



# World Organisation for Animal Health

1st QUARTERLY PLATFORM UPDATE 2025

## What has your favourite Platform been up to in the last months?

Time to share with you, dear colleagues, our main work and engagements in the past quarter:

- Regional workshop on animal welfare during slaughter
- WOAHP workshop on developing national action plans for animal welfare
- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of WOAHP regional network of National Contact Point on long-distance transportation in Europe (NCPT)
- Annual Report – 2024
- Steering Group of the WOAHP Platform on animal welfare for Europe perspectives - video
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## Events

### Regional workshop on animal welfare during slaughter, Tirana - Albania, 11-12 February 2025

Beautiful Tirana kindly hosted our first in-person workshop on animal welfare during slaughter since 2018. 32 participants, WOAHP member representatives and experts, actively engaged in identifying capacity-building needs to support the development of comprehensive national training programs on animal welfare during slaughter.

The workshop emphasised the importance of harmonised training programs, exchange of best practices, focusing on structured collaboration and regional approach.

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



## **WOAH workshop on developing national action plans for animal welfare, Tirana - Albania, 13 February 2025**



Albania also hosted a full-day session dedicated to developing national action plans for animal welfare. As a pilot workshop, it served as a guided platform to support WOAH members in creating sustainable, multi-annual strategies for long-term animal welfare management.

Presentations on country situation, methodologies and tools, and interactive working groups exercises, allowed participants to build skills and share the knowledge for developing action plans. The workshop paved the way for more structured and effective country-specific action plans for animal welfare initiatives.

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

## **5<sup>th</sup> meeting of WOAH regional network of National Contact Point on long-distance transportation in Europe (NCPT), Thessaloniki - Greece, 11 - 13 March 2025**

Our National Contact Points on Long-Distance Transportation in Europe gathered in Thessaloniki for the 5th regional workshop. The meeting provided a platform to reengage our NCPT who continued to work on common efforts to strengthen collaboration and communication between Competent Authorities in ensuring animal welfare during transport in the context of the WOAH standards.

The effectiveness of the NCPT network has been praised in heightening the communication to swiftly address animal welfare issues. Nonetheless, continuous efforts are needed to maintain this effective communication between Competent Authorities.

To read the information about the event, please follow the link: [LINK](#)



## Annual Report 2024



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### Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe



### Annual report - 2024

No need to wait any long. You may now access our 2024 Annual Report of the Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe!

This report presents to you our achievements of the first year of the 4<sup>th</sup> Action Plan, bringing you exciting information about our meetings, workshops, fruitfully progressing on our five priority topics. It has been also a year of work in our strategy, highlighting our work in Monitoring & Evaluation, and development in our Communication work.

But we did not do it alone. Many thanks to our WOA Members and Stakeholders for yet another year of great work, collaboration, and cooperation with the primary objective of improving Animal Health and Welfare.

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

## Event Communication Video

### Insights from the Steering Group: Guiding the future of the Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

The Platform on Animal Welfare Steering Group met in Vienna, for its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. During this meeting members of the steering group share their own perspective of the work that the Platform has achieved and insights for its future.

We are pleased to share this video showcasing Steering Group point of view on the role and importance of the Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe.

For more information and access to the complete video, please see our website: [LINK](#)





## Welcome Package for Focal Points on animal welfare



Dear Focal Points on Animal Welfare, do not miss our Welcome Package. It has been developed to support you upon their nomination!

Focal points nominated by the Delegate contribute to:

- WOAHA standard-setting process by sending their proposals and comments to the Specialist Commission and in-country consultation process.
- improve communication between WOAHA and its Members, as well as enhancing communication between Competent Authorities at the country level on animal welfare issues

Link Focal Points welcome package webpage: [WELCOME PACKAGE](#)

## Share With Us!

Do not forget to **Share With Us!**

Now it is easier to share your Country's experience with the rest of the community!

Do share your best practices or challenges.

Sharing your experiences promote transparency, expertise and solidarity!

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### Upcoming activities

- 24th Meeting of the Steering Group of the WOAHP Platform on animal welfare for Europe (SG22), 05<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, Teleconference
- WOAHP side event on “transport of animals shared responsibilities – panel discussion” during the 92<sup>nd</sup> WOAHP General Session, in Paris, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Stakeholder’s meeting, Brussels, June 2025