

# 5<sup>th</sup> WOAH regional workshop on Dog Population Management for the Caucasus and Central Asia

## 5-й региональный семинар ВОЗЖ по управлению популяцией собак для стран Кавказа и Центральной Азии

2 - 4 December 2025  
Almaty, Kazakhstan

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Алматы, Казахстан



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# WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

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# Global Animal Welfare Strategy

## Vision

**A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.**



# Global Animal Welfare Strategy

## Strategic pillars



**DEVELOPMENT OF  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
STANDARDS**



**CAPACITY  
BUILDING AND  
EDUCATION**



**IMPLEMENTATION  
OF ANIMAL  
WELFARE  
STANDARDS AND  
POLICIES**



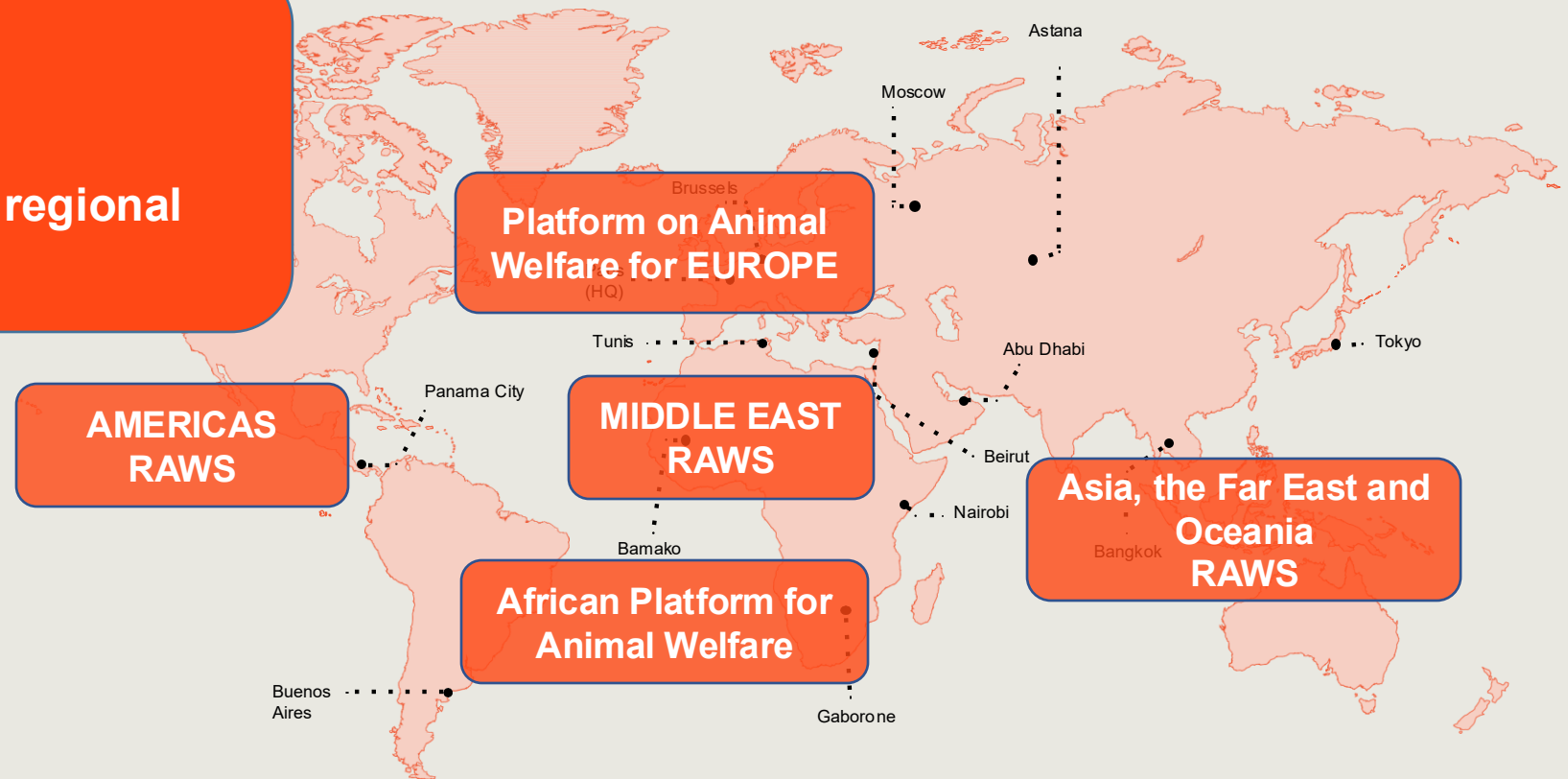
**COMMUNICATION  
WITH  
GOVERNMENTS,  
ORGANISATIONS  
AND THE PUBLIC**





## Regional Animal Welfare Strategies (RAWS)

- Regional priorities
- Regional partners
- Governance
- Actions plans addressing regional needs



