

WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS

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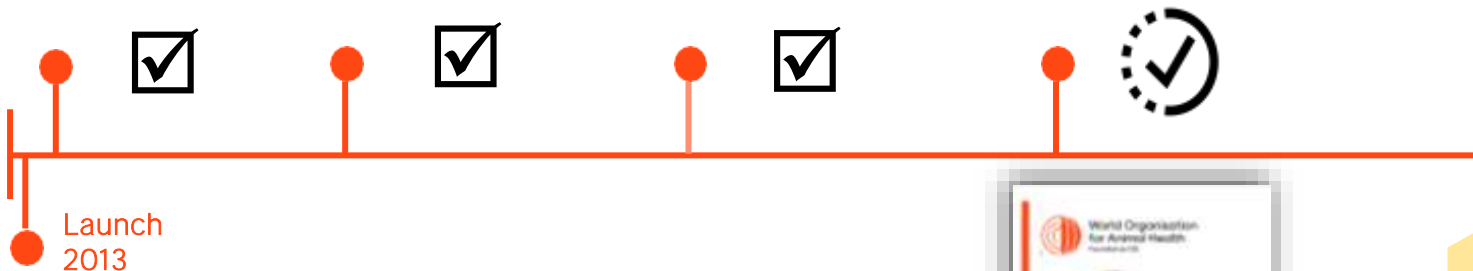
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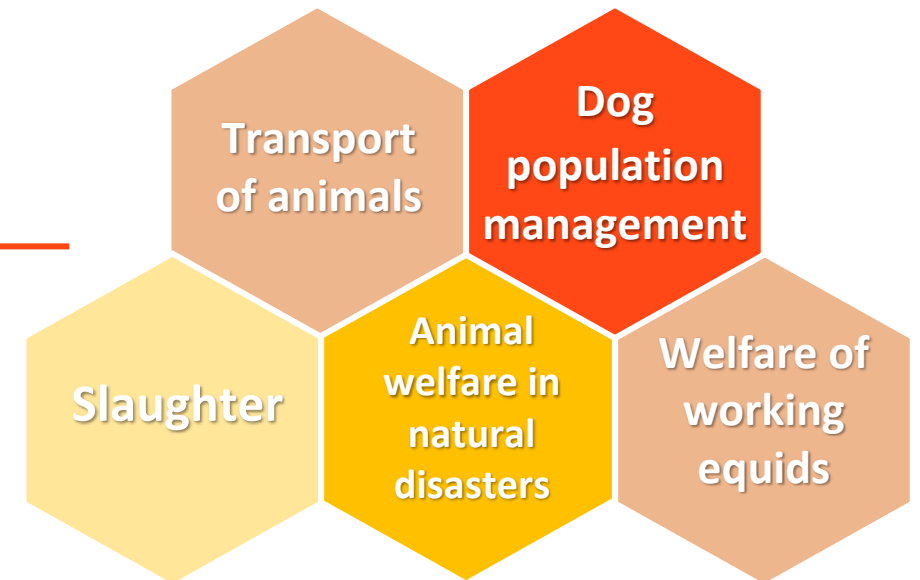
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1st Action Plan 2014 - 2016 2nd Action Plan 2017 - 2019 3rd Action Plan 2021 - 2023 4th Action Plan 2024 - 2026



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





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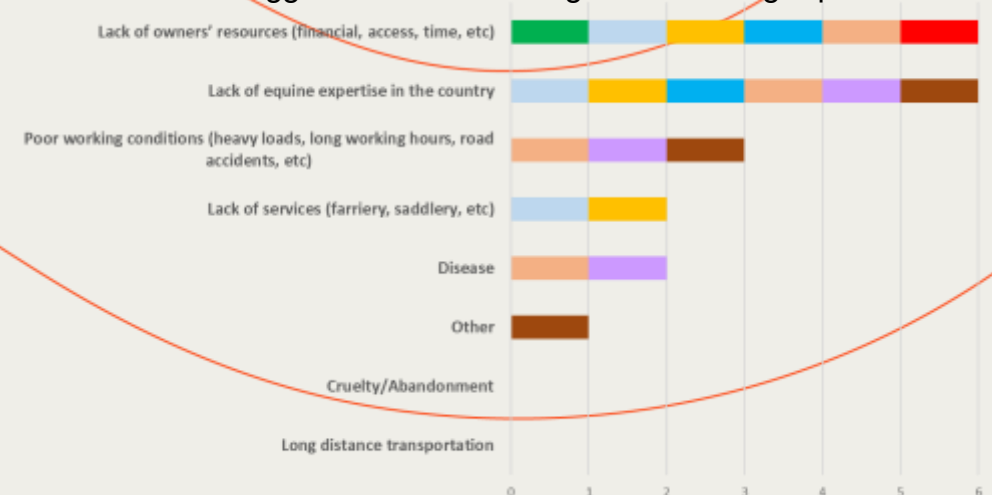
- ✓ New Chapter 7.12 in TAHC - Welfare of working equids (2016)
- ✓ Awareness day on working equids
8 West Eurasian countries, September 2017, Tashkent (Uzbekistan)



raise country awareness on the welfare of working equids in this region (including equid-human partnership), identify potential welfare challenges in those countries and explore possible capacity-building activities to address the identified needs and gaps.

- ✓ Baseline survey (2019)
 - Working equids population
 - Working equids in local country context
 - Veterinary services
 - Para-professional services
 - Health and welfare issues
 - Stakeholder engagement and awareness

Biggest welfare challenges for working equids





online event on the welfare of working equids

онлайн-мероприятие:
благополуче рабочих животных
семейства лошадиных

Tuesday, 12th September 2023, 10.00 - Paris time (CEST)

The webinar will start shortly
Вебинар начнется в ближайшее время

60

Participants

14

WOAH Members

Online event – 12 September 2023

- raise awareness on WOAH standards on welfare of working equids and on the economic and societal importance of working equids
- share existing tools and knowledge resources
- further identify WOAH members needs and discuss how to address WOAH members' needs within planned activities of the next action plan of the Platform for 2024 -2026.

Focus on West Eurasia (8 initially targeted) and Balkan countries

Collaboration with:

- International Coalition for Working Equids
- WOAH Collaborating Centre on animal welfare, European Union reference center for animal welfare for ruminants and equines



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*back-to-back to animal welfare focal points meeting
27 June 2024, Madrid, Spain*



- Technical lecture – WESLI technical resources
- Sharing country experience
 - Spain – addressing welfare of equids at local festivals in Cataluña
 - World Horse Welfare project in Romania
- Working group exercise, reporting and discussion



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- Working group exercise, reporting and discussion
- developing project proposal (design, implementation, monitoring and reporting)
Building a year plan for a grant to support improvement in the health and welfare of working equids supporting operators' livelihoods.
- Three scenarios were used by the working groups:
 - Working equids used for touristic city tours:
 - Working equids used for tourist tours on a rocky island
 - Working equids used for waste/industrial city transport



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Conclusions and next actions

- The presentations and the working group showed the importance of working in collaboration on the topic and how collectively we can progress in improving the welfare of working equids
- To build on the momentum that was launched with the online meeting (September 2023) and in-person event (2024) proposed the next step:
 - flash online event to summarise the work done and find new topics to be addressed
 - online seminar next year
 - workshop back-to-back with the next focal point seminar in 2 years



4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

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2024

Workshop on Working Equids

back too back to the FP AW meeting

2025

Seminar on Working Equids

the type of seminar will be define depending on members needs and available resources.

2026

Workshop on Working Equids

back too back to the FP AW meeting (tbc0

Thematic online meetings on Working Equids

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