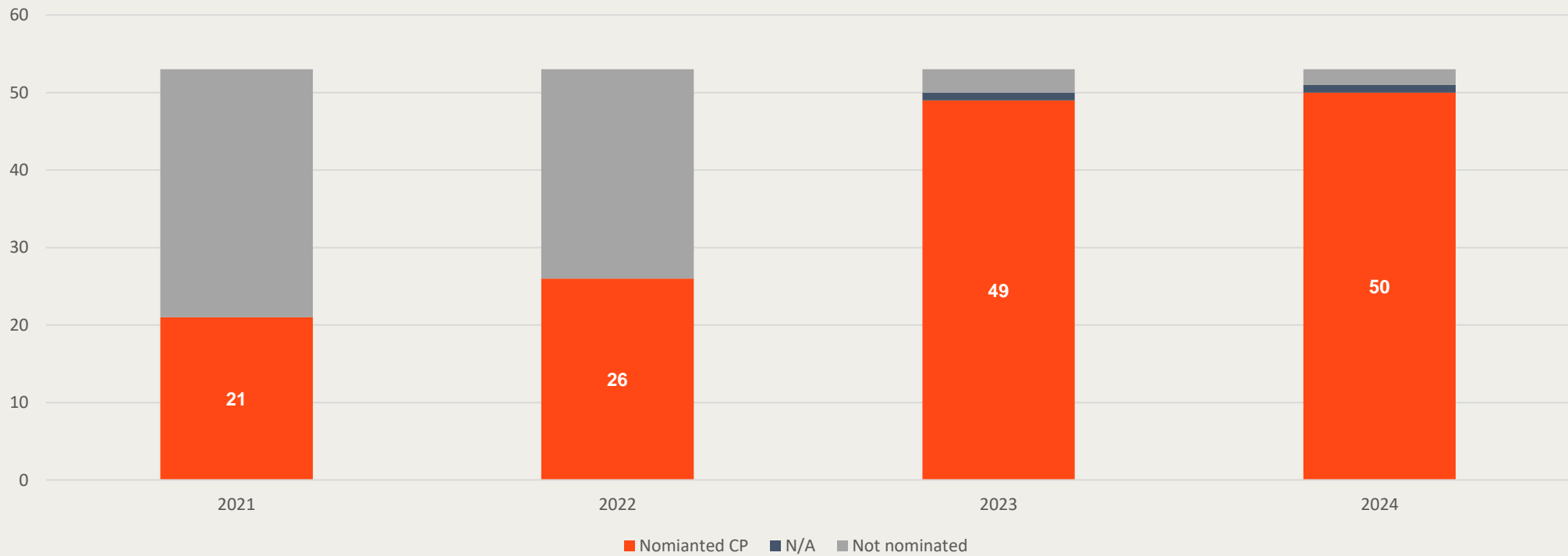


National Contact Points on Long-Distance Transportation in Europe

- The Secretariat of the WOAH 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 Delegates, the Focal Points and the National Contact Points in Europe.
- Any general information sent to the Network should be copied to the Delegates and the Focal Points.
- The WOAH Platform may organize meetings of the Network, allowing the Contact Points to discuss common issues and share best practises related to long-distance transportation.



Network of Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation





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1st meeting – November 2021



2nd meeting – December 2022



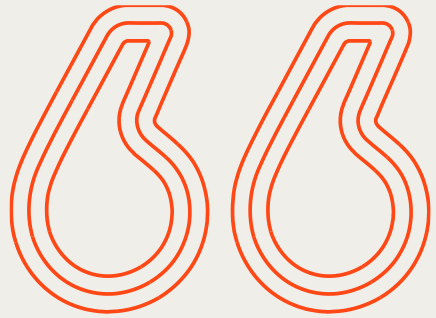
3rd meeting – 20-22 June 2023



56
Participants

42
WHA
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.



Thank you

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