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9th Stakeholders consultation meeting

19 June 2024, Brussels



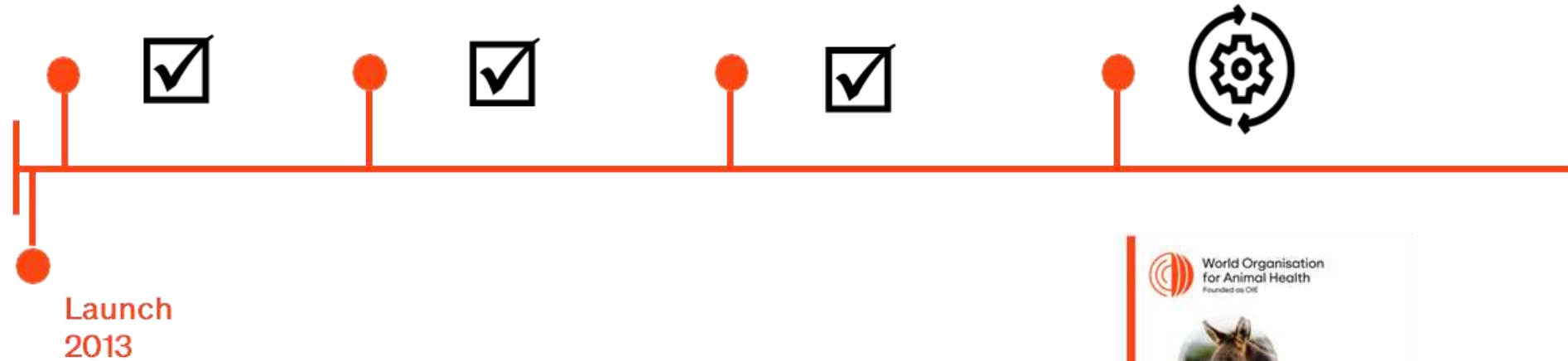
WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016

2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019

3rd Action Plan
2021 - 2023

4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026



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



2023 – Key achievements

- **Implementation of the 3rd Action Plan**

achieved 87% completion of planned activities, continuous progress and successful adaptation to Members' needs

- **External Evaluation**

the Platform is highly relevant to Members and stakeholders with key strength its long-term strategy of building on the foundations, achievements and lessons of successive Action Plans.

- **Building the 4th Action Plan 2024 – 2026**

ensuring continuity, building on achievements, responding to the Members' needs , adjusting to the available resources.

4th Action Plan for 2024-2026

Impact (Long-term objective):

Contribute to the improvement of animal welfare in Europe through the priority topics

Outcome Objectives (short/mid-term objective)

Progressively improve the compliance of WOAAH Members with WOAAH standards

- **Common vision and continuity**
- **Strengthening the WOAAH Members involvement**
- **Collaboration with all WOAAH Members and stakeholders**



Transport of animals

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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



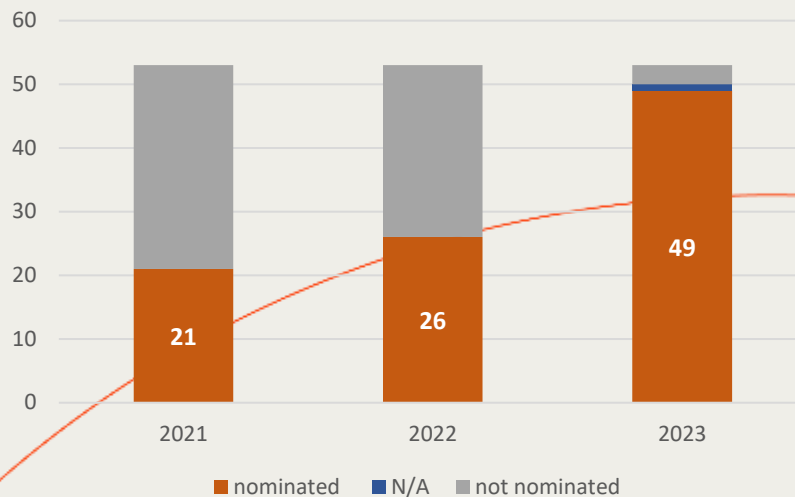
National Contact Points on long distance transportation for Europe

 1st meeting – November 2021

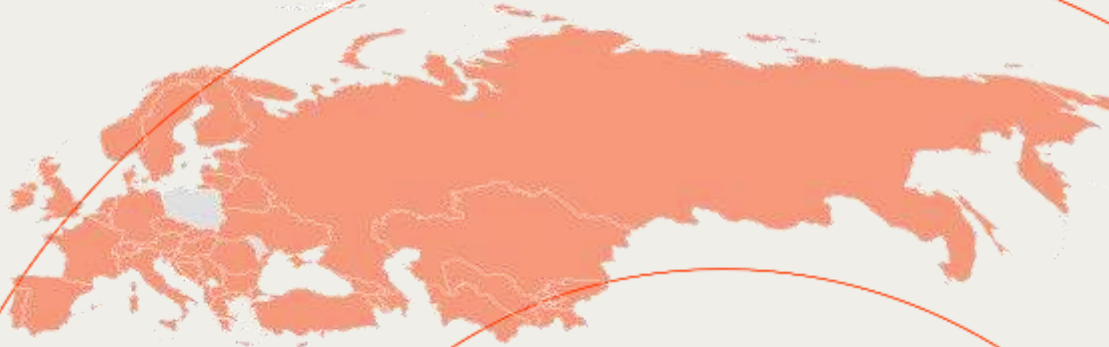
 2nd meeting – December 2022

 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 – 2nd week of July 2024
- plan of animation of the network of NCPT
(i.e.: sharing information, maintaining the list of contacts updated, developing network's documents).
- developing draft common reporting document



“Whole Journey Scenario” workshops

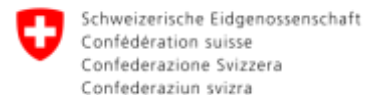
- **Objective** to help countries **improve animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport** in compliance with WOAH standards for the whole duration of the journey along the specific route
- **Focus** on the **responsibilities of the Competent Authorities** over the entire journey
-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

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 WOAHA 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 WOAHA 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**