• • • Regional and subregional representations



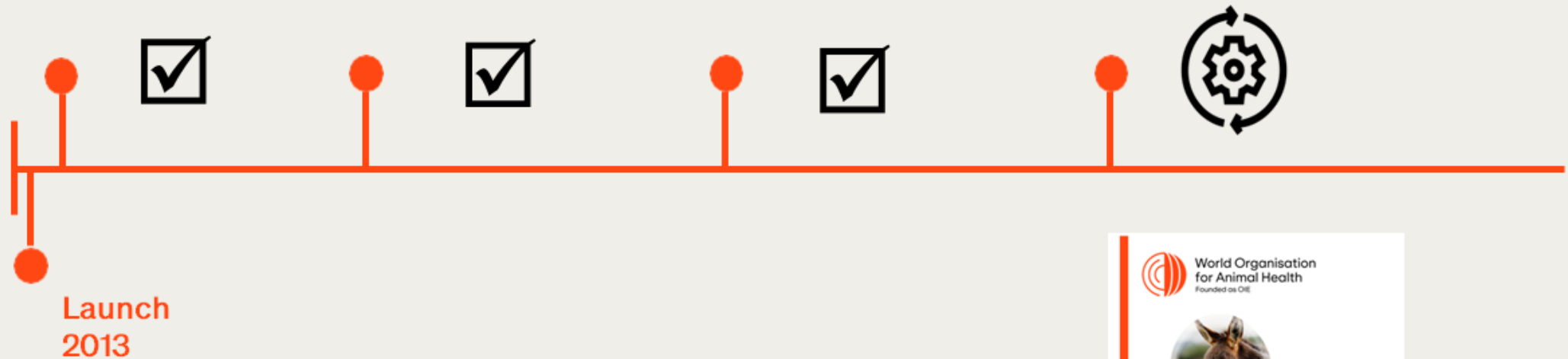
# WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1<sup>st</sup> Action Plan  
2014 - 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> Action Plan  
2017 - 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> Action Plan  
2021 - 2023

4<sup>th</sup> 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





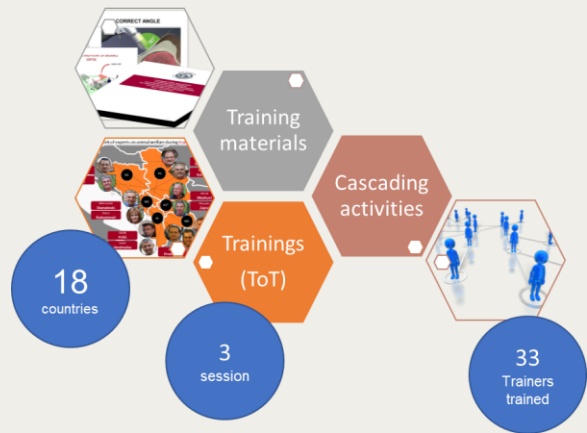


## Priority topics





## Slaughter of animals



- New revised standard adopted during the 91<sup>st</sup> 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

