

WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

WOAH Regional workshop on animal welfare during slaughter

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1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016



2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019



3rd Action Plan
2021 - 2023



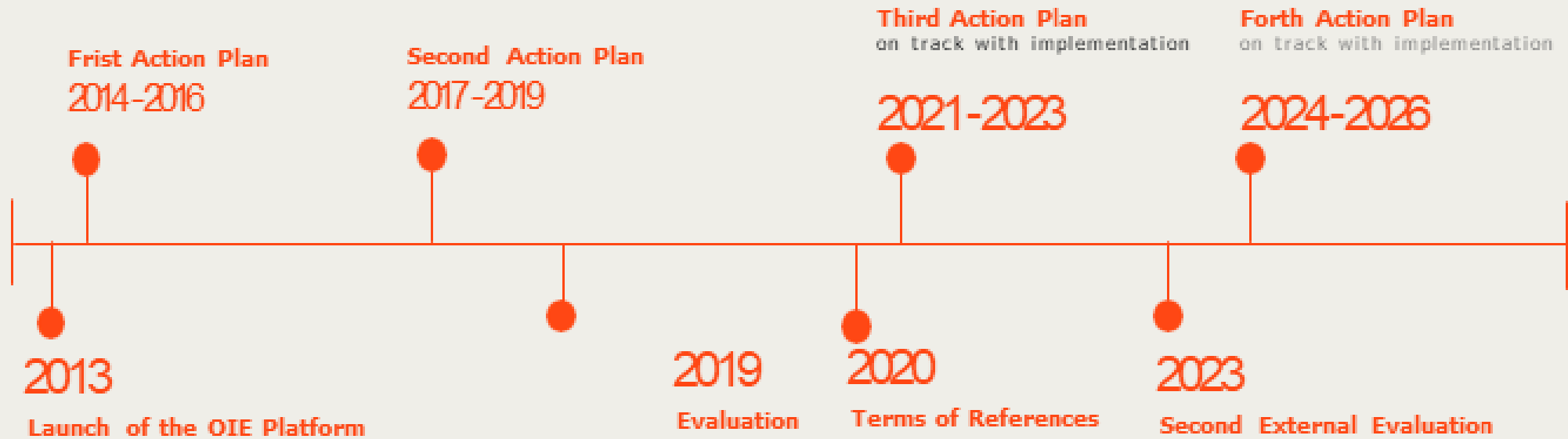
4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026



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







Concept Note: Proposed action to support OIE Member Countries in Eastern Europe in the implementation of the WOAH standards on animal health and welfare.

Technical item of the 25th Regional Conference of the Regional Commission for Europe was: Regional steps towards common Animal Welfare approach in Europe

The need to improve the efficiency of veterinary services in the countries of Eastern Europe (implementation of standards for good governance of Veterinary Services, animal health and animal welfare)

Governance, arrangements and resources - established Steering Group

The WOAH will seek resources for development and implementation of the proposed programme.



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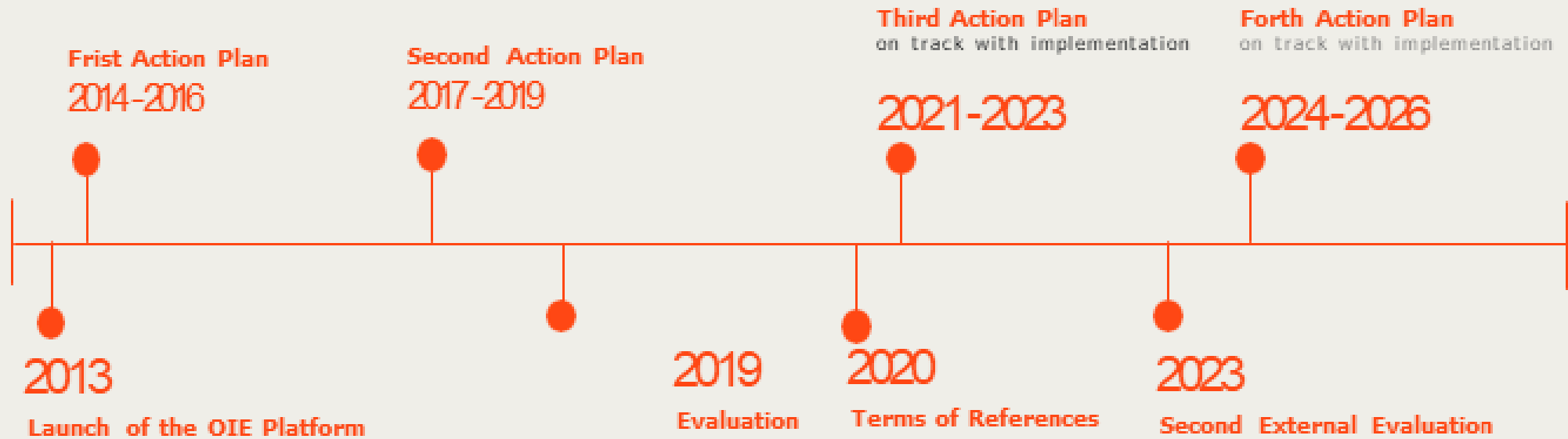
Annex 1: Proposed future actions for consideration by the Steering Group

List of proposed priority topics for the first three years:

- Transport of animals (by land);
- Stray dog population management;
- Slaughter of animals.

