

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

## National Contact Points

8 – 10 July, 2025, Bucharest - Romania



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## Our governance structure

### The Delegate

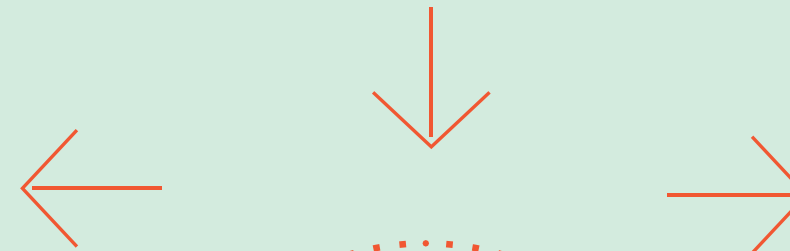
#### National Representative to WOA

Responsible for negotiating **international standards** on animal health

Convince his/her government to invest in **animal disease monitoring and prevention**



**Appointed by the national government**



**The Delegate is most frequently the country's Chief Veterinary Officer**

Is a **national representative** with **international status**

Notifies WOA of the **national animal disease situation**



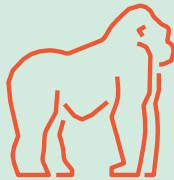
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National Focal Points

7 areas of expertise



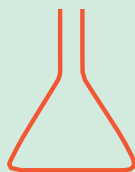
Aquatic animals



Wildlife



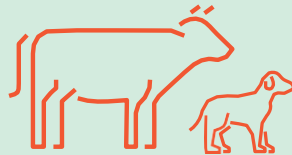
Animal disease notification



Veterinary Laboratories



Communication



Animal welfare



Veterinary products-AMR

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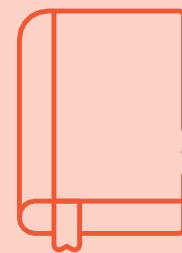


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### National Focal Points

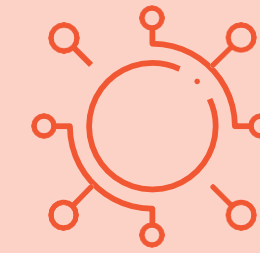
#### Assist the Delegate to:

- Comment on proposed draft standards
- Prepare and implement appropriate legislation



#### Technical contact points for WOAH regional offices and Headquarters

- Under the authority of the Delegate



#### Information exchange and international networking



## Transport of animals





## Regional Network in Europe

# The network of WOAAH National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

[Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation \(2020\)](#)

WOAH National Contact Points (*nominated by the Delegate*)

Main tasks - establishing operational communication links within the network of contact points in Europe to facilitate the exchange of the relevant information and solving problems arising with long-distance and cross border transport of animals in the region