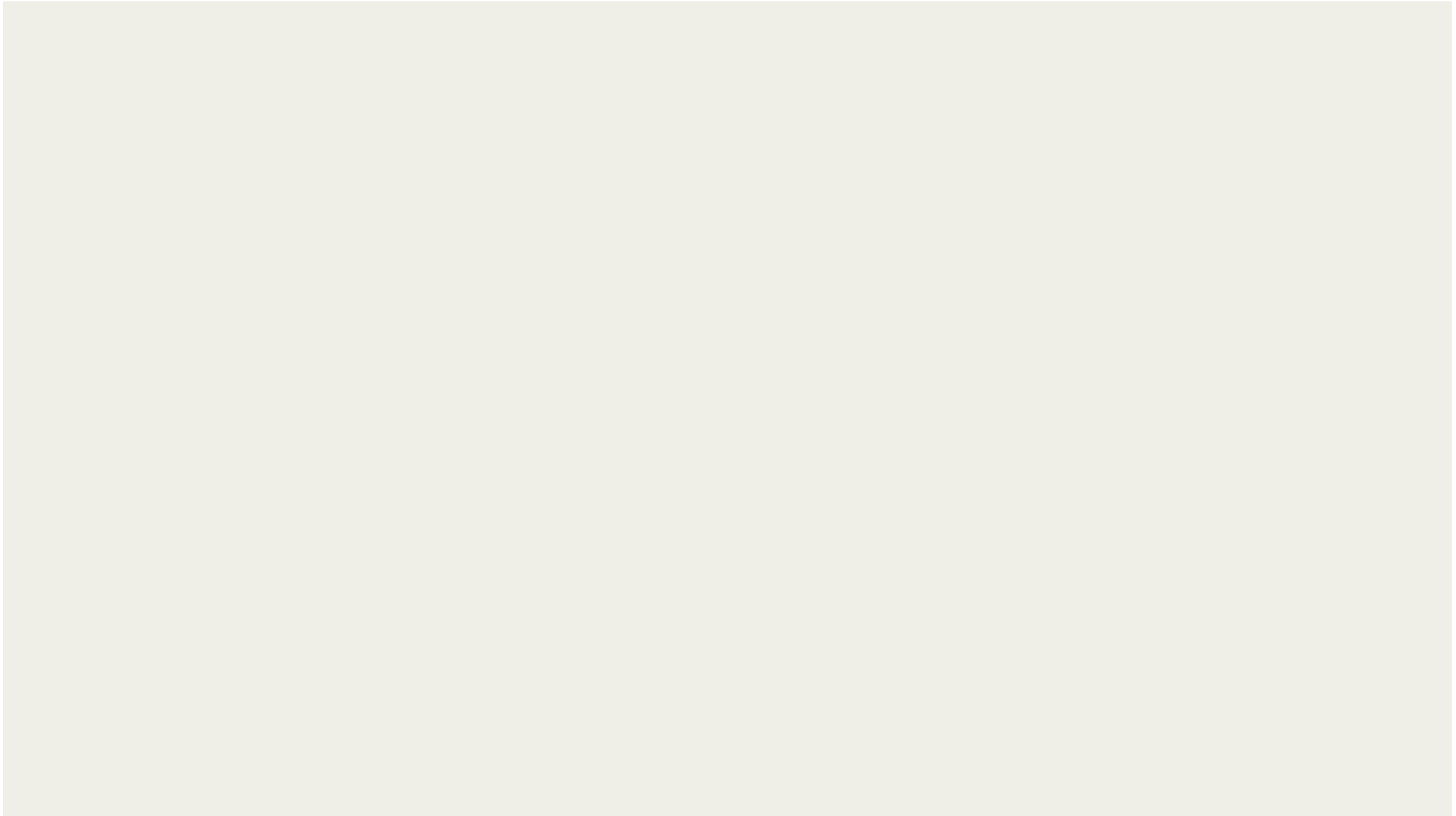
Main points

15
WOAH
Members

44
Participants

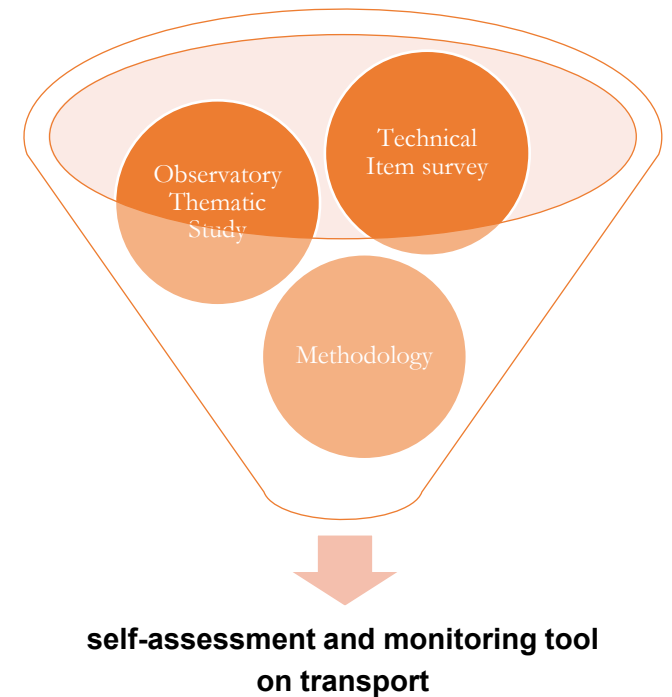
- Multiregional whole journey scenario workshop are useful and instrumental to improve multiregional collaboration and collaboration between Competent Authorities
- need for strengthening communication and collaboration between Competent Authorities
- importance of defining responsibilities
- importance 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





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



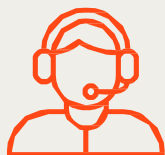
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TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS

2024



Regional WJS workshop
Europe



Meeting of the NCPT network

2025



Multi-regional WJS workshop
Europe/NorthAfrica/Middle
East

Regional WJS workshop Europe

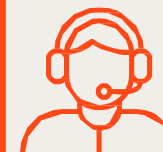


Meeting of the NCPT network

2026



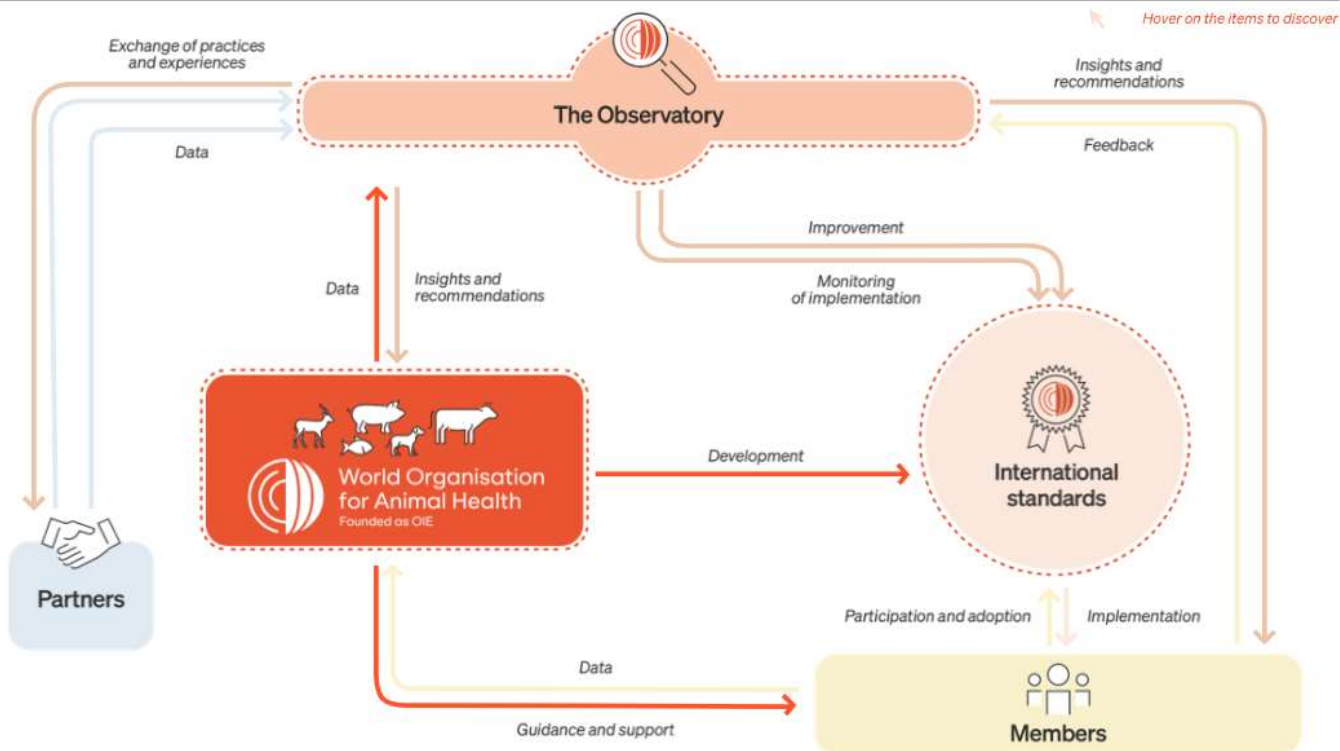
Regional WJS workshop
Europe



Meeting of the NCPT network

Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on transport

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

Preliminary results

Among the 183 WOAAH Members contacted (NAWFPs)- 96 (52%) completed the questionnaire.