- Create and maintain an electronic forum that provides for access and exchange into the information
- Collect scientific and practical material relevant to animal welfare and regional initiatives
- PVS Pathway Activities: Develop or strengthen partnerships with the professional sector on these issues, particularly those working with transport, slaughterhouses and stray dog management.
- Organise regional seminars for focal points on relevant topics







Action Plan for 2014 - 2016

Objectives of the Action Plan

Overall objective

to improve animal welfare in Europe and to empower Veterinary Services to take action in Animal Welfare in compliance with WOAHA standards.

Specific Objectives

- To raise awareness and achieve a high level of understanding of animal welfare in the Europe region.
- To progressively advance with the implementation of the WOAHA standards on animal welfare.
- To encourage the participation of member countries of the WOAHA Regional Commission for Europe in the standard-setting process



Action Plan for 2014 - 2016

Scope of the Action plan for 2014-2016

3 priority topics

Activities of the Action plan for 2014-2016

list of 10 activates

Partners and Stakeholders

- Delegates, National Focal Points on animal welfare coming from 53 Member Countries r Europe;
- Professionals dealing with animal welfare (Veterinarians coming from both public and private sectors, Veterinary teaching establishments, Farmers, Industry, NGOs)

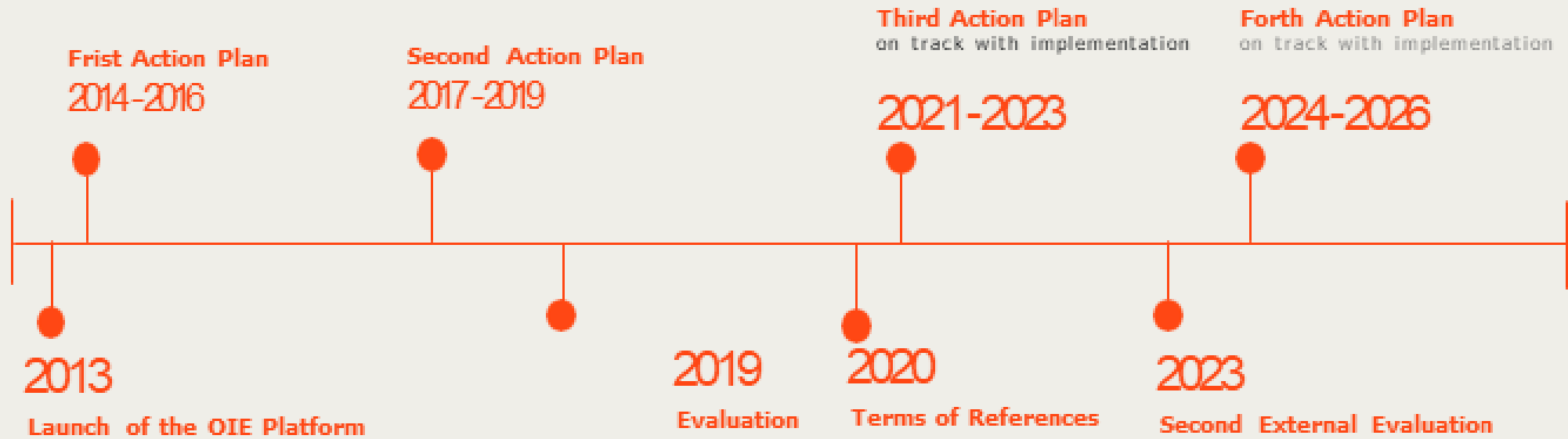
Reporting and monitoring

Reports to SG and Regional Commission

Impact indicators related to the implementation of the Strategic and Specific Objectives

Results Indicators linked to the implementation of specific activities of the Action Plan







External Evaluation 2019

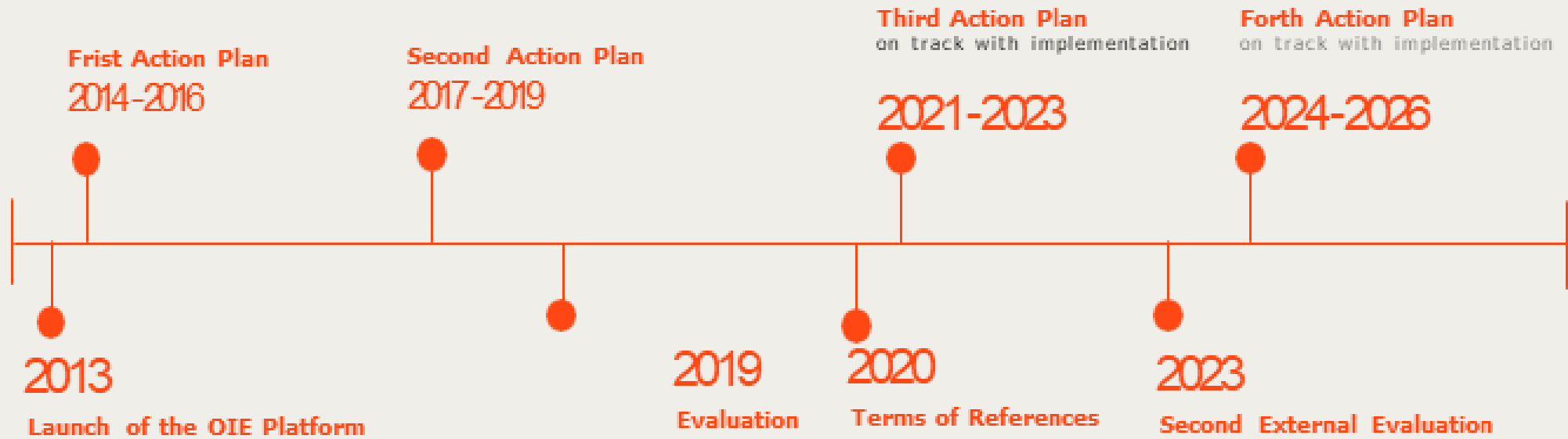
The evaluation examined the Platform's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and contribution towards impact