1<sup>st</sup> meeting – November 2021



2<sup>nd</sup> meeting – December 2022



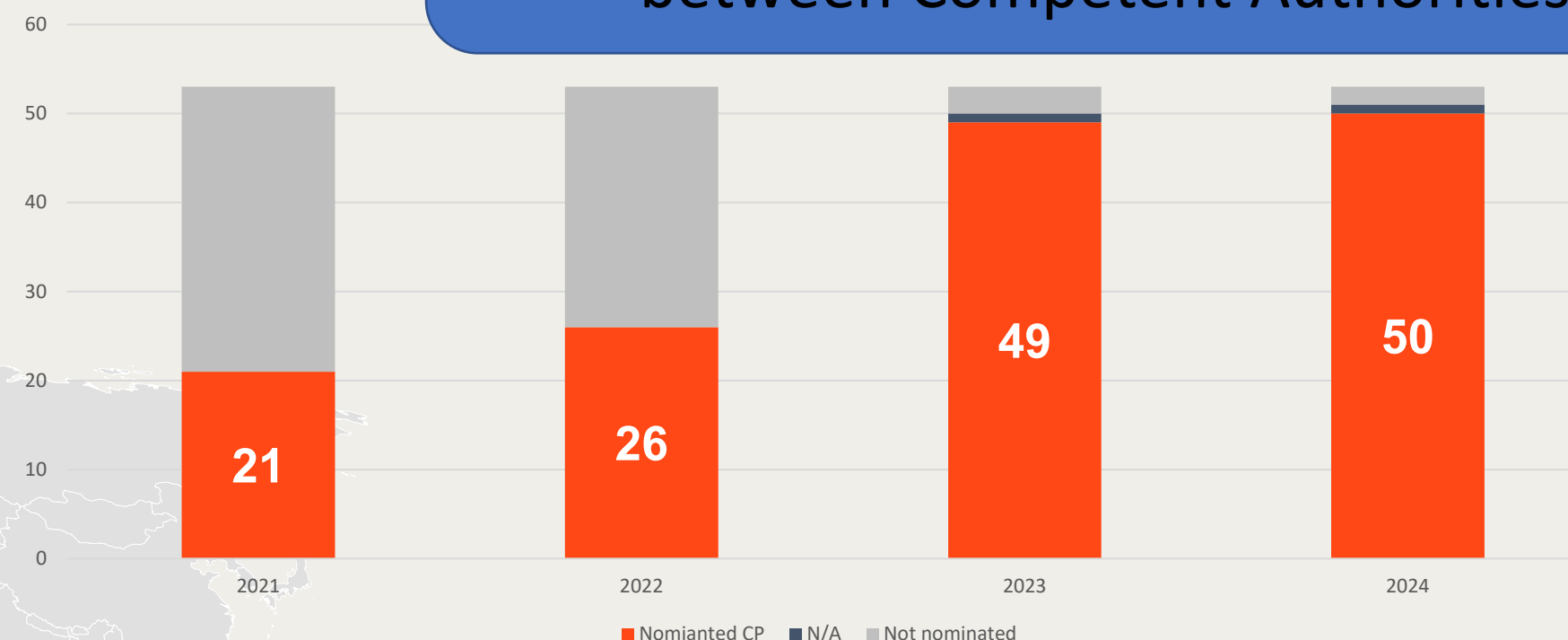
3<sup>rd</sup> meeting – 20-22 June 2023



4<sup>th</sup> meeting – July 2024



5<sup>th</sup> meeting – March 2025



strengthening collaboration and communication, and sharing experience between Competent Authorities



# Regional training seminar for National Focal Points on Animal Welfare

25 - 27 June 2024, Madrid, Spain

Funded by the  
European Union



event on the welfare of working equids

## ICWE

INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR WORKING EQUIDS



WorldHorseWelfare

42

Focal  
Points

50

Participants







# Ice breaker discussion

## How could WOAH support FP in their daily work?







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## How could WOAAH support FP in their daily work?

- 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
- Facilitate the sharing and exchange of their experiences





## Main conclusions

- Importance of **networking** to improve **collaboration** in the region
- **Sharing best practices** and concrete work examples is essential for **learning from each other** by exchanging ideas and building common knowledge.
- WOAHA support is needed to facilitate and promote networking and sharing of experiences. (e.g., regional contact points for priority topics other than transport, sub-regional networks, e-depository and flash meetings on best practices or concrete work examples).
- **An update on the WOAHA activities at the global and regional level** is important for the Focal Points to help them in their tasks, to identify what is of interest to them and what would be interesting for them that WOAHA develops
- Training and updates **on transversal and technical animal welfare topics** to help acquire new knowledge and develop existing





**The network of National Contact Points on DMRR ???**



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

17-18 January 2024, Lisbon, Portugal

### 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

### 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.







**The network of National Contact Points on DMRR ???**

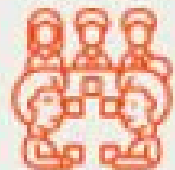




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## 4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

2024



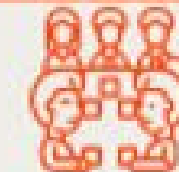
REGIONAL MULTI HAZARD WORKSHOP ON  
CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR ANIMAL  
WELFARE IN NATURAL DISASTERS FOR  
EUROPE

2025 - 2026



THEMATIC MEETINGS

2026



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





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