Overall, the percentage of Members transporting animals by land was much higher than transport by sea.

95 Members reported transport by land
77 Members reported transport by sea;

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

Preliminary results

Having a regulatory framework
covering transport by land 77 (78%)
covering transport by sea (54) 70%

Animal welfare during transport as high priority reported for

- competent authority (60% of answers ranked as high priority),
- private sector (30%)
- consumers (28%).

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.



DEVELOPMENT
OF ANIMAL
WELFARE
STANDARDS

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.

Slaughter of animals

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Slaughter of animals

- Regional webinar on the slaughter of animals
- New revised standard adopted

91st WOAHA General Assembly of Delegates- May 2024

- TAHC – Chapter 7.5. Animal welfare during slaughter
- Developing on- line training module

The WOAHA Platform for the Training of Veterinary Services

- Dissemination of training materials

Webinars, train the trainers, dedicated workshops

- Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on slaughter



for WOAH National Animal Welfare Focal Points in Europe 19th December 2023

Update on recent developments on animal welfare during slaughter in the context of a proposed revision of WOAHS standards

- [The work of the Code Commission](#)
- [Chapter 7.5 revised draft proposed for adoption](#)
A. Velarde (WOAH ad hoc group)
- [EFSA opinions – animal welfare at slaughter](#)
A. Velarde (EFSA Panel)

- E-learning module on animal welfare during slaughter
- WOAHS Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe 4th Action Plan (2024-2026)
- Discussion topics and issues to be addressed for the next National Animal Welfare Focal Points seminar



Terrestrial Animal Health Code

Chapter 7.5

ANIMAL WELFARE

DURING SLAUGHTER



26-30 MAY 2024
PARIS

Glossary

SLAUGHTER

means the killing of an animals primarily intended for human consumption.

STUNNING

means any procedure that causes loss of consciousness for the purpose of killing without avoidable distress, fear and pain

EUTHANASIA

means the killing of an animal using a method that causes a rapid and irreversible loss of consciousness with minimum pain and distress

Chapter 7.5

ANIMAL WELFARE DURING SLAUGHTER

This chapter applies to the slaughter in slaughterhouses/abattoirs

free-moving animals such as ruminants, camelids, equids and pigs

animals in containers such as rabbits and most poultry species

- identifies hazards to animal welfare during slaughter and provides recommendations for
 - Arrival and unloading
 - Lairage
 - Handling
 - Restraint
 - Stunning and bleeding.
- provides animal-based measures to assess the level of welfare and recommends remedial and corrective actions to be applied, when necessary.

Chapter 7.5

ANIMAL WELFARE DURING SLAUGHTER

Stunning and bleeding

Mechanical stunning of free-moving animals

Electrical stunning in free-moving animal

Controlled atmosphere stunning in free-moving animals

Bleeding of free-moving animals

Head-only electrical stunning of animals in containers

Electrical water-bath stunning for poultry

Mechanical stunning of animals arriving in containers

Controlled atmosphere stunning for animals in containers

Bleeding of animals arriving in containers

Emergency killing



Development of e-resources on slaughter of animals

Concept note

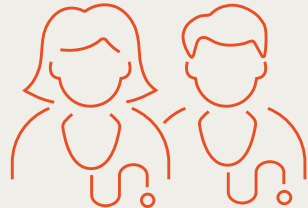

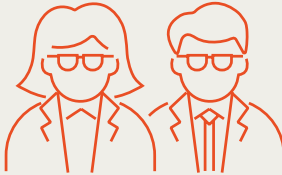


eLearning: The welfare of animals during slaughter



Animal welfare

Completing Package
7

THE TARGET	THE NEED	THE EXPECTED IMPACT	THE MAIN LEARNING OUTCOMES
<p>VS staff involved in official control of animal welfare at slaughter (intermediate level: Day 2)</p> 	<p>Implement the WOAAH standards on the welfare of animals during slaughter (Chapter 7.5 of the TAHC)</p> 	<p>VS produce adequate legislation, regulation, and education for the appropriate implementation of the Chapter 7.5 of the TAHC VS carry out official controls for the effective implementation of the Chapter 7.5 of the TAHC</p> 	<p>Apply animal welfare and animal behaviour principles to the slaughter process Assess (1) the welfare of animals during slaughter and pre-slaughter, (2) the facility, (3) the AW plan, (4) the operating procedures, and (5) the appropriateness and efficiency of restraint, stunning, and killing methods and equipments Transform the provisions of Chapter 7.5 into inputs for national legislation and regulations Implement a national control programme</p>



eLearning: The welfare of animals during slaughter



DURATION

4-5 hours



FORMAT

Orientation entry test
Interactive learner-centred approach
Final assessment
Competency badge

