

WOAH workshop on Response Plan Development for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

Name:

Country:

8 – 10 July, 2025,
Bucharest - Romania



World Organisation
for Animal Health



WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016

2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019

3rd Action Plan
2021 - 2023

4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026

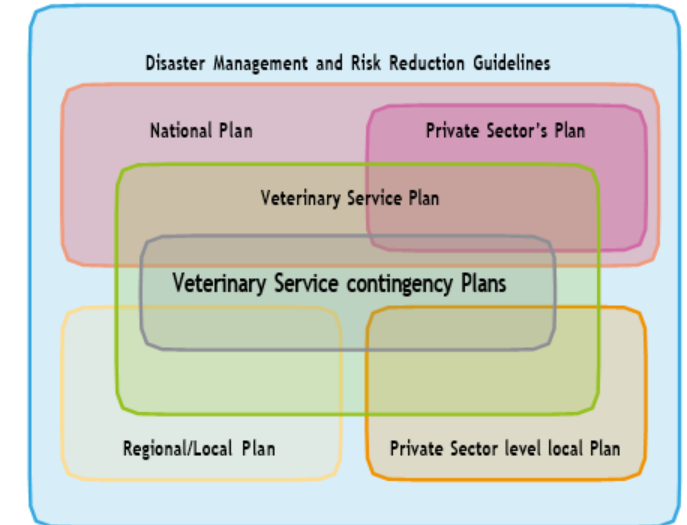
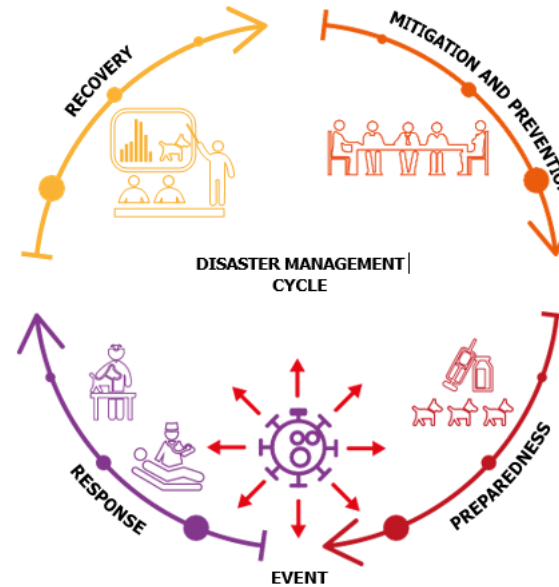


GUIDELINES ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RISK REDUCTION IN RELATION TO ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE AND VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

(GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL VETERINARY SERVICES)



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- All components of disaster management,
- Cohesive response plans at both national and international levels
- Using an all-hazards approach and a multidisciplinary approach
- A wide range of stakeholders from both government and society
- Integration of DMRR reduction measures relevant to national Veterinary Services into broader resilience and disaster management and response networks and policies