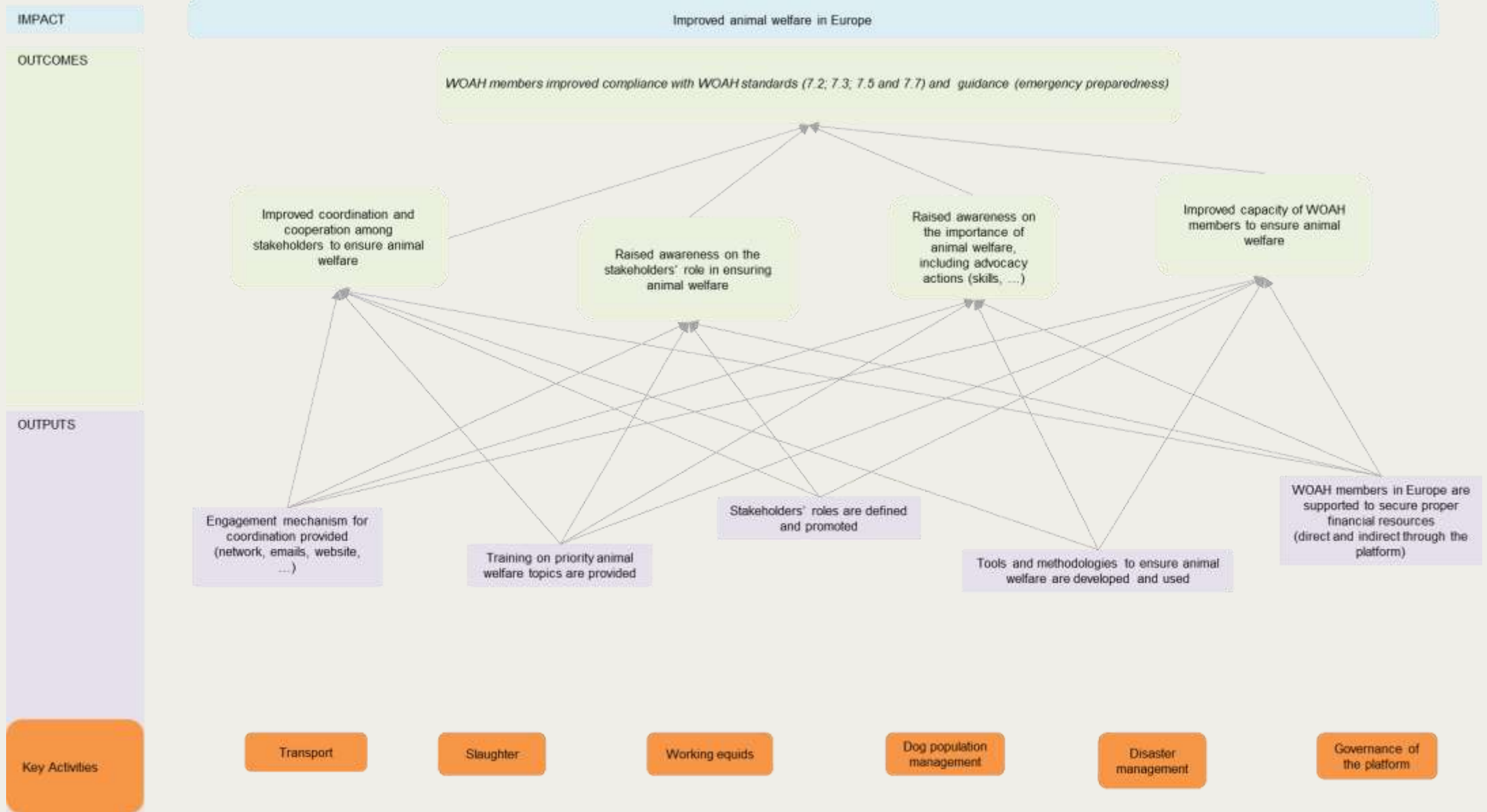
The Platform remains an important tool in promoting animal welfare in the wider European region.

The Platform also does not have a monitoring and evaluation system, and the current indicators in the Action Plans refer to activities and outputs.