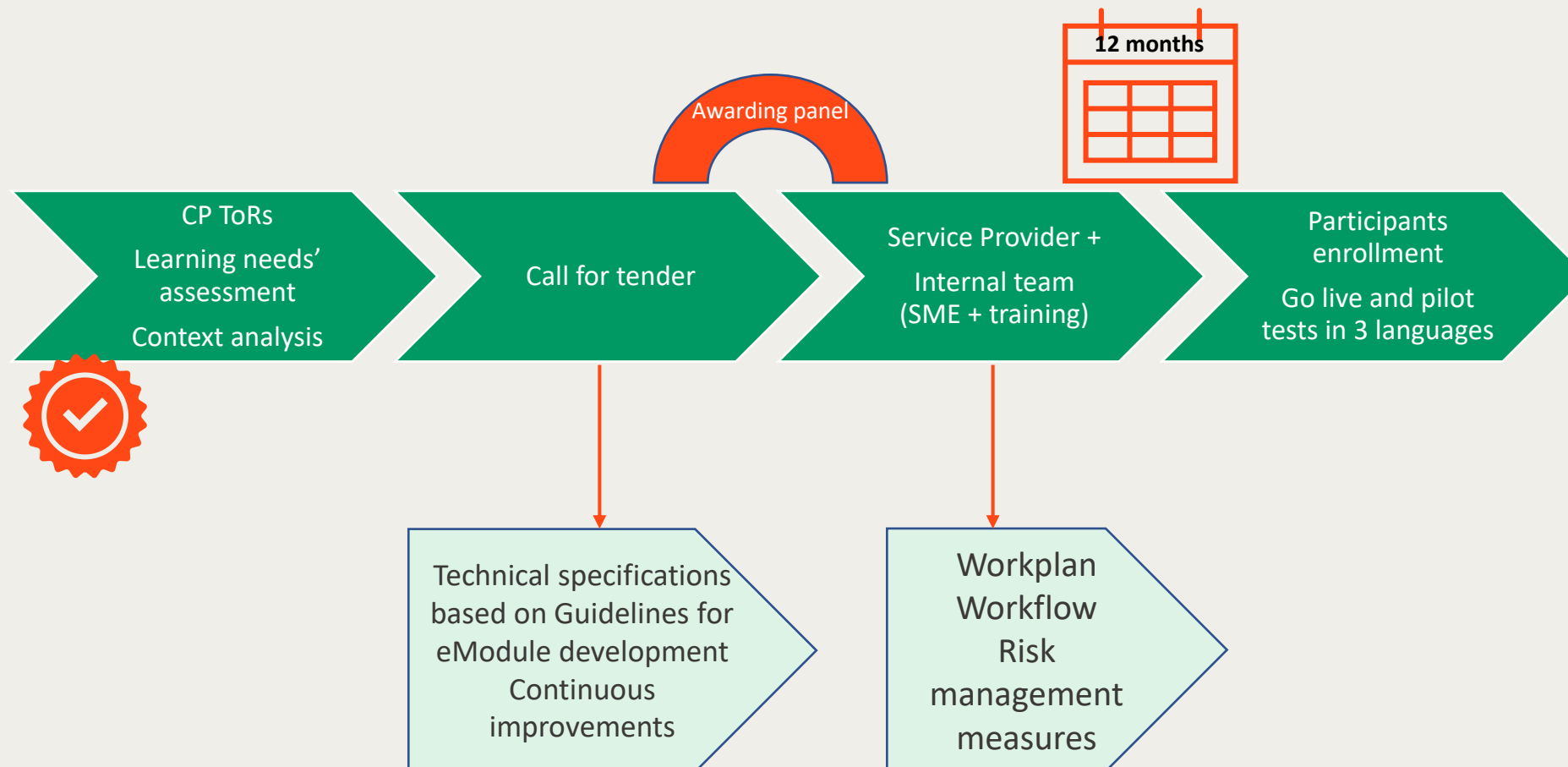


LANGUAGE

English
French
Spanish



Production flow



4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

Animal welfare during slaughter

2024

Development of e-learning resources

Launch of the call early 2024

2025 - 2026

Dissemination the e-learning module

Seminar(s) for Eastern Europe and Balkans (the type of seminars will be defined according to members needs and available resources).

2026

Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on slaughter

Launch of the call 2025

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT



Paolo Dalla Villa

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Dog population management

Improving Members' capacity

- Regional roadmaps on dog population management

**Balkan Roadmap
(objective 2026)**

- targeted support to address specific needs of countries

**West Eurasia Roadmap
(objective 2030)**

- continue with roadmaps workshops every 2 years
- measure progress

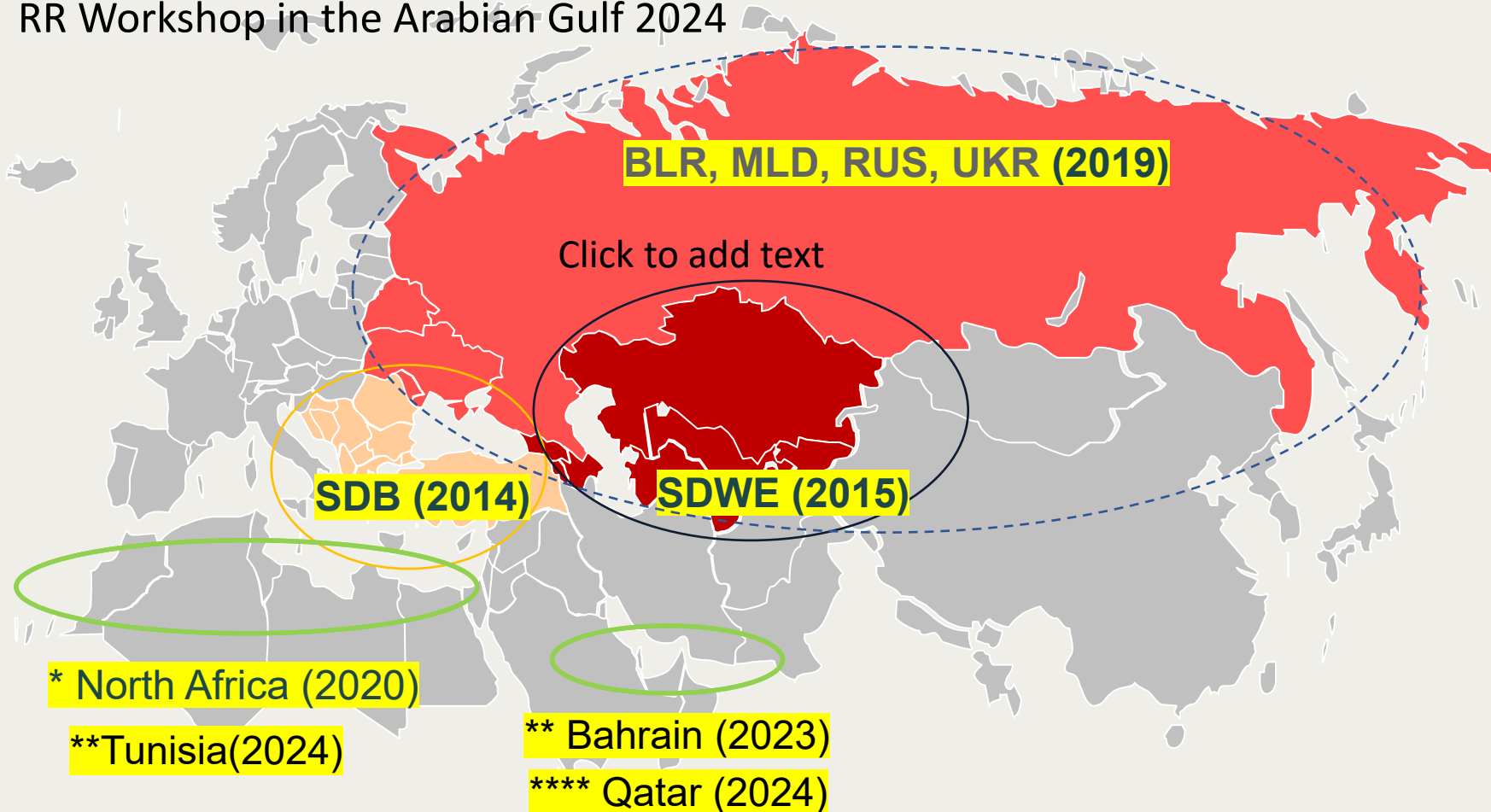
- **Self-Assessment and Monitoring For Dog Population Management (SAM4DPM)**



Regular support for the SAM4DPM self-assessment rounds

Periodic flash thematic meetings (2024 - 2026)

- Roadmap for the Balkans since 2014 (11 countries)
- Roadmap for West Eurasia since 2015 (8 countries) + BLR, MLD, RUS, UKR since 2019
- ERFAN report in North Africa in 2020
- SRR mission to Bahrain in 2023
- WOAAH Twinning in Tunisia 2024
- RR Workshop in the Arabian Gulf 2024



WOAH Regional roadmaps progress

11 Balkan

1st SDB Workshop
(June 2014, Romania)

1st self-assessment (2015)
(10/11 - stray dogs)

2nd SDB Workshop
(June 2016, Albania)

2nd self-assessment (2018)
(9/11 - stray dogs and rabies)

3rd SDB Workshop
(June 2018, Serbia)

3rd self-assessment (2021)
(8/11 - stray dogs and rabies)

4rd SDB Workshop
(November 2021, Online)

1st round with SAM4DPM System
(10/11 - free-roaming dogs and rabies)

5th DPMB Workshop
(4-6 July 2023, Croatia)

8 West Eurasia (Central Asia + Caucasus)

1st SDWE 1 Workshop
(October 2015, Kyrgyzstan)

1st self-assessment (2017)
(7/7 - stray dogs and rabies)

2nd SDWE Workshop
(September 2017, Uzbekistan)

NO self-assessment round

(7/7 - stray dogs and rabies)

3rd SDWE Workshop
(September 2019, Tblisi)

1st round with SAM4DPM System
(7/7 - stray dogs and rabies)

4th DPMWE Workshop
(28-29 September 2023, Tiblisi)

4 East Europe

NO self-assessment round

3rd SDWE Workshop
(September 2019, Tblisi)



1st round with SAM4DPM System
Online Tailor-made technical assistance (2024 (?)) – TBC)



5th Workshop on dog population management for Balkans (DPMB5)

4-6 July 2023, Terme Tuhelj (Croatia)

10/11 countries attended - Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo*, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Greece (Turkey absent) - 35 participants

4th self-assessment round (1st SAM4DPM)

At the end of the event, participants unanimously committed:

- To utilize the new SAM4DPM for conducting the next self-assessment rounds in full autonomy;
- To make use of the pool of DPM managers in the Balkans, in order to expand the range of training and capacity building opportunities and to increase (1) the professional skills and capacities of the Veterinary Services (2) the technical know-how of the personnel carrying out carrying out DPM activities at municipal/local level;
- To progress in the implementation of their Roadmaps with the support of the Platform Secretariat, the WOAHP Network of Collaborating Centers on Animal Welfare, the Regional Animal Welfare Centre (RAWC), other sub-regional Academic bodies/Institutions and local/international NGOs.



