

Specific Country needs and expected targeted support in between workshops

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Conclusions of the 5th WOAHA Regional Workshop on Dog Population Management for Balkan countries (SDB5) - April 2023

- ✓ 35 participants attended, including representatives from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo*, Serbia, Romania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Greece.
- ✓ Other participants included speakers and observers from seven regional or international organisations.
- ✓ Most of the countries were represented by officials working at central level to implement WOAHA standards in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC) Chapter 7.7 or appointed by other Competent Authorities at regional and local level.

(*References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))



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- Acknowledged the **efforts to maintain and reinforce the interactions between the Platform members** and stakeholders;
- Expressed their **interest in the topics discussed and appreciated the quality of the technical contributions** to the event;
- Found meeting **useful to identify possible (corrective) actions** to improve dog population management initiatives at national and local level;
- Reaffirmed their **commitment to support Country Roadmaps** development in the Balkans.



Persistent weak points

Despite the evolution perceived, were identified in:

- **absence of a National Action Plan (4 out of 10);**
- **scarce investments in public awareness and educational programs** for responsible owners;
- **poor communication and coordination** between national and local Competent Authorities;
- **limited collaboration with NGOs** and other stakeholders;
- **shortness in human, technical and financial resources;**
- **lack of essential training and educational opportunities** for operators involved in DPM activities.



EXTERNAL AID REQUESTED

- ❖ Financial Support/Resource Provision
- ❖ National Action Plan/national strategy development

- ❖ Technical expertise and best practices
- ❖ FRD estimation methodologies
- ❖ Comprehensive M&E programmes for local municipalities

- ❖ Public awareness/media campaign on dog responsible ownership
- ❖ Education on dog responsible ownership



NEXT STEPS

To make use of the **pool of DPM managers in the Balkans, in order to expand the range of training and capacity-building opportunities** aiming at increasing:

- (1) professional skills and capacities of the Veterinary Services involved in National Action plans and DPM programmes
- (2) the technical know-how of the personnel

To use the new SAMSYSTEM4DPM for conducting the next self-assessment rounds in full autonomy, in order to monitor the progression of their Roadmaps over time and according to their needs;

To progress in the implementation of their Roadmaps with the **support of the Platform Secretariat, the WOAHP Network of CCs on Animal Welfare, RAWC**, other sub-regional Academic bodies/Institutions and local/international NGOs;

Time flies, 10 years well spent together!

First OIE Regional Workshop on (national strategy) Stray Dog population