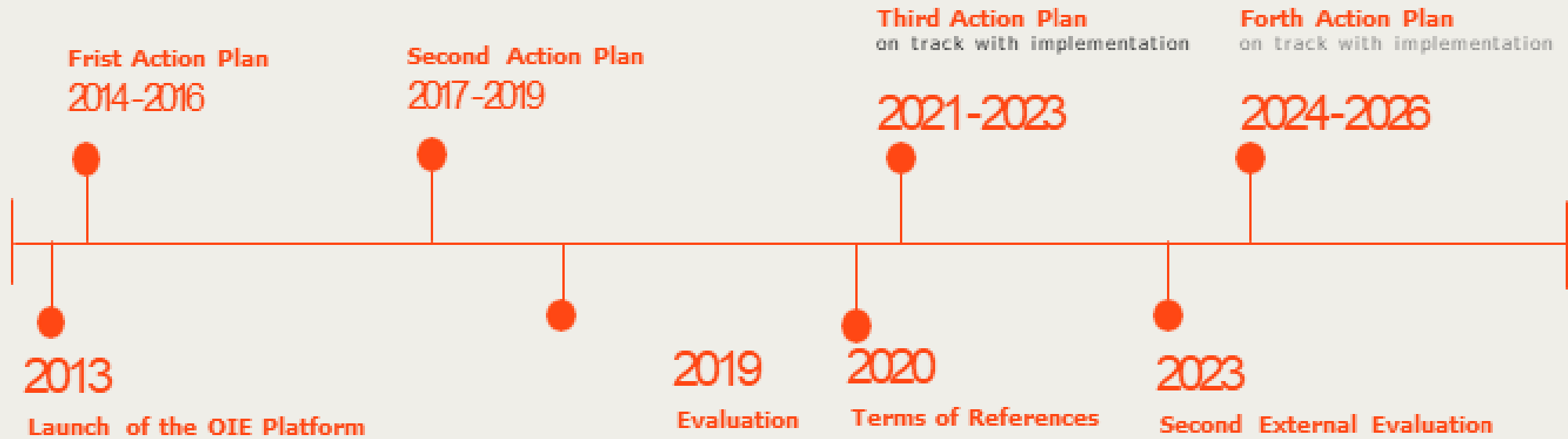
Furthermore, the Platform has never had a Theory of Change to clearly outline how the Platform's activities are expected to produce results and the Platform's intended impacts







Objectives	Indicators	Indicators details	Key assumptions and risks
Impact (Long-term objective): Improved animal welfare in Europe	Animal Welfare Critical Competencies' score (OIE PVS) in Europe improved	Baseline value: PVS scores 2019 Target value: Sources of verification: Animal Welfare Critical Competence 2.3 (Animal Welfare) PVS reports from the Europe region	There is a political will in OIE Members in Europe to improve Animal Welfare The AW is addressed only with one Critical Competence in the PVS. Limited number of conducted PVS evaluations in the region
Outcome Objectives (short/mid-term objective) <i>Improved compliance with OIE Animal Welfare standards (7.2; 7.3; 7.5; 7.7) and OIE guidance (emergency preparedness)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veterinary Services technical knowledge to implement OIE standard on animal welfare at slaughter is improved (OUTCOME_SA) - Transport stakeholders coordinate action to improve animal welfare (OUTCOME_TA) - European Members' capacity to manage stray dogs population is improved (OUTCOME_SD) - Veterinary Services' animal welfare emergency preparedness is improved (OUTCOME_DM) - Awareness on working equids animal welfare issues in Europe is improved (OUTCOME_WE) 	The Veterinary Services of the targeted country have conducted at least 1 cascading training on animal welfare at slaughter	Baseline value: 0 Target value: 50% of targeted countries Sources of verification: Training records, participant lists	
	Transport National Contact Points in Europe communicate with defined priority trade partners on animal welfare issues	Baseline value: 0 Target value: 3 per Contact Point Sources of verification: National Contact Point Survey	
	Number of implemented activities from endorsed stray dog management action plans.	Baseline value: 0 Target value: 2 activities per country Sources of verification: National action plan monitoring data	
	Number of targeted countries that tested Veterinary Services Contingency Plans in a simulation exercise	Baseline value: 0 Target value: 50% of targeted countries Sources of verification Reports from simulation exercises	
	Number of target countries with, at least, 2 tools from the Working Equids communication toolkit employed by Veterinary Services at national level	Baseline value: 0 Target value: 50% of targeted countries Sources of verification: Survey	
Outputs (Platform products)	Indicator	Indicators details	Key Activities



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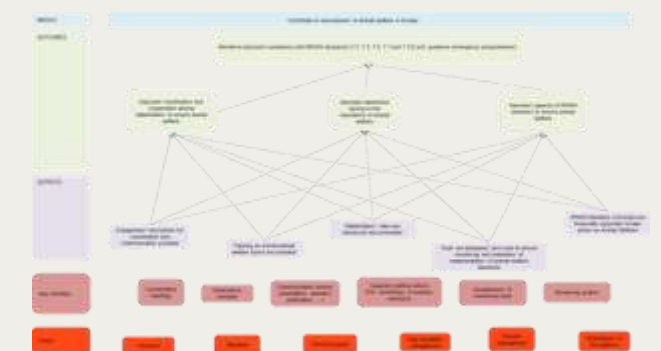
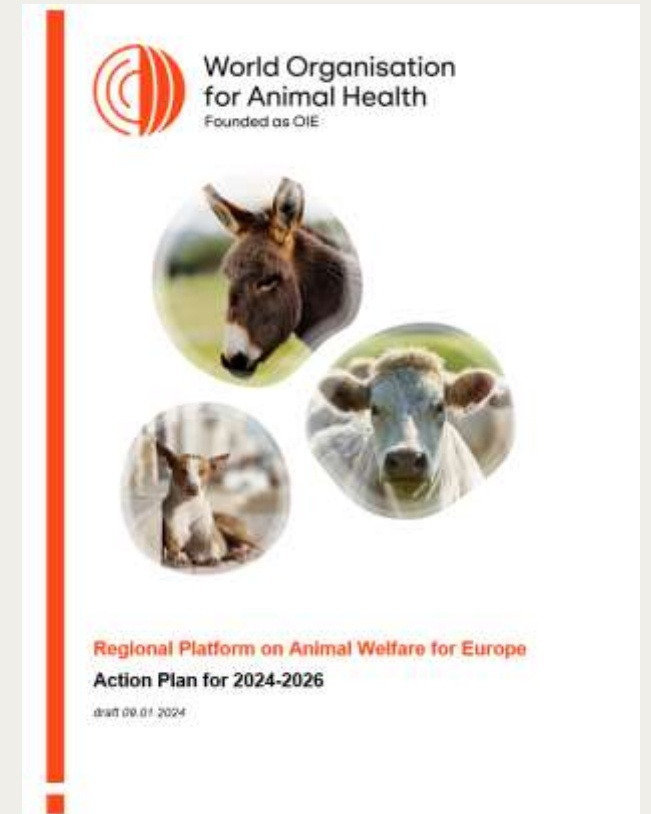
Impact (Long-term objective):