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4th Workshop on dog population management for Western Eurasia (DPMWE4)

26-28 September 2023, Tbilisi

7/8 countries attended - Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
(Armenia absent) - 33 participants

2nd self-assessment round (1st SAM4DPM)

Key objectives:

- (1) To assess the level of progresses towards the full implementation of the new TAHC Chapter 7.7
- (2) To support the development and implementation of National Action plans and Dog Population Management Programmes (with a rabies component)
- (3) To improve the technical expertise of the personnel carrying out DPM activities at municipal/local level

Day 3 fully dedicated to 2023 Rabies Day





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Self-Assessment and Monitoring System
for Dog Population Management

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Country Report
Bosnia And Herzegovina
24/09/2023

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF OWNED DOGS BY THE REGIONAL/LOCAL AUTHORITIES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Legend: B = 1 year ago, C = 2 years ago, D = 3 years ago, E = 4 years ago



Country Roadmap
Bulgaria
24/09/2023

Local data for country report
Albania
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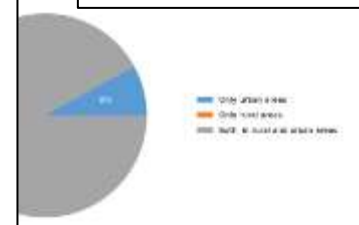
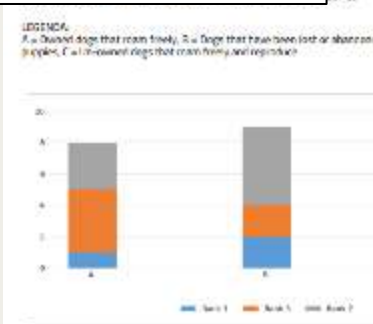
Benchmarking report
Azerbaijan
24/09/2023

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Introduction

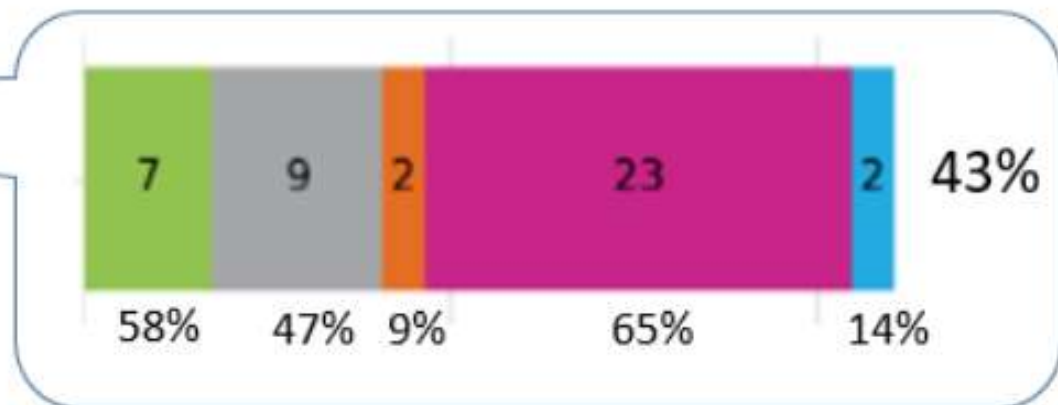
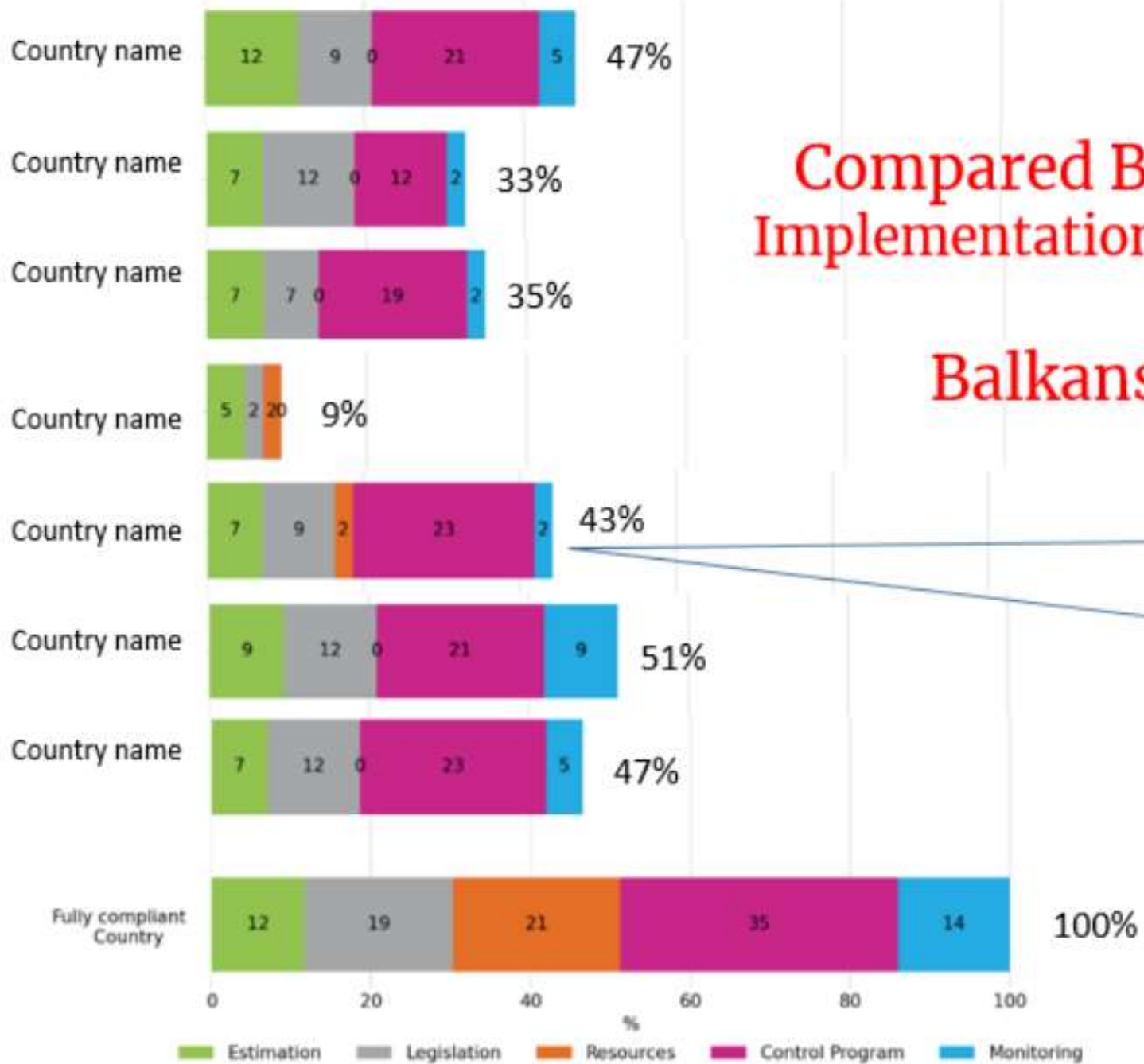
3 Areas for the benchmarking analysis