**Developing
Veterinary Services Contingency Plan
With a focus on animal welfare issues**

Awareness

Knowledge

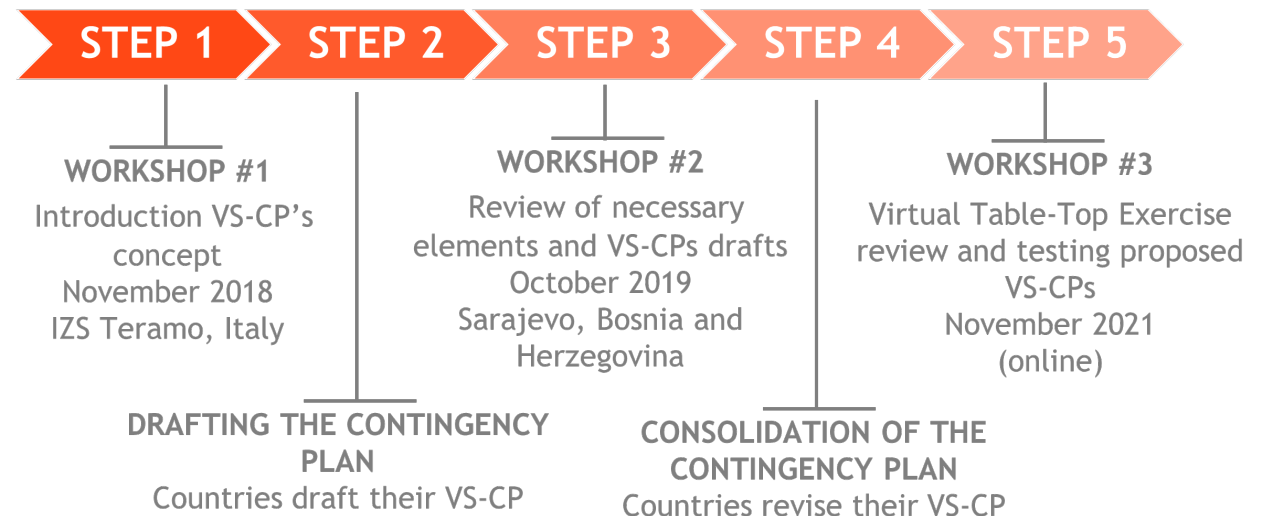
Preparedness

Commitment

Collaboration / Coordination

Role of Veterinary Services on Animal Welfare in natural disasters

Pilot approach on natural disaster preparedness for Balkan countries





Appreciative Inquiry

Online Stakeholders' Consultation: the role of Veterinary Services on animal welfare in natural disasters in Europe

14 - 17/03/2023



Survey (2019):

Need for baseline
Information

A high response rate
(91%)



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51% - Animal welfare in disasters incorporated in a legal framework

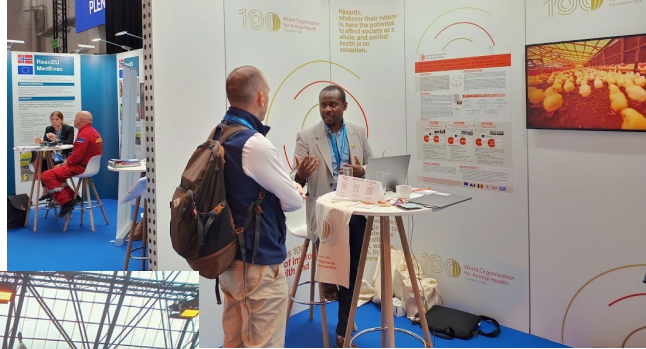
62% - Competent Authorities have legal responsibility to manage animal welfare emergencies during natural disasters

World Organisation for Animal Health Members' Capacity to Deal With Animal Welfare Emergencies During Natural Disasters in Europe

60% - Animal welfare in natural disasters incorporated the National Disaster Management and Risk Reduction plan

33% Veterinary Services have specific Contingency Plans to prepare for and respond to animal welfare issues in different natural disasters

European Civil Protection Forum 2024



Civil Protection Village *exhibition space*

WOAH exhibition stand:

- raise awareness within civil protection community
- exploring opportunities for collaboration
- **39 conversations**
 - National Civil Protection Services
 - NGO
 - Governmental agencies
 - Academia
 - Business
 - International organisation
 - EU bodies

DMRR meetings held in 2024:

- WOAHI Platform Action Plans' bridging workshop on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction, held in Lisbon, Portugal, between 17-18 January 2024
- On-line meeting on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction (DMRR) for the European Region, on 26 September 2024



WOAH Platform Action Plans' bridging workshop on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

17-18 January 2024, Lisbon, Portugal



Objectives:

- To take stock of the Members' capacity to develop VS-CPs, including the lessons learned during the multiannual pilot project.
- To raise awareness on the importance of multi-hazard response frameworks and operational protocols in selected scenarios (i.e., fires) and different areas in the region.
- To identify the objectives and the desired outcomes of the “regional multi hazard workshop on contingency planning for animal welfare in natural disasters” (2024).



45
Participants

14
WOAH
members

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, France, Portugal, Spain, Türkiye and Morocco

WOAH Platform Action Plans' bridging workshop on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

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Agenda:

WOAH Updates

- WOAHA Global and regional updates
- Communication during disasters, DG ECHO

Country experiences presentations

- Spanish experience on the development of CP during floods
- Portugal Cascade simulation exercise on floods and earthquakes
- Balkan countries presentation on the CP for the management of animals during floods
- North Macedonia Contingency Plan + operational instruments (manuals / protocols) development
- Portuguese experience in livestock and pet animals' assistance during fires
- Greek experience in animal assistance during fires
- French experience in animal assistance during emergencies



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Agenda:

Expert contribution

- Lecture on “Climate Change-Disasters and Animals” by Dr Jimmy Tickel (EmVetNet)
- Wildlife management during fires by Mr Rodney Vile (State of Victoria in Australia)
- Lecture on “One Health approach to emergency management” by Dr Hayley Squance (Massey University, New Zealand)
- Supporting Livestock-Based response in emergencies by Cathy Watson (LEGS, UK)
- Preliminary results of the IZS-Teramo project on the “Development of risk indicators for disasters impact assessment on animal health and welfare” by M. Danzetta (IZS Teramo)
- Animal Field Triage Protocols for Livestock and Horses Caught in Disasters & Triage Game by Ms Anne Dubbink (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)
- The role of the NGOs in disaster management by Ms Celine Sissler-Bienvenue (IFAW) / Adam Parascandola (HIS) and Jackson Zee (Four Paws)