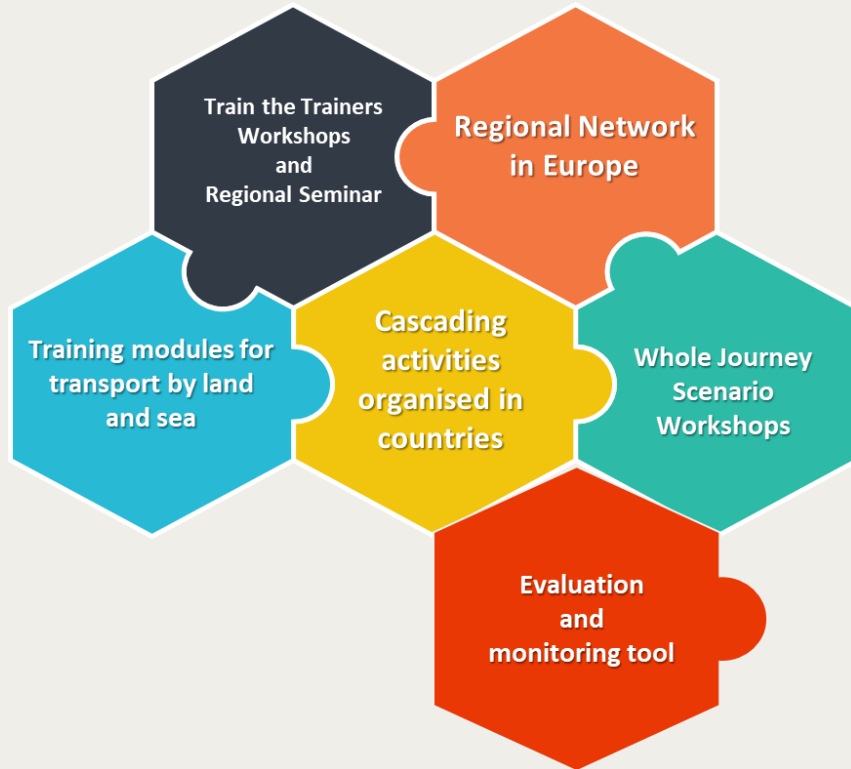
- Dissemination of training materials

Webinars, train the trainers, dedicated workshops

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



# Transport of animals



**Network of WOA 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**



# Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

WOAH workshop on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

January 2024, Lisbon



14

Countries

40

Participants

*“Collective power”*

Sharing knowledge, experiences and strengthening collaboration  
Developing a network of National Contact Points on DMRR  
Engagement of Civil Protection with Veterinary Services



Online Regional Meeting on DMRR for EUROPE

WOAH Workshop on Response Plan Development for  
Disaster Management and Risk Reduction 2025

Participating in the 2024 EU Civil Protection  
Planning participation for the next one 2026





## Welfare of working Equids

- Workshop on the welfare of working equids

June 2024, Madrid back to back with NEP AW meeting

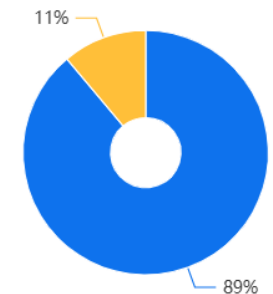


- Importance of working in collaboration for progressively improving the welfare of working equids
- raising awareness of WOA H standards on the welfare of working equids
- sharing knowledge resources
- engagement with local partners

Is there a need for WOA H to assist members in the implementation of standards and requirements on the welfare of working equids?

- Online event on the welfare of working equids

29 April 2025



■ yes / да ■ no / нет





## Governance

- Concept Note, ToRs, Action Plans
- WOAHA Regional Commission for Europe
- Regional Core Group
- Steering Group (Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Ireland, Portugal)

## Stakeholders and partners

- annual coordination meetings
- active engagement in activities

## Communication

- developing a communication strategy
- website updates
- annual newsletters
- Russian translations

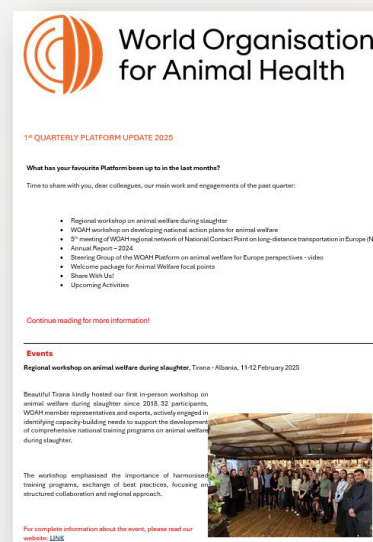
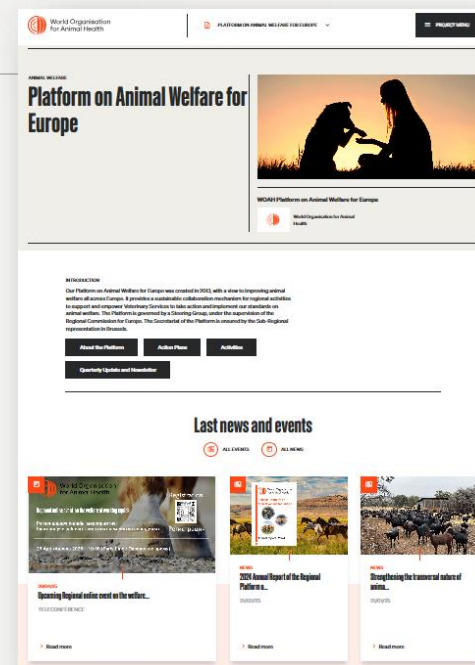
## Monitoring and evaluation