Level of implementation of the Standards set in Chapter 3.1 of the WDA/TAMC



Compared Benchmark Implementation of standards

Balkans Area



SAM system 4DPM

Self-Assessment and Monitoring System
for Dog Population Management



BALKANS – since 2014

- ✓ 5 meetings
- ✓ 4 self-assessment rounds

WESTERN EURASIA – since 2015

- ✓ 4 meetings
- ✓ 2 self-assessment rounds

Main achievement/impacts:

- **Strong countries commitment** and progressive wider interest of other Regions
- **Regular self-assessment & monitoring** in support to the progression of the Roadmaps
- **Data used for the WOAHO Observatory** (2022 Annual Report)

Experience extended outside the Europe region: North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia)
and Middle East (Kingdom of Bahrain)



"Towards Zero by 30: Rabies Control in the Middle East"

- Rabies elimination is a model for the One Health concept.
- Dog population management is a challenge for implementing rabies control activities in the region
- The national strategic plan for dog mediated rabies elimination should be complemented with a sustainable long-term dog population management plan
- Members should consider the cultural aspects including the societal attitudes towards dog
- Members can take advantage of past experiences of Europe, notably the WOAHP Platform on Animal Welfare (SAM4DPM)



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17th CONFERENCE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Riyadh, KSA, 1-5 October 2023

- Participation to the **WOAH Twinning project on Animal Welfare between IZS-Teramo and École Nationale de Médecine Vétérinaire (Sidi Thabet, Tunisia)** with two presentations on “[Contingency planning to strengthen the culture of preparedness](#)” and “[Dog population management in the WOAHE Europe Region](#)”
- **SAM4DPM dissemination to WOAHE SRR/RR in other Regions** (Presentation to the HQ Scientific Dept., RR in North Africa and Middle East, Global Rabies Coordinator + SAM4DPM introduction to the UAR + ERFAN online meeting on “Stray dog population management: the WOAHE standard and examples of the current situation in Northern Africa, Southern Africa and Italy”).
- Contact with Silja Schiller-Moumtzidis about the [Zero Stray Pawject](#) and its subsidiary [Zero Stray Academy](#), focusing on preventing owned pets from ending up overproduced and abandoned in Greece
- Finalization of the **WOAH labelling of the ICAM courses on Dog Population Management**
- Assistance to the **Israeli Veterinary Services** regarding the risks posed by the feral and free-ranging dogs fleeing away from the Gaza Strip.

Dog Population Management DPM and rabies surveillance in the Arabian Peninsula

100 Years of the Organization

Phase 1: Planning and implementation

Phase 2: Introduction

Phase 3: The Kingdom of Bahrain's experience

Rabies Subregional workshop: Dog-mediated rabies control and elimination, and improvement of Dog Population Management (DPM), Qatar, 22-23 April 2023

Rabies activities in UAE

The infographic details the implementation of Dog Population Management (DPM) and rabies surveillance in the Arabian Peninsula. It is organized into several key sections:

- Introduction:** Discusses the lack of reliable estimates of free-ranging dogs at the global level. It highlights the importance of DPM as an integral part of rabies control programs, which requires effective free-ranging control. The World Health Organization (WHO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) have jointly endorsed a vision to eliminate dog-mediated rabies globally by 2030. It emphasizes the need for evidence-based strategies to better understand the dynamics of the dog population and improve responsible dog ownership (RDO) as a crucial element in creating a supportive environment for successful DPM in the Middle East and Arabian Peninsula.
- The Kingdom of Bahrain's experience:** Notes that the WHO Sub-Regional Representation in Bahrain has been engaged with concerned authorities in Bahrain for several years to provide technical expertise and advice regarding the uncontrolled growth of free-ranging dog populations. It mentions the support of the WHO Regional Animal Health Sub-Office (RAHSO) in Bahrain, which is aligned with the "Zero to 20" strategy. The approach focuses on the current situation in Bahrain, aiming to control free-ranging dogs through sterilization, spaying/neutering (S/N), and relocating them to industrial areas. It also notes that S/N systems that only rely on the resident may prove to be ultimately ineffective, as they focus only on the free-ranging dog population and do not address the causes of the animals. Further efforts include long-term DPM programs, such as those developed in the framework of a National Action Plan, aiming at creating an enabling environment through governance, funding, training, and education. Training compliance with legislative instruments will be essential to progressively curb and eliminate the presence of free-ranging dogs. Following these recommendations, a pet park (Fig. 1) will be established to relocate captured/relocated dogs in an exemplary situation that provides their welfare and community harmony. The park offers an opportunity for these dogs to stop their freedom, exercise, and socialize with other dogs, ensuring their mental and physical well-being.
- Rabies Subregional workshop:** Held in Qatar on April 22-23, 2023, to improve the capacities and knowledge of rabies managers in the Arabian Gulf region. It was organized by the WHO Sub-Regional Representation for Bahrain, Gulf in affiliation with the Global Rabies Control, Ministry of Municipality & Government in Qatar, and thanks to the technical support of the WHO Sub-Regional Representation for Europe. It featured a workshop on "Dog-mediated rabies control and elimination, and improvement of DPM" on April 22 and April 23, 2023. Twenty participants from 10 countries in representation of a WHO Member State (Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Sudan, Bahrain, and Yemen), following a very interactive discussion, they agreed upon the need to strengthen the current regional and global rabies control strategies and address the implementation of WHO One Health-based strategies in the results and regional level. Participants also had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new WHO Self-Assessment and Monitoring for Dog Population Management (SAM4DPM) system, aiming at supporting the WHO Member States to better understand their national situation and to progressively monitor and address the level of compliance with the WHO standards on dog population management. The workshop recommended that countries extend their rabies surveillance, laboratory capabilities, and reporting. Additionally, participating countries were advised to strengthen their networks within the region to share expertise and data through a platform and create inter-sectoral collaborations with the urban community to increase knowledge on rabies epidemiology in the region. New dog vaccination campaigns should be integrated with sustainable methods to long-term DPM programs based on the promotion of RDO and a One Health-oriented multi-sectoral collaboration and coordination.
- Rabies activities in UAE:** A program is currently being implemented in the United Arab Emirates to manage free-ranging animals. The program is facilitated through an e-platform called the Municipality Early Notification System, which is under the supervision of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCCE). Animal shelters have been established to support the program, which aims to ensure a prompt response to various types of notifications, such as those related to animal abuse, dog attacks on people, and animal welfare violations in all seven Emirates of the state. To encourage RDO, a Pet Care Center (PCC) was established in Abu Dhabi within the Abu Dhabi Labor District (ADLD) in 2021. The center is equipped with the latest state-of-the-art technology and equipment, and it provides companion animals with preventive care, vaccinations, clinical examinations, nutrition, and training, as well as other supportive interventions. The PCC has an advanced internet care unit, and specific targeted special intervention care unit for highly infectious diseases, in addition to a dog training team that supports dog owners for all levels of dog training.