Group exercises on how to develop and test DM protocols / operating procedures

- Session I: Introduction to the methodology and best practices
- Session II: DM protocols / procedures developing and testing + rapporteurs feedback
- Group discussion



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Outcomes and conclusions:

Could you please indicate how the WOAHP Platform or AM for Europe can further support countries in developing their

Could you please point out the key contingency plan elements to be integrated in the national emergency management

Could you please help identifying specific topics for the organization of thematic meetings/workshops in 2025/2026?



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Outcomes:

- i. Development of guidelines, tools (for developing contingency plans, operational procedures, and instructions) and predefined template documents that will help to build a response plan.
- ii. Veterinary Services' integration in inclusive DMRR (Disaster Management and Risk Reduction) systems at national level.
- iii. Communication/cooperation between Competent Authorities, actors and stakeholders (country visits, mutual support agreements) at regional level.



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Conclusions:

- Strengthen **communication and collaboration** between Competent Authorities and stakeholders.
- To **develop specific protocols/procedures** and **harmonized templates** related to technical and administrative aspects of DMRR, including process of verification, updates, and revisions.
- To organize **additional networking** and **training events**, in presence or online (i.e., risk analysis, data collection and the use of AI);
- To promote the **development of digital information management applications** to be used for training, to analyze the consequences of a disaster, and for tactical deployment of operational resources.
- To understand how **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** could contribute to the management of veterinary emergencies.
- To value the role of NGOs and their complementarity to achieve shared objectives and goals of DMRR.



On-line meeting on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction (DMRR) for the European Region

28 September 2024, Teleconference

Objectives:

- To inform the participants about the WOAHP HQ current engagement in DMRR at the regional level (presentation of the e-module and of the IMS);
- To present the objectives of the WOAHP Network on Veterinary Emergencies (EmVetNet) multiannual years action plan and inform the participants on the past and future initiatives;
- To present the WOAHP Platform regional activities and discuss the approach adopted following WOAHP Members' request for assistance to veterinary emergencies at the regional level.



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28 September 2024, Teleconference

Agenda:

WOAH Updates

- WOAH Global and regional activities updates

Country experiences presentations

- Spanish CP legislative development and CP Risk Map
- Greek experience in animal assistance during fires in 2024, in the Attica region
- Coordination between the VS and the National disaster management system in Iceland
- Current efforts and challenges in enhancing wildlife health management and emergency response from North Macedonia



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Agenda:

Experts' contribution

- New Incident Management System (IMS) to improve WOA's preparedness for emergencies by WOA's Preparedness and Resilience Department
- An overview of the WAOH Online course on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction by WOA's Capacity Building Department
- Evidence based support to the WOA's Members' DMRR capacities by Dr G. Vroegindewey (EmVetNet)





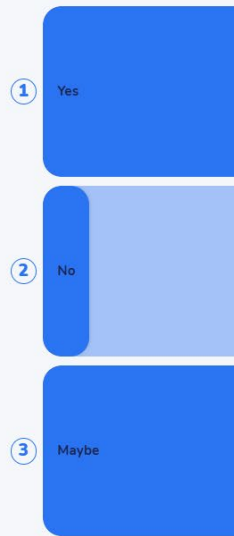
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Outcomes and conclusions:

Thematic online meetings: which topics are of interest to you?

Formulation
Climate chan
control issues
Civil
strategies
Coordination
responders
aspects
Disease
nuclear
No potable



In-person meeting: for the next meeting the idea will be to focus on response plan, would you be interest to participate?



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Conclusions:

- The countries' presentations recalled the importance of being *prepared and adaptable* to navigate uncertainty and manage conflicting priorities and unexpected situations
- It was highlighted that Platform can also offer the possibility of *collecting relevant data* and evidence for advocacy purposes.
- Importance of leveraging “*collective power*”, the increasing availability of various tools (e.g. training modules) to match the Member's needs.





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4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

2024



REGIONAL MULTI HAZARD WORKSHOP ON
CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR ANIMAL
WELFARE IN NATURAL DISASTERS FOR
EUROPE

2025 - 2026



THEMATIC MEETINGS

2026



SIMULATION EXERCISE FOR THE TESTING OF
SELECTED COUNTRIES CONTINGENCY PLANS
FOR ANIMAL WELFARE IN NATURAL DISASTERS
IN EUROPE

Thank you

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