

WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport for Europe

16 – 18 December 2024, Paris, France



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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



Transport of animals

Network of WOAH 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



WOAH training modules for transport by land and sea

Animal welfare - transport by land

1. Introduction to animal welfare
2. Animal behaviour
3. Use of animal behaviour in handling.
4. Planning and preparations
5. Loading and transport by land
6. Unloading and resting
7. Transport of poultry
8. Responsibilities and competencies
9. Animal welfare in transport and meat quality

Animal welfare - transport by sea






4. Planning and preparations
5. Loading and transport by sea
6. Unloading

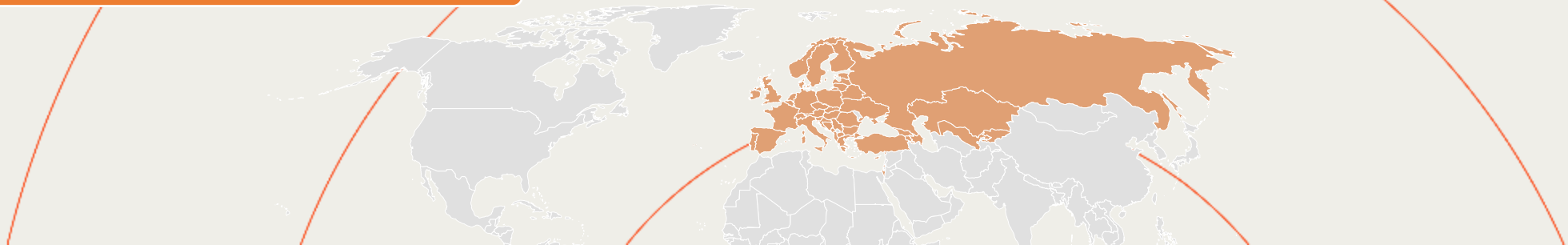
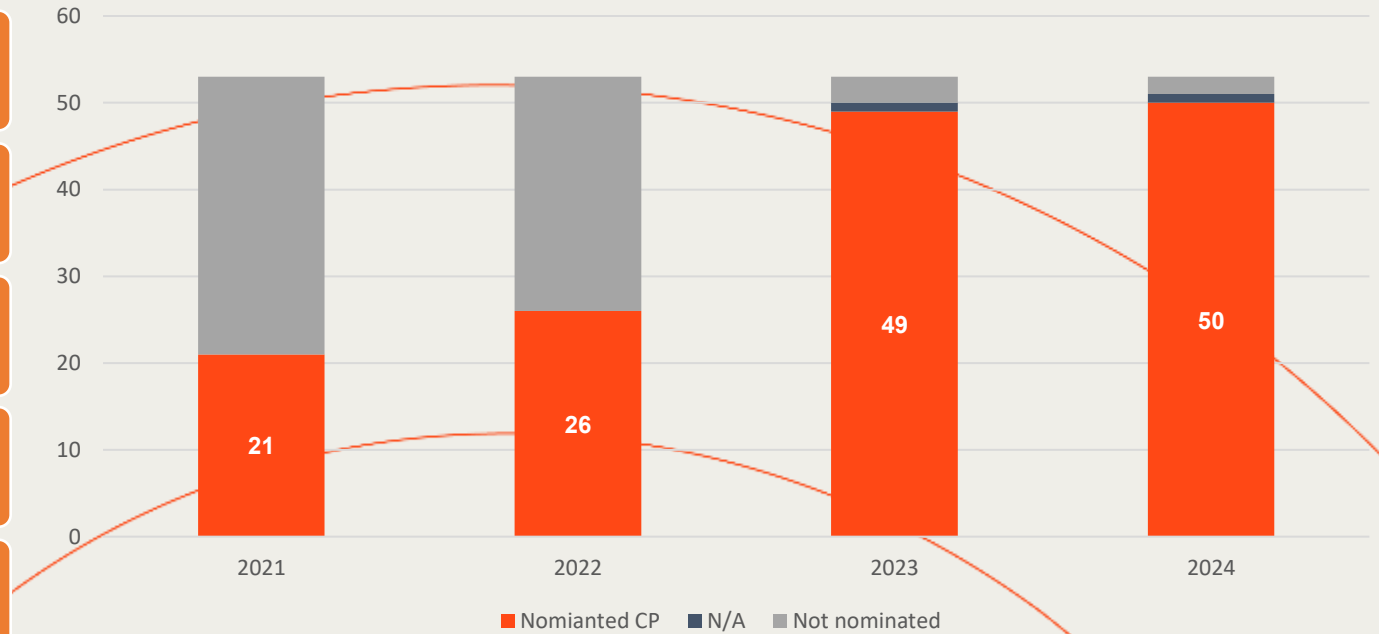


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WOAH Collaborating Center on Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis.