4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT

2024

2025

2026

regional workshops on dog population management

6th workshop for the Balkan countries (October, TBC)



5th workshop for the West-Eurasian
(Central Asia and Caucasus) (2025)

7th workshop for the Balkan countries (2026)



Regular support for the SAM Tool 2.0 self-assessment rounds

Tailor-made assistance

✓ **One-to-one interviews** during the next workshops in the Balkans (2024) and West-Eurasia (2025)

✓ **Technical assistance to individual or groups of countries** to be provided by the network of WOHAI CCs on AW

✓ **Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine** – discussed with the Delegates at the SG in Paris



DISASTER MANAGEMENT



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**GUIDELINES
ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AND RISK REDUCTION IN RELATION
TO ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE
AND VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH**
(GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL VETERINARY SERVICES)



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In continuity with the 2021-2023
action plan, the Platform
Secretariat is developing *new
activities aiming at enhancing
WOAH Members’
DMRR capacity* in Europe



GUIDELINES FOR SIMULATION EXERCISES

A consistent set of good practices for preparing, delivering,
and learning from animal health and welfare and veterinary
public health simulation exercises for Veterinary Services

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WOAH Platform Action Plans' bridging workshop on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

Lisbon (Portugal), 16-18 January, 2024

The triennial pilot project

In 2018, a 3-year pilot project was launched by the WOAHP Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe, with the collaboration of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell' Abruzzo e del Molise (IZS-Teramo) aiming at building a culture of preparedness among Veterinary Services and relevant stakeholders, and to support the development of Veterinary Services Contingency Plans (VS-CPs) for animal welfare during natural disasters. 10 countries participated. A multi-step approach was used:



Three out of ten participating countries (Bulgaria, Romania and North Macedonia) developed their VS-CPs. Balkan countries are committed to further building their preparedness, strengthening competencies and skills on contingency planning for farm, companion and wild animal welfare with the support provided by WOAHP and WOAHP network of Collaborating Centres.

Stakeholder consultation meeting

Following the conclusion of the pilot project, WOAHP Platform started to work on regional needs assessment on Veterinary Services readiness. Hence, it was decided to organize an online "Stakeholder's Consultation meeting on the role of Veterinary Services on animal welfare in natural disasters", in collaboration with IZS-Teramo, that took place on the 14th, 15th and 17th of March 2023.

A four steps process has been followed according to the Appreciative Inquiry Summit methodology:



The most important objectives to be included in the 2023-2026 Action Plan were identified and prioritized with a poll during the event:

1. Improving and prioritizing WOAHP members' competences on capacity building
2. Increasing evidence documents and tools (CP, protocols, instructions)
3. Supporting multi-disciplinary activities
4. Encouraging and supporting a strategy from the bottom up (local level)
5. Improving WOAHP members' activities and communication

4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026



Vroegindewey, G., Gruszynski, K., Handler, D., Grudnik, T., Balbo, R., & Dalla Villa, P. (2023). *World Organization for Animal Health Members' capacity to deal with animal welfare emergencies during natural disasters in Europe*. Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, 1-26. doi:10.1017/dmp.2023.167

WOAH Platform Action Plans' bridging workshop on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

17 – 18 January 2024, Lisbon (Portugal)

40 participants from 14 countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, France, Portugal, Spain, Türkiye and Morocco)

Key objectives were:

- To **take stock of the Members' capacity to develop VS-CPs**, including the lessons learned during the multiannual pilot project.
- To raise awareness on the **importance of multi-hazard response frameworks and operational protocols in selected scenarios** (i.e., fires) and different areas in the region.
- To **identify the objectives and the desired outcomes of the next "regional workshop on contingency planning for animal welfare in natural disasters"** (2024).





Outcomes of the workshop

Communication and collaboration between Competent Authorities and stakeholders to be strengthened

Specific protocols/procedures and harmonized templates related to technical and administrative aspects of DMRR to be developed/shared

Networking opportunities and training events, in presence or online (i.e., risk analysis, data collection and the use of AI) to be available

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) contribution to the management of veterinary emergencies to be promoted

Role of NGOs and their complementarity to achieve shared objectives and goals of DMRR to be valued

Digital information management applications (training, consequences of a disaster, deployment of operational resources) to be used



The workshop has closed the first strategic pathway in this domain and **lay down the foundation of the new cycle of events to be implemented** in the frame of the 4th Action Plan of the WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe (2024- 2026).

On-Line Regional Meeting on DMRR for Europe

September 2024 (Q3/4 - TBC) - 53 WOAH Members involved

Objectives:

- To inform the participants about the ***WOAH HQ current engagement in DMRR at Regional level***
- To present the ***objectives of the EmVetNet 5 years action plan*** and take stock of the past and current initiatives taken
- To discuss the approach adopted following to ***WOAH Members' request for assistance to veterinary emergencies***



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2024



***On-Line Regional Meeting
on DMRR for Europe***

2025 - 2026



THEMATIC MEETINGS

2026



SIMULATION EXERCISE FOR THE TESTING OF
SELECTED COUNTRIES CONTINGENCY PLANS
FOR ANIMAL WELFARE IN NATURAL DISASTERS
IN EUROPE

European Civil Protection Forum 2024



Global and regional activities

- Pilot project VS-CP
- Regional needs assessment
- Planned activities

Civil Protection Village *exhibition space*

WOAH exhibition stand:

- raise awareness within civil protection community
- exploring opportunities for collaboration
- Guidance documents
- WOAH members experience
- Agro-crime and agro-terrorism
- Global Conference - emergency management

European Civil Protection Forum 2024



Civil Protection Village *exhibition space*

WOAH exhibition stand:

- raise awareness within civil protection community
- exploring opportunities for collaboration
- **39 conversations**
 - National Civil protection services
 - NGO
 - Governmental agencies
 - Academia
 - Business
 - International organisation
 - EU bodies

WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS

WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe
9th Stakeholders consultation meeting
19 June 2024, Brussels



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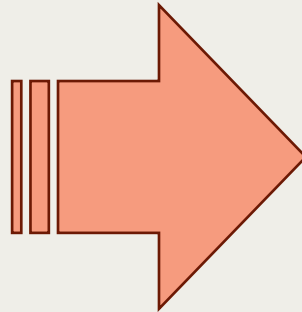
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Working Equids

**from raising awareness
on welfare of working equids**



**towards a plan build with targeted
Members and stakeholders adapted to
Member needs**



Online event September 2023
raise awareness on WOAH standards
share existing tools and resources
initiate building a new action plan

1st step: workshop in June 2024
capacity building needs and working on
development of adapted programs



Regional Awareness Day (2017)



Baseline Survey on Working Equids (2019)





online event on the welfare of working equids

онлайн-мероприятие:
благополуче рабочих животных
семейства лошадиных

Tuesday, 12th September 2023, 10.00 - Paristime (CEST)

The webinar will start shortly
Вебинар начнется в ближайшее время



Online event – 12 September 2023

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

Focus on West Eurasia (8 initially targeted) and Balkan countries

Collaboration with:

- International Coalition for Working Equids
- WOAH Collaborating Centre on animal welfare, European Union reference center for animal welfare for ruminants and equines

Event on welfare of working equids

*back-to-back to animal welfare focal points meeting
27 June 2024, Madrid, Spain*



- Technical lecture – WESLI technical resources
- Sharing country experience
 - Spain – addressing welfare of equids at local festivals in Cataluña
 - World Horse Welfare project in Romania
- Working group exercise, reporting and discussion

developing project proposal

(design, implementation, monitoring and reporting)

(example - license operators already providing an unlicensed equid tourism activities)

4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT

2024

Workshop on Working Equids

back too back to the FP AW meeting

2025

Seminar on Working Equids

2-3 days meeting the type of seminar will be define depending on members needs and available resources.

2026

Workshop on Working Equids

back too back to the FP AW meeting (tbc0

Thematic online meetings on Working Equids

Thank you

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Call for consultancy Communication strategy

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Consultancy on the communication strategy of WOAAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe



Call launch on the 24 of April 2024



Kick-off meeting on the 7 June 2024



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Consultancy on the communication strategy of WOAHA Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Objective

Improve global visibility of the Platform

How ?

Revision of the existing communication activities

Build a communication strategy



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Communication materials



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Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe
Annual report 2023

A graphic celebrating WOAH's 100th anniversary. It features the WOAH logo and the text "100 World Organisation for Animal Health Founded in 1924". Below this are three circular images: a donkey in a field, a cow in a stable, and two dogs (one brown and one white) lying down. At the bottom, the text reads "Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe Annual report 2023".