- tools within each priority topic
- overall indicators
- external consultant – review





# Communication





# The regional workshop on the development of national animal welfare action plans

*13 February 2025, Tirana, Albania*



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- A need for a comprehensive, long-term, and sustainable approach to implementing WOAHP animal welfare standards
- Support for targeted Members in the development of national Action Plans on Animal Welfare.
- A pilot initiative – follow-up to be explored

11

WOAH  
members

32

Participants







## Priority topics









# 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)**

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Regular support for the SAM4DPM self-assessment rounds

Periodic flash thematic meetings (2024 - 2026)







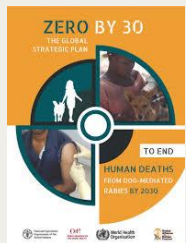
# Dog Population Management and free-roaming dog control

priority topics since 2014

## Regional roadmaps

launched with to achieving full compliance with WOAH TAHC Chap. 7.7 on dog population management

| Balkans<br>by 2026                                                                                                            | Central Asia and Caucasus<br>by 2030                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia and Türkiye | Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan<br><br>Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine<br>countries joined the initiative |



Fully in line with the FAO/WOAH/WHO “Zero by 30”  
Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030





**SAM**  
system  
**4DPM**

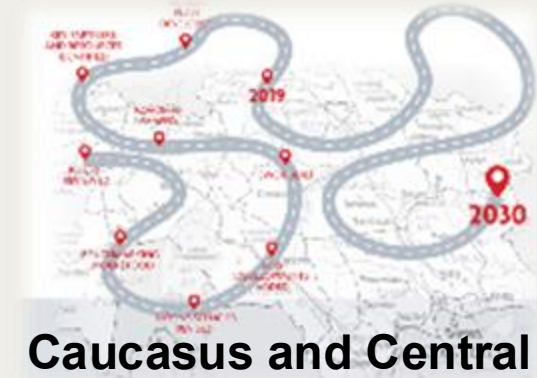
Self-Assessment and Monitoring System  
for Dog Population Management



### **BALKANS**

since 2014

- ✓ 5 meetings
- ✓ 4 self-assessment rounds



### **Caucasus and Central Asia**

since 2015

- ✓ 4 meetings
- ✓ 2 self-assessment rounds

Main achievement/impacts:

- **Strong countries commitment** and progressive wider interest of other Regions
- **Regular self-assessment & monitoring** in support to the progression of the Roadmaps
- **Data used for the WOAHA Observatory** (2022 Annual Report)

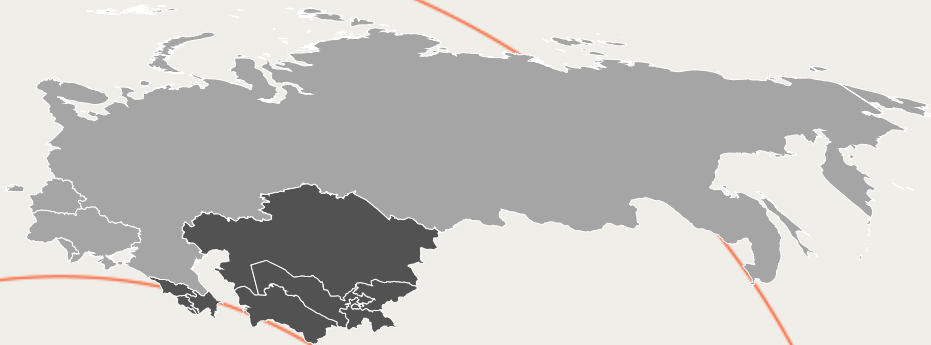
Experience extended outside the Europe region: North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia)  
and Middle East (Bahrain)





# Regional roadmap on dog population management for West Eurasia

the regional Vision to become fully compliant with WOAHA TAHC Chapter 7.7. on dog population management by 2030



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## Regional roadmap on dog population management for Caucasus and Central Asia

1st SDWE Workshop  
(June 2015, Kyrgyzstan)

2nd SDWE Workshop  
(September 2017, Uzbekistan)

3rd SDWE Workshop  
(June 2019, Georgia)

4th SDWE Workshop  
(September 2023, Georgia)

5th DPMCCA Workshop  
(December 2025, Kazakhstan)

1st assessment - SAM Tool 2017



1st round



2nd round





World Organisation  
for Animal Health

# Self-Assessment and Monitoring System for Dog Population Management

**SAM**  
system  
**4DPM**

Self-Assessment and Monitoring System  
for Dog Population Management

Survey's Reports

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Local data for country  
report