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

Outcome Objectives (short/mid-term objective)

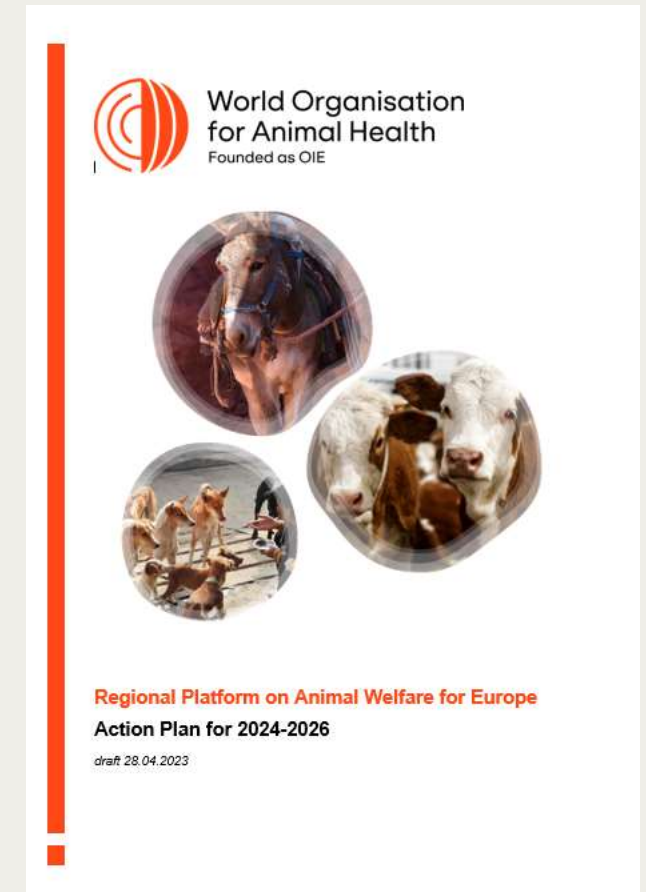
Progressively improve the compliance of WOAAH Members with WOAAH standards

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



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The external evaluation

The evaluation concluded that the Platform is highly relevant to Members and stakeholders.

A key strength of the Platform has been its long-term strategy of building on the foundations, achievements and lessons of successive Action Plans.

The external evaluation recommendations cover six main areas: consolidate (maintain the five priority topics and number of activities), strengthen the Platform's theory of change, strengthen monitoring, evaluation and learning, conduct impact studies, review and document Members' needs, and secure additional resources.

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- **Impact (Long-term objective):**

- improve animal welfare in Europe through the following priority topics for the region: transport of animals by land and by sea, slaughter of animals, dog population management, welfare of working equids and welfare of animals during disasters.

- **Outcome Objectives (short/mid-term objective)**

- progressively improve the compliance of WOA Member Countries from the region of Europe with relevant chapters of the WOA Terrestrial Animal Health Code and Guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction.

The 4th Action Plan, covering the period 2024-2026, ensures the **continuity** with the three previous Action Plans and it focuses on strengthening the **WOAH Members involvement** in the development of standards and the regional collaboration towards its implementation, including through the work of National Focal Points on Animal Welfare.

The WOA Platform continues to **collaborate with all countries and stakeholders** involved in animal welfare in Europe who share a **common vision** and agreed in the implementation of activities under the Action Plan. In this regard, efforts are made to prevent duplication of existing activities/programmes on animal welfare in the region and to better organize **synergies** and resources pooling (EU and NGOs projects, etc).

A comprehensive Result Framework and the Theory of Change



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Continuity on the five priority topics of the previous Action Plans:

- Transport of animals by land (WOAH TAHC Chapter 7.3) and transport of animals by sea (WOAH TAHC Chapter 7.2)
- Slaughter of animals (WOAH TAHC Chapter 7.5)
- Dog population management (WOAH TAHC Chapter 7.7)
- Welfare of animals in disasters (WOAH Guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction in relation to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health)
- Welfare for Working Equids (WOAH TAHC Chapter 7.12)



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Beneficiaries, partners and stakeholders

- **Beneficiaries:**

Delegates, National Focal Points on animal welfare coming from 53 Member Countries of the WOA
Regional Commission for Europe.

Professionals dealing with animal welfare:

- Veterinary Services (public and private sectors),
- Veterinary education establishments,
- Farmers, owners, handlers,
- Business operators,
- NGOs,
- General public.

- **Financial and Technical Partners:**

Other stakeholders and resource partners



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Reporting

- Meetings of the Regional Commission for Europe during the General Sessions
- Meetings of the regional Core Group (RCG)
- Conference of the Regional Commission for Europe
- Meetings of the Platform's Steering Group meeting
- Regional animal welfare focal points seminar

A monitoring and evaluation are based on set of indicators to assess progress / impact and efficiency / effectiveness of the Platform listed in the results framework.