The network of WOAH National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

-  1st meeting – November 2021
-  2nd meeting – December 2022
-  3rd meeting – 20-22 June 2023
-  4th meeting – July 2024
-  5th meeting – March 2025



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





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

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





“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
on long-distance transport by land and sea
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

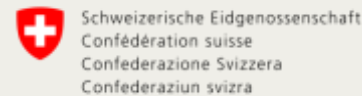
7 - 9 November 2023, Tunis, Tunisia



15
WOAH
Members

44
Participants

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



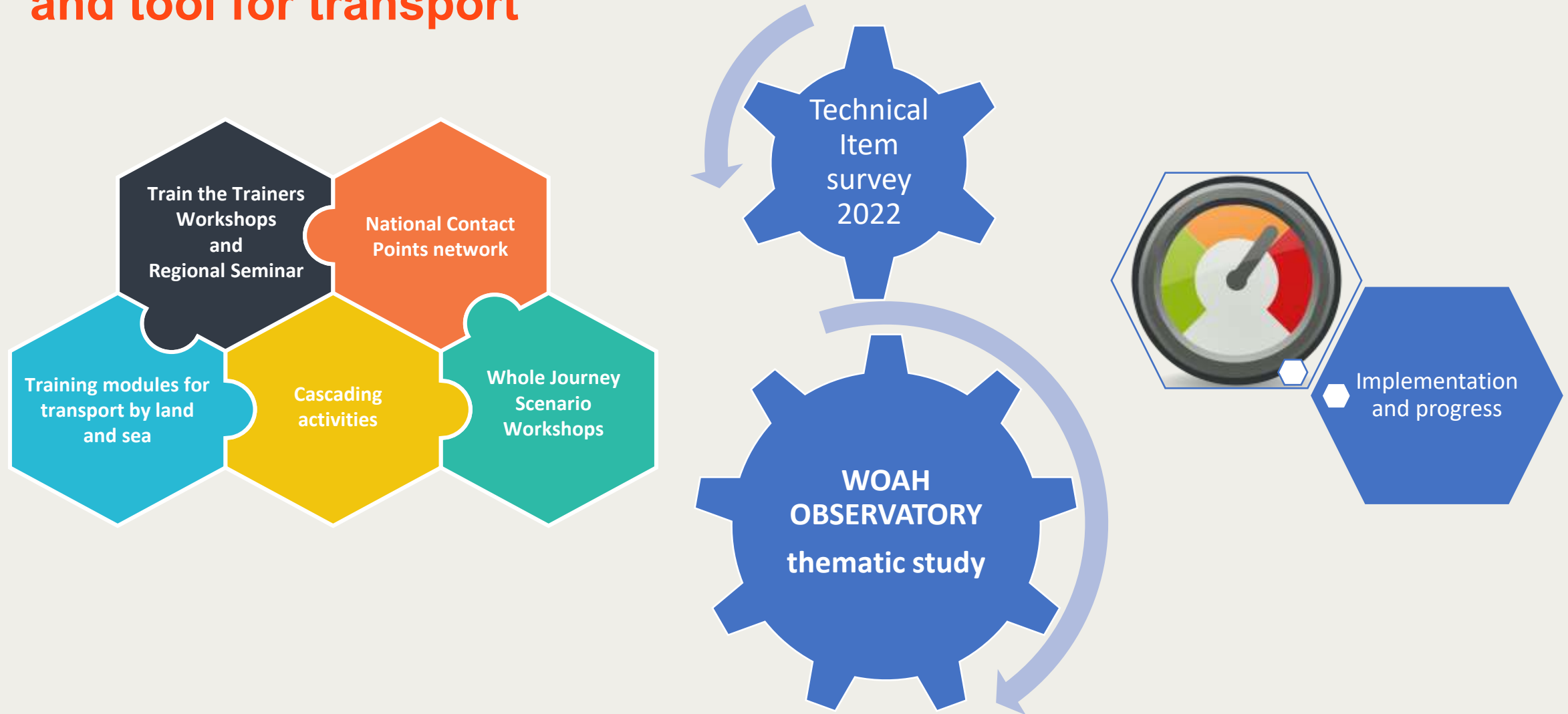
Multi-regional WJS workshops on transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa

Conclusions

- long distance transport is complex issue
- many animal welfare issues due to insufficient communication (technical and diplomatic channels for transmission of information are essential to facilitate info exchange among trading parties and CAs)
- need for strengthening communication and collaboration between Competent Authorities and all actors involved in the transport of live animals
- importance of defining responsibilities (especially between departure port and destination)
- importance of appropriate planning and 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
- whole journey scenario workshop are useful and instrumental to improve multiregional collaboration and collaboration between Competent Authorities
- support from WOAHA (workshops, trainings, development of IT tools, guidance documents and checklist)



Development of a self-assessment and monitoring methodology and tool for transport



4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS

2024

2025

2026



Regional WJS workshop Europe



Multi-regional WJS workshop Europe/NorthAfrica/Middle East



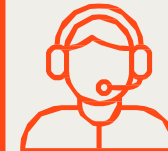
Regional WJS workshop Europe



Meeting of the NCPT network

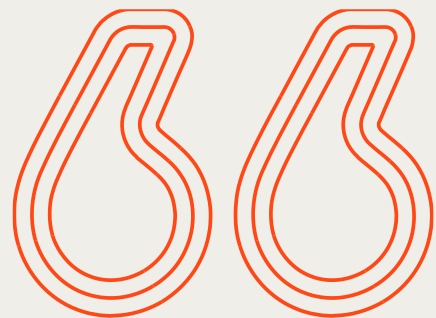


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**Animal welfare
is a journey
not a destination**



David Bayvel