Alb

Date of report

**Country Report**

Bosnia And Herzegovina

24/09/2023

**Country Roadmap**

Bulgaria

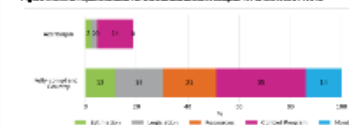
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**Benchmarking  
report**

Azerbaijan

24/09/2023

Figure 1: Level of implementation of the Standards and in Chapter 15 of the WAAH TAME



**IZS**  
TERAMO

CENTRO SERVIZI  
NAZIONALE  
ANAGRAFI  
DEGLI ANIMALI





# 4<sup>th</sup> WOAH regional workshop on dog population management for the Caucasus and Central Asia (2023)

## Remaining challenges

- absence of a national Action Plans
- shortness in human, technical and financial resources
- lack of essential training and educational opportunities for operators
- weak attitude towards responsible ownership
- insufficient number of shelters





# 4<sup>th</sup> WOAH regional workshop on dog population management for the Caucasus and Central Asia (2023)

## WOAH support

- (a) technical assistance for the drafting of the National Action Plan
- (b) regular support for the SAM4DPM self-assessment round





# 5<sup>th</sup> WOAHA regional workshop on Dog Population Management for the Caucasus and Central Asia

2-4 December 2025, Almaty, Kazastan

## Overall objective

To assist countries in achieving the agreed Vision of full compliance with the WOAHA standard on DPM by 2030

## Key objectives

- to assess the current level of progress towards the full implementation of the new TAHC Chapter 7.7
- further support the development and implementation of National Action plans and Dog Population Control Programs (with a rabies component), in compliance with the WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code
- improve the technical expertise of the personnel carrying out dog population management activities at municipal/local level





## Agenda's

### Main points

#### Plenary introduction session

- WOAHA Platform for Animal Welfare in Europe
- Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapter 7.7
- Dog population management programs
- SAM4DPM

#### Overall situation and tailor-made support

##### Country reports on current dog population management and rabies situation

- Veterinary Services national plan
- EU regulation

##### Working Group Session: challenges, needs, and priority activities

#### Horizontal topics

- Tools and methodologies for the assessment of dog behaviours and humane methods for catching and handling free-roaming dogs
- NGO perspective and projects
- Individual country interviews

#### Filed visit

#### Public health aspect

One - Health approach to dog-mediated public health risks.”

WOAH tools for rabies control programs

#### Next steps





# 4th Action Plan for 2024 - 2026

## DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT

2024

2025

2026

regional workshops on dog population management

6<sup>th</sup> workshop for the Balkan countries



5th workshop for the West-Eurasian  
(Central Asia and Caucasus) (2025)

7th workshop for the Balkan countries (2026)



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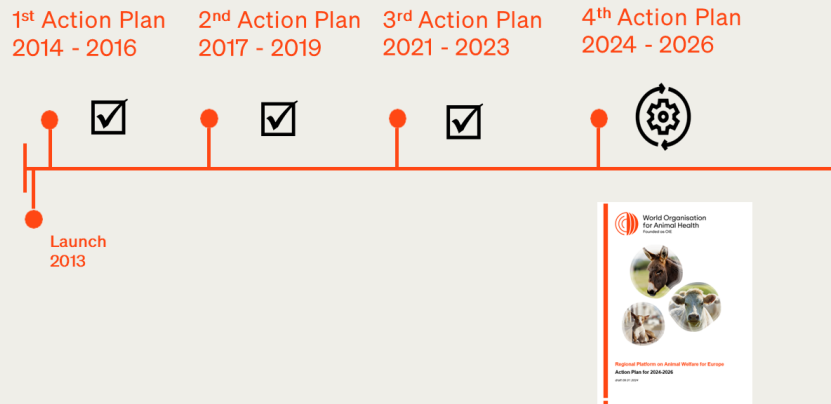
# WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for

## Europe Next, 5<sup>th</sup> Action Plan for 2027-2029

- Ensure continuity, respond to Members' evolving needs, and align with the WOAH Strategic Plan and Global Animal Welfare Strategy.

### • Indicative Timeline:

- Q4 2025 – Q1 2026: Preparation  
roadmap for developing the plan by SG
- Q2 – Q3 2026: Consultation  
Animal welfare focal points  
Stakeholders  
Online survey
- Q3 – Q4 2026: Drafting and Review  
Regional Conference (September 2026)
- Q1 - Q2 2027: Validation and Launch  
Regional Commission meeting at GS May 2027





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