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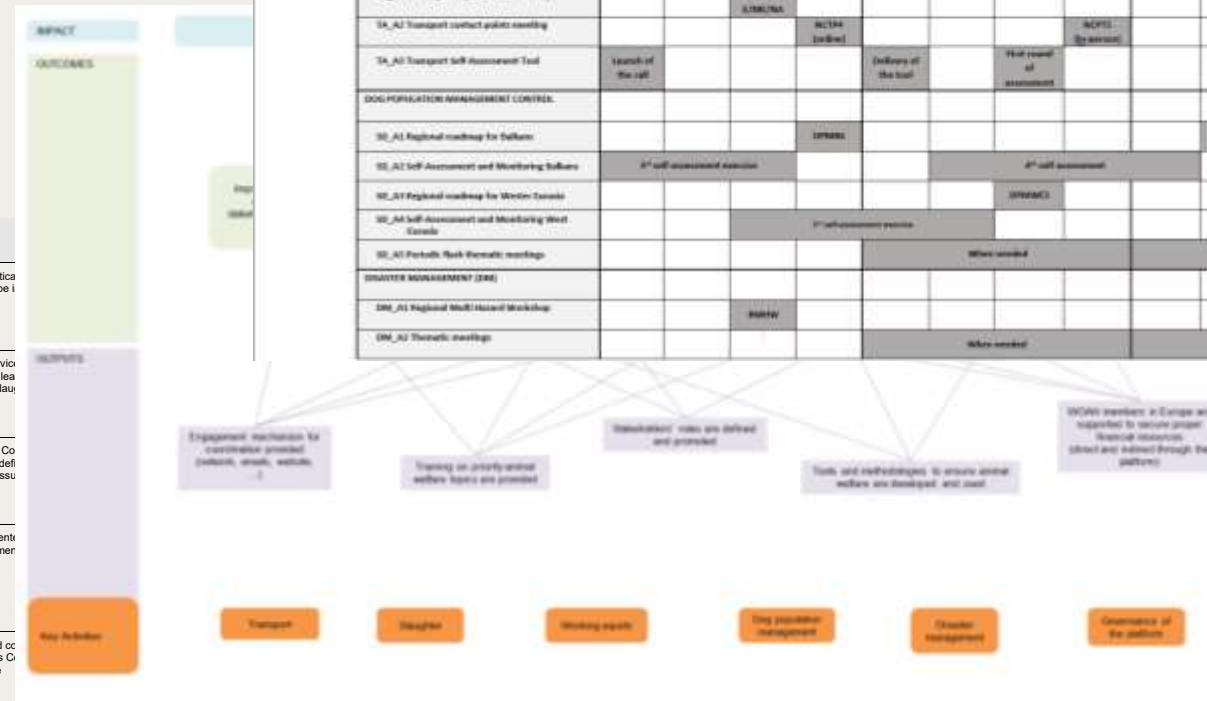
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Timetable Theory of Change Results Framework

Objectives	Indicators	Indicators details	Key Activities
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Outputs (Platform products)	Indicator	Indicators details	Key Activities



Indicative timetable for the implementation of the third Action Plan for 2024-2026

Activities of the Platform	2024				2025				2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
SLAUGHTER (SA)												
SA_AI Regional seminars												
SA_AI E-learning resources	Launch of the call			Delivery of the e-modules								
SA_AI Slaughter Self-Assessment Tool								Launch of the tool				Delivery of the tool
TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS (TA)												
TA_AI Whole journey scenario workshop			With LWF/FAO								With LWF/FAO	
TA_AI Transport context pilots meeting				With LWF/FAO				With LWF/FAO				With LWF/FAO
TA_AI Transport Self-Assessment Tool	Launch of the call			Delivery of the tool			Final round of assessment					
DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT CONTROL												
DP_AI Regional roadmap for Belgium				DPBMS							DPBMS	
DP_AI Self-Assessment and Monitoring Belgium			A ¹ self-assessment exercise					A ¹ self-assessment				
DP_AI Regional roadmap for Western Canada								DPWMS				
DP_AI Self-Assessment and Monitoring West Canada												A ¹ self-assessment exercise
DP_AI Periodic Risk Research: meetings								When needed				When needed
STRAY DOG MANAGEMENT (SDM)												
DM_AI Regional Multinational Workshop				DMW								
DM_AI Thematic meetings								When needed				When needed

