



**World Organisation
for Animal Health**

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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:

- WOAHP 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

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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 improved in to increase contingency planning for animal welfare in natural disasters.

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



Event video Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa (WJS), 07-09 November 2023, Tunis, Tunisia

The WJS Workshop took place in Tunis in November 2023. The workshop's main objectives were to help countries improve animal welfare during long-distance and cross-border transport in compliance with WOA standards for the whole journey along the selected route, focusing on the responsibilities of the Competent Authorities over the entire journey. From this instrumental multiregional collaboration event, we were able to produce a video where participants, in their own voice, explain the impact of the event.



For complete information about the event and access to full video, please read our website: [LINK](#)

Annual Report



The 2023 Annual Report of the Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe has been released! 2023 was a pivotal year for the Platform to conclude a successful implementation of the 3rd Action Plan (2021 – 2023). Focused on 5 priority topics, the Platform was able to achieve a 87% completion rate of its planned activities. The successful implementation of the 3rd Action Plan as laid the grounds for the future, and built a path for a fruitful initiation of the 4th Action Plan.

For more information and access to the complete Annual Report, please read our website: [LINK](#)

Vision Papers

Our vision papers on **Animal welfare: a vital asset for a more sustainable world**, and **Animal health and welfare: cornerstones of sustainable animal farming** have been launched. Find below the link for both vision papers for more information.

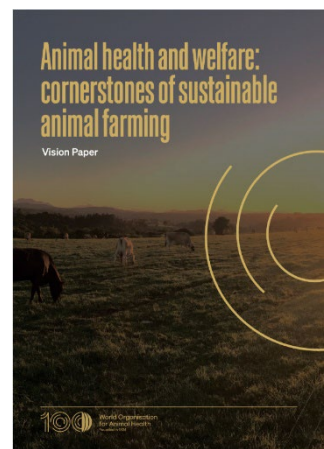
Animal welfare is a complex and sensitive issue. It puts into question our relationship with animals and our ethical responsibility towards those species used or affected by human communities for various purposes.



Please read more in our website: [Animal welfare: a vital asset for a more sustainable world - WOA - Europe](#)

For the improvement of animal farming systems, key animal health and welfare principles are essential to achieving sustainable practices that meet the needs of rearing animals for food, livelihoods and socio-economic well-being, while minimising negative environmental and health impacts.

Please read more in our website: [Animal health and welfare: cornerstones of sustainable animal farming - WOA - World Organisation for Animal Health](#)



Upcoming activities

- 22nd Meeting of the Steering Group of the WOA Platform on animal welfare for Europe (SG22), 30th of April 2024, Teleconference
- Transregional kiosk on animal welfare WOA General Session (29th May, Paris)
- WOA kiosk 2024 European Civil Protection Forum 4-5 June, Brussel
- Event of the National Focal Point on Animal Welfare (NFAW) to be held in June 2024, in Madrid, Spain
- Workshop Working Equids to be held in June 2024, in Madrid, Spain back-to-back with the NFAW event
- National Contact Point on Transport, July 2024