NEW RELEASE

100 World Organisation for Animal Health
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A banner for a new release. It features a red ribbon with the text "NEW RELEASE" in white. Below the ribbon is the WOAH 100th anniversary logo and the text "100 World Organisation for Animal Health Founded in 1924".

1st QUARTERLY PLATFORM NEWSLETTER 2024

What have we been up to in this first quarter of 2024?

We are pleased to share with you our main work and achievements:

- WOAH Platform Action Plan's bridging workshop on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction event in Lisbon, Portugal
- Annual Report of the Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe
- Vision papers: Animal welfare: a vital asset for a more sustainable world, and Animal health and welfare: cornerstones of sustainable animal farming
- Upcoming Activities

[Continue reading for more information!](#)

Events

WOAH Platform Action Plans' bridging workshop on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction (DMRR), 17-18 January 2024, Lisbon, Portugal

The DMRR workshop, held in Lisbon last January, fruitfully contributing to expertise exchange over Veterinary Services-Contingency Plans' (VS-CPs) mechanism and competencies during disasters. The exchange of expertise to improve VS-CPs in disasters was prosperous. Nevertheless, improvements are needed, and further collaboration in to increase contingency planning and welfare in natural disasters.



For more information about the event, please visit our [website](#): [LINK](#)



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Consultancy on the communication strategy of WOAAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Work plan

Background documentation review – ongoing

Understand the AW Platform principles and review of the communication activities

Participation to the AW Focal Point + Working Equids meeting – next week

Observe an activity of the Platform and consult with Member and Stakeholders

Presentation of the results at the next Steering Group meeting – October



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Call for consultancy M&E strategy

Monitoring
&
Evaluation

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SG22
30 April 2024



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Consultancy on the Monitoring & Evaluation strategy of WOAHA Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe



Call launch on the 29 of April 2024



Kick-off meeting on the 20 June 2024



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Consultancy on the Monitoring & Evaluation strategy of WOAAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Objective

Improve our capability to measure the impact of the AW Platform

How ?

Revision of the existing M&E system

Proposed a revised M&E system

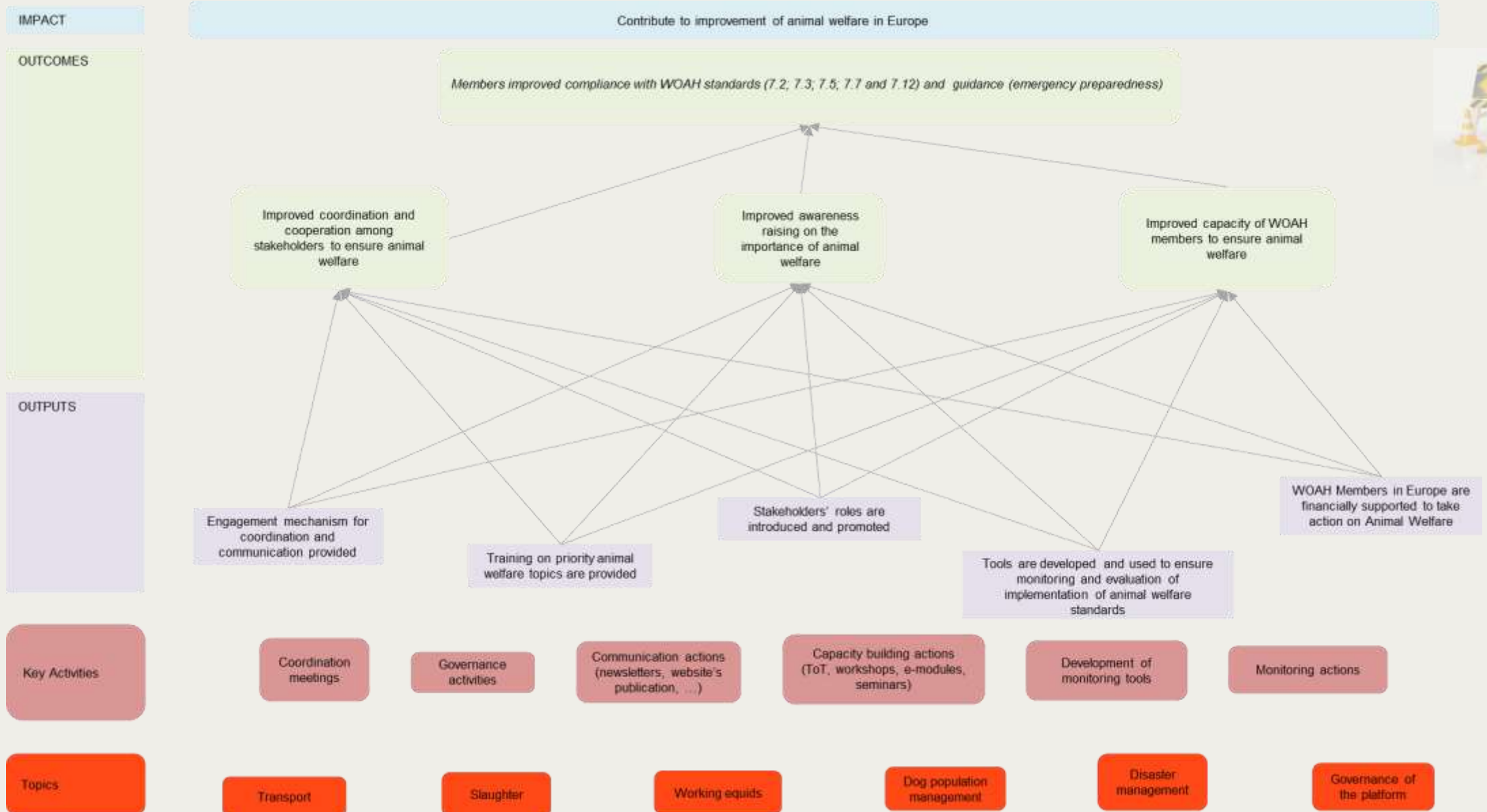


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Evolving Theory of Change



Consultancy on the Monitoring & Evaluation strategy of WOAAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Work plan

Background documentation review – Ongoing

Understand the AW Platform principles and review of the M&E system

Prepare the workshop on M&E – August-September

Workshop to be done back-to-back to the Steering Group meeting

Participation to the workshop on M&E – October

Will allow to explain the objectives, to discuss them and include SG comments to the revised M&E system

Present the results to the Steering Group – December



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Global Animal Welfare Strategy Update



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GAWS PILLARS ACTIVITIES

ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS UNDER REVIEW (TERRESTRIAL CODE)

February 2024 Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission) meeting Report



Chapter for comments

- ❑ Chapter 7.1. Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare; Presented for comments (Inclusion of the ‘Five domains’ concept and use of terms ‘animal-based measures’ and ‘measurables’). **Annex 29 of the February 2024 Code Commission Report.**
- ❑ Chapter 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes, **Annex 24 of the February 2024 Code Commission Report.**



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COMMUNICATION
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GOVERNMENTS,
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AND THE PUBLIC

SAVE THE DATE!



To bring together members of the animal welfare research community, the global animal welfare movement and the global animal-source food sector to debate openly on topics relevant to animal welfare

“How WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre Network can support Members in the development of animal welfare policies”

The 6th WOAHA Global Animal Welfare Forum, will take place face-to-face as a one-and-a-half-day event on the

28 and 29 October 2024

Merida, Mexico

The WOAHA 6th AW Forum will precede the triennial meeting of the Regional WOAHA Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre for the Americas Region and it will be a by invitation event.




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<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/communication-with-stakeholders/>

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Regional animal welfare kiosk during the 91st General Assembly of Delegates, May 2024



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