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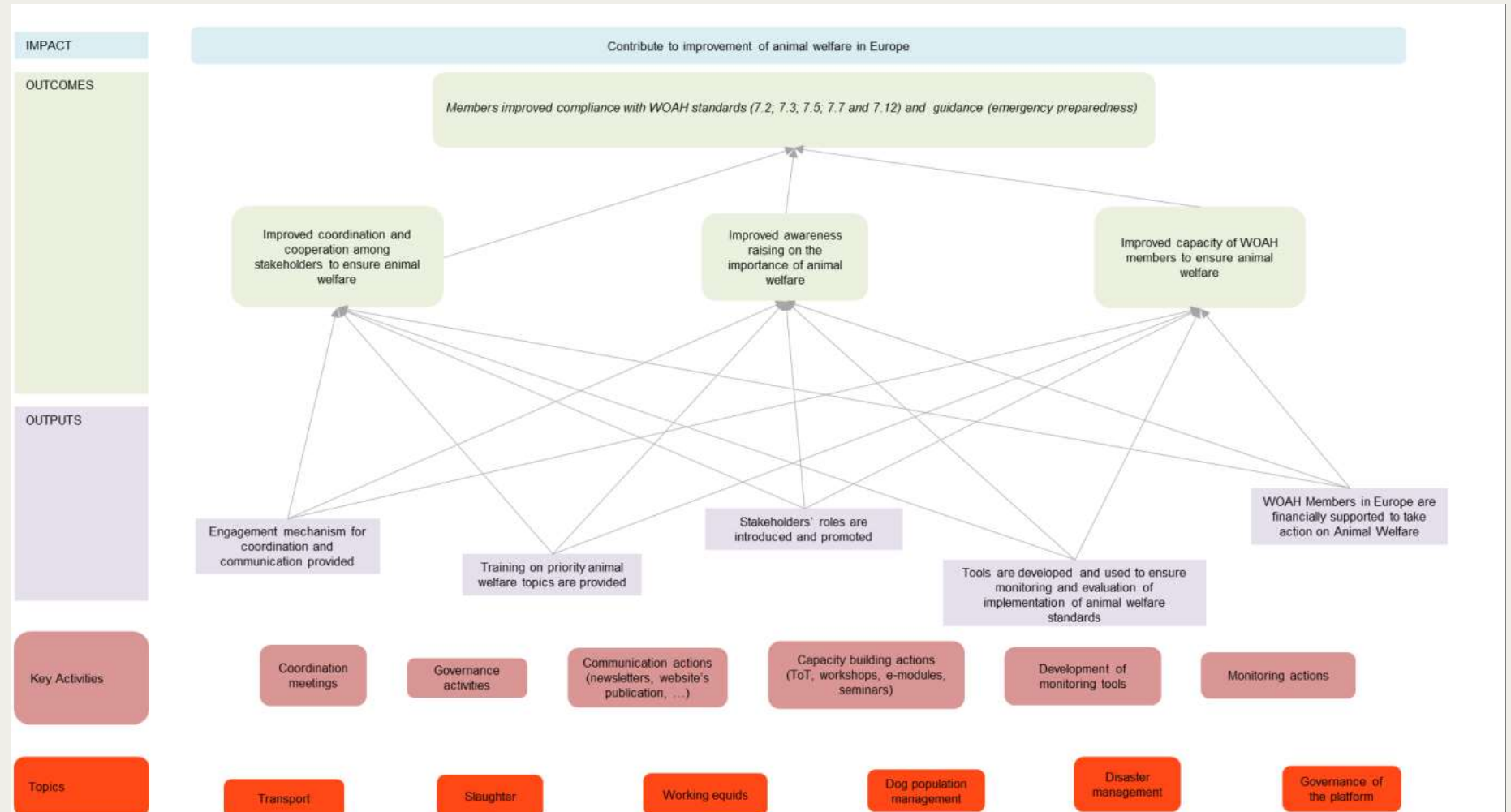
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IMPACT

Contribute to improvement of animal welfare in Europe

OUTCOMES

Members improved compliance with WOAH standards (7.2; 7.3; 7.5; 7.7 and 7.12) and guidance (emergency preparedness)

Improved coordination and cooperation among stakeholders to ensure animal welfare

Improved awareness raising on the importance of animal welfare

Improved capacity of WOAH members to ensure animal welfare

OUTPUTS

Engagement mechanism for coordination and communication provided

Training on priority animal welfare topics are provided

Stakeholders' roles are introduced and promoted

Tools are developed and used to ensure monitoring and evaluation of implementation of animal welfare standards

WOAH Members in Europe are financially supported to take action on Animal Welfare

Key Activities

Coordination meetings

Governance activities

Communication actions (newsletters, website's publication, ...)

Capacity building actions (ToT, workshops, e-modules, seminars)

