

WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

WOAH Regional workshop on animal welfare during slaughter

11 - 12 February 2025, Tirana, Albania



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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





Priority topics



4th Action Plan for 2024-2026

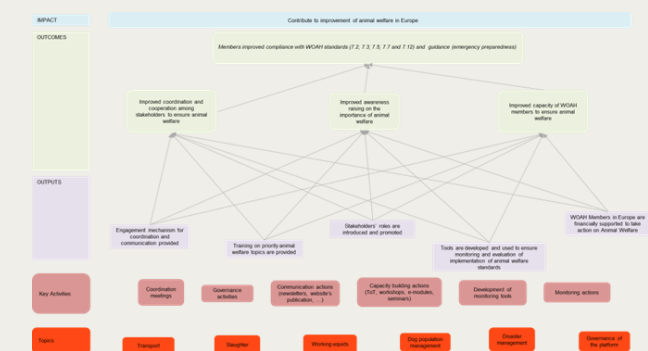
Impact (Long-term objective):

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**



2024 – Key achievements

- Implementation of the 4th Action Plan

is the implementation of 85% of the activities planned for the first year of the 4th Action Plan of the Platform

- Communication strategy

advanced communication initiatives, enhancing visibility and understanding of the Platform's pivotal role and achievements.

- Monitoring and Evaluation

ongoing work on improving the monitoring and evaluation framework of the Platform with the engagement of the Steering Group



Priority topics



Slaughter of animals



- **New revised standard**

adopted during the 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**

train the trainers session, dedicated workshops, webinars

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



Slaughter of animals

Preparing training of trainers programme:

- **WOAH members needs assessment**
- **building national training programme**



The specific objectives

- identify legal framework, responsibilities, current situation and available resources for training personnel responsible for animal welfare during slaughter
- define the training needs
- identify the different partners involved in capacity-building activities and discuss possible public-private partnerships
- present and discuss principles and elements for developing a comprehensive national training program on animal welfare during slaughter



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

Dog population management

Improving Members' capacity

- Regional roadmaps on dog population management

**Balkan Roadmap
(objective 2026)**

- targeted support to address specific needs of countries

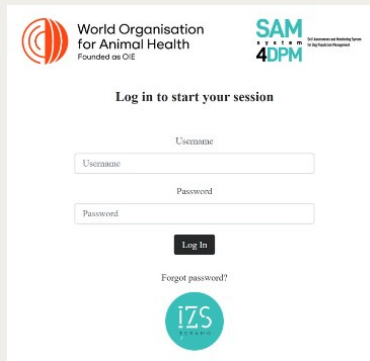
**West Eurasia Roadmap
(objective 2030)**

- 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



Animal welfare in natural disasters

building on achievements of the pilot project on role of Veterinary Services on animal welfare in natural disasters

Identification of the regional needs:

- Survey on WOAAH Members capacity to deal with animal welfare emergencies during natural disasters in Europe
- online Stakeholders' Consultation

Role of Veterinary Services on Animal Welfare in natural disasters
Pilot approach on natural disasters preparedness for Balkan countries

ABSTRACT
In 2024, a 3-year pilot project was launched by the WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe, with the objective of identifying and addressing animal welfare needs in natural disasters. The project was implemented in 14 WOAAH Member countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey) and involved 14 WOAAH Members and 14 WOAAH Stakeholders. The project was implemented in 14 WOAAH Member countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey) and involved 14 WOAAH Members and 14 WOAAH Stakeholders. The project was implemented in 14 WOAAH Member countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey) and involved 14 WOAAH Members and 14 WOAAH Stakeholders.

INTRODUCTION
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Disaster Management and Risk Reduction Workshop 14 WOAAH Members from Europe and North Africa

WOAH at European Civil Protection Forum 2024 Awareness and collaboration with stakeholders

Online meeting on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction WOAH development and sharing experience of Members

- Regional workshop on contingency planning and response plans
- Thematic online meeting
- Simulation exercise for the testing contingency planning

Welfare of working equids

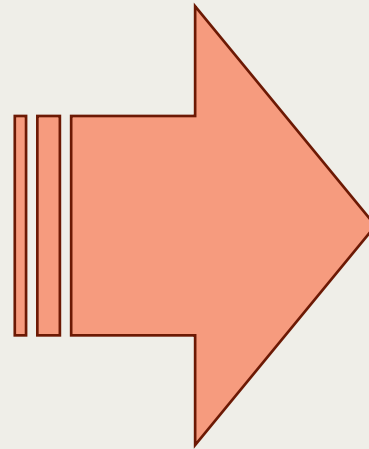
from raising awareness
on welfare of working equids



Regional Awareness Day (2017)



Baseline Survey on Working Equids (2019)



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

Online event September 2023:

- raise awareness on WOAAH standards
- share existing tools and resources
- initiate building a new action plan

Workshop in June 2024

back-to-back to NFP AW meeting
capacity building needs and working on
development of adapted programs

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- Thematic online meetings/ seminars on working equids
 - Workshop on working equids



Governance

- WOAHA Regional Commission for Europe
- Steering Group (Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Ireland, Portugal)

Stakeholders and partners

- annual coordination meetings

Communication

- communication strategy
- website updates
- annual newsletters
- annual report

Monitoring and evaluation

- Continuous improvements
- external consultant – review
- tools within each priority topic
- Engagement of the Steering Group and WOAHA members



Communication



The screenshot shows the website's main page with a navigation bar, a hero image of a dog and a person, and a section for 'Last news and events' featuring three news items: 'Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario Workshop', 'External evaluation of the Platform on Animal Welfare', and 'Newsletter 2024 - Platform on Animal Welfare'.

This section lists various activities from 2023/2024, including transport, animal welfare of working equids, dog population management, and the start of the work on the multi-regional whole journey scenario workshop. It also includes a 'WHAT'S NEXT' section with a timeline of upcoming events for 2024.

The newsletter cover features the WHO logo, the title 'Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe', and the date 'Newsletter 2024'. It includes a photo of a man in a suit and a diagram showing the platform's governance structure.

The newsletter cover features the WHO logo and the title '1st QUARTERLY PLATFORM NEWSLETTER 2024'. It includes a section titled 'What have we been up to in this first quarter of 2024?' with a list of achievements and a 'Continue reading for more information!' link.

The graphic features the WHO logo and the text 'World Organisation for Animal Health' and 'Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe'. It also includes the text 'Annual report 2024'.



Regional training seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare

25 - 27 June 2024 Madrid, Spain



42

Focal
Points

50

Participants

- ***NFP's role and ToR (revision/discussion)***
- ***Animal welfare legislation***
- ***Advancing implementation of animal welfare standards***
Economics, one welfare, communication, public-private partnership, collaborating centers
- ***Animal welfare assessment***
Animal welfare in production systems and at slaughterhouse, animal-based indicators and PLF, fish welfare
- ***Platform on animal welfare – priority topics***
- ***Event on the welfare of working equids***

Regional training seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare



- *facilitate networking, sharing and exchange of experiences*
- *create a network of contact points on two other priority topics (dog population management and natural disaster management)*
- *support in building a multi-annual AW Action Plan*
- *training and updates on transversal and technical animal welfare topics*

Thank you

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