Development of monitoring tools

Monitoring actions

Topics

Transport

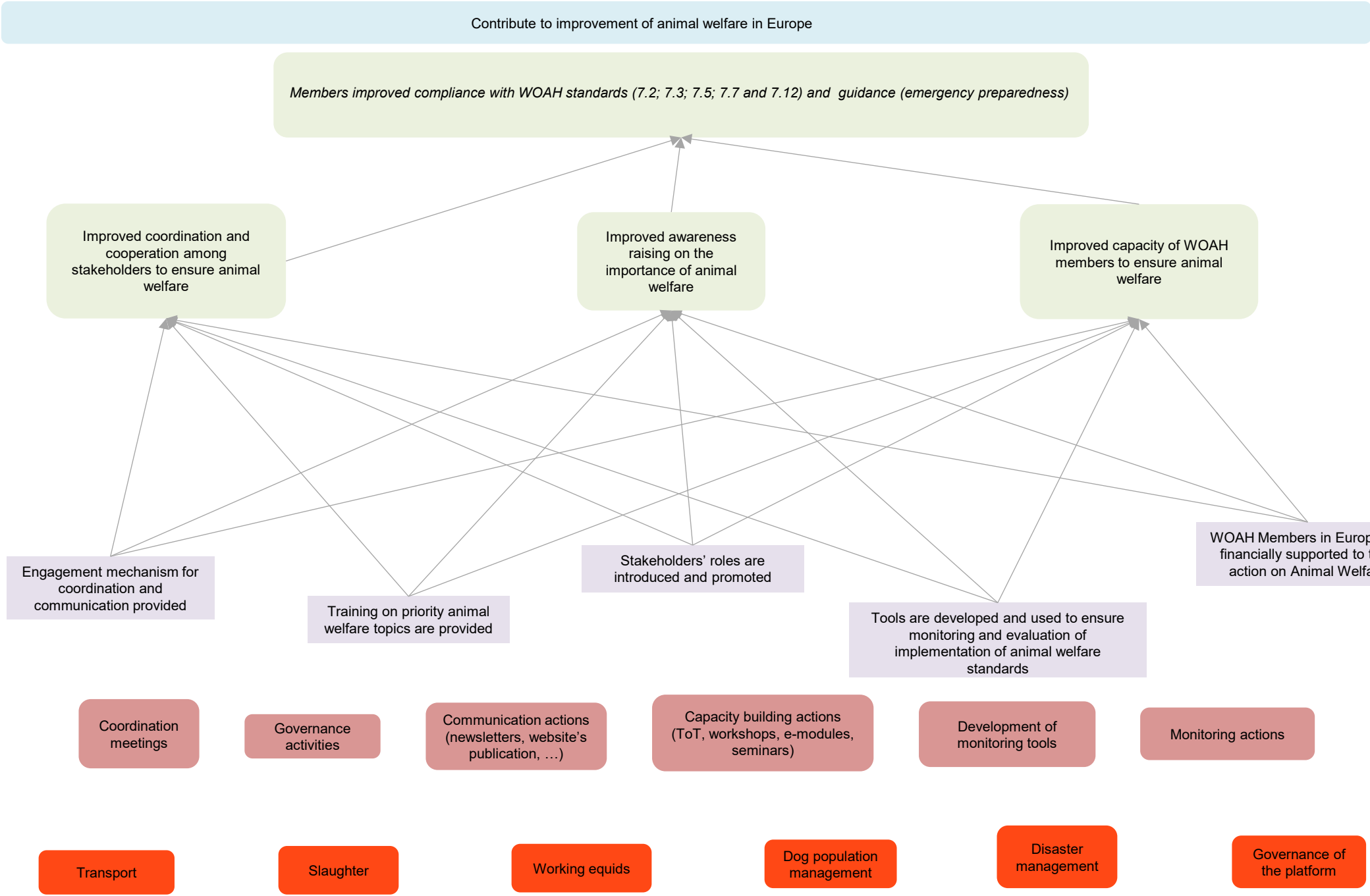
Slaughter

Working equids

Dog population management

Disaster management

Governance of the platform





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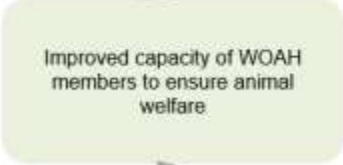
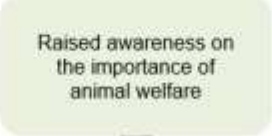
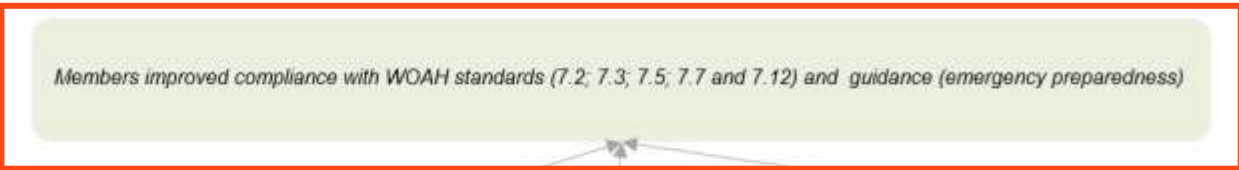
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Results statement	Indicator	Baseline	Target	MoV	Assumptions
OUTCOMES					
OUTPUTS					



Results statement	Indicator (for 3 years unless indicated otherwise)	Baseline	Target	MoV	Assumptions
Outcome 1: Members improved compliance with WOAAH standards 7.2, 7.3, 7.5 7.7, & 7.12 and guidance (emergency preparedness)	Proportion of countries compliant with 7.7 WOAAH standards through country self-assessments / to the countries targeted by Platform activities	23 countries targeted by platform activities	70%	Self-assessment reports	Countries targeted by the Platform activities use the SAM4DPM to do self-assessments on dog population management
	Proportion of countries compliant with 7.2 & 7.3 WOAAH standards through country self-assessments (transport)/to the countries targeted by Platform activities	50 countries targeted by platform activities	60%	Self-assessment reports (once the tool developed) Technical item at the conference of the Regional Commission for Europe, Observatory Technical Study on transport (to measure the baseline)	The self-assessment tool is operating by 2025 Countries that nominated a National Contact Point on long-distance transportation use the developed self-assessment tool
	Proportion of countries compliant with 7.5 WOAAH standards through country self-assessments (slaughter) / to the countries targeted by Platform activities	XX countries target by platform activities	40%	To be done once the self-assessment tool is developed	The self-assessment tool is operating by 2026 Countries targeted by the Platform activities use the self-assessment tool to do self-assessments on slaughter (to be determine before the self-assessment tool is operating)
	Proportion of countries with VS-CP for disaster management/to the countries targeted by Platform activities	9 countries target by platform activities	60%	Meeting reports	The countries target by this indicator will work on their VS-CP following their participation to the pilot project (under the 3 rd action plan) and 4 th action plan relevant activities (number of countries to be determine during the 2024 activities)
	Proportion of countries with legislation, and identification and registration system for working equids	8 countries target by the 2019 survey	70%	Meeting reports (pool made during the meetings)	Use the question asked during the 2019 survey, that were also asked during the awareness meeting in 2023 to monitor the progress



Assessment and upgrade of the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the Platform



Thank you

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