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WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

11th Stakeholder consultation meeting

24 June 2026 – Brussels



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11th stakeholder consultation meeting

1st July 2025, Brussels





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- Intro
 - Plan
 - Activities (priority topics)
 - Communication
 - Monitoring and evaluation
 - Governance

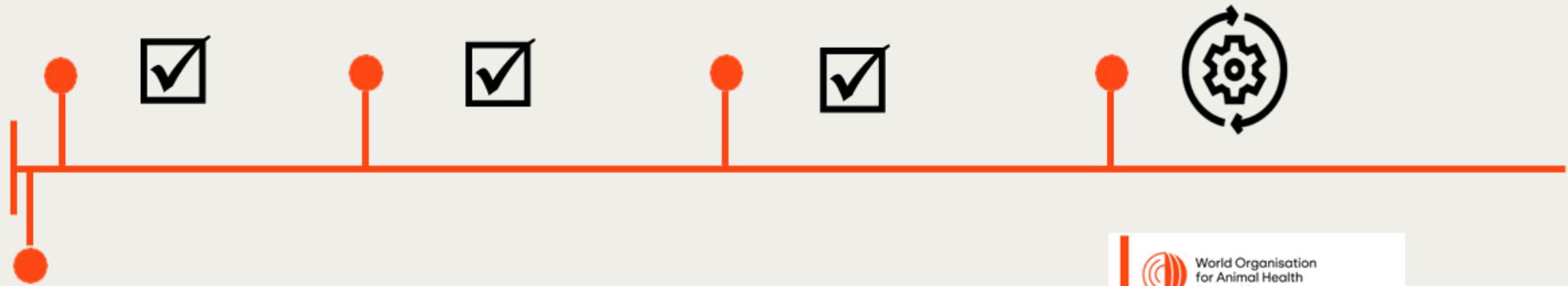
WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016

2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019

3rd Action Plan
2021 - 2023

4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026



Launch
2013

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



4th Action Plan for 2024-2026

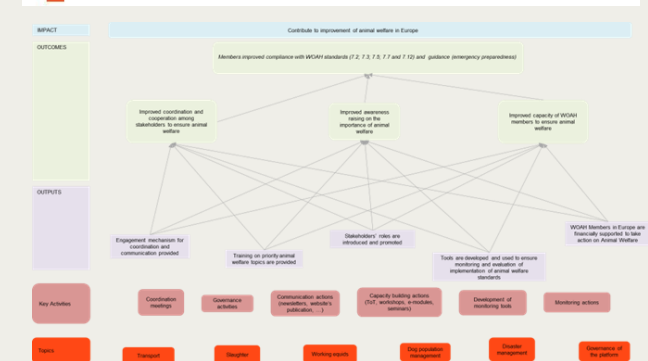
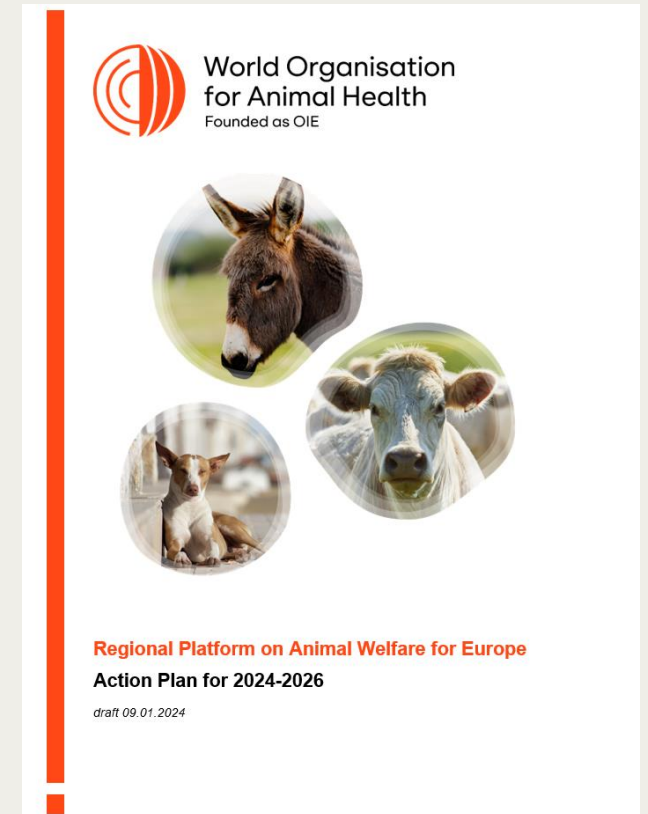
Impact (Long-term objective):

Contribute to the improvement of animal welfare in Europe through the priority topics

Outcome Objectives (short/mid-term objective)

Progressively improve the compliance of WOAAH Members with WOAAH standards

- **Common vision and continuity**
- **Strengthening the WOAAH Members involvement**
- **Collaboration with all WOAAH Members and stakeholders**





Priority topics





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ANIMAL WELFARE DURING SLAUGHTER

Animal welfare during slaughter

- Development of e-resources
- Training of trainers
- Self-assessment and monitoring tool

Development of e-resources on animal welfare during slaughter



Development of an e-module
on the welfare of animals during slaughter
to be included in the
eLearning catalogue of the WOAHA Training Portal
under
Competency Package on Animal Welfare (CP7)


Development

e-resources
on animal welfare
during slaughter

Outline

- Unit 1: Principles of Animal Welfare and relevant laws, regulations, and ethical standards
- Unit 2: Animal Welfare during slaughter: Key provisions of Chapter 7.5. of the TAHC
- Unit 3: Animal Welfare during the slaughter of free-moving animals
- Unit 4: Animal Welfare during the slaughter of animals in containers
- Unit 5: Evaluation of slaughter facilities and processes
- Unit 6: National Veterinary and Animal Welfare Legislation and Regulations
- Unit 7: Designing and implementing National Control Programs aligned with Chapter 7.5.
- Unit 8: Effective communication strategies with stakeholders on Animal Welfare

Animal welfare is a complex and sensitive issue.



All professionals working closely with animals have an ethical responsibility towards those animals used or affected by human communities for various purposes.

The functions of veterinarians working in husbandry, public health and food safety at the stages of production, transport and slaughter play a vital role in ensuring the welfare of animals for the purposes of meat production.

A topic of growing public interest is the idea that **animal welfare** should also be considered through the lens of **more sustainable and responsible human interactions with animals.**

Indeed, animal welfare cannot be tackled in isolation from a broader context, where trade-offs must be made to strike a balance between societal needs and constraints.

Scientific considerations and modern social perceptions are challenging current practices, particularly regarding animal production systems, which one fifth of the global population is engaged in.



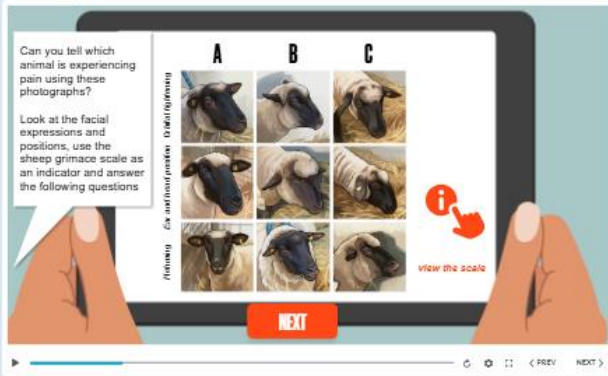
Steers on pasture in Chile



Llamas in Bolivia

How can we recognise an animal is experiencing a state of good welfare?

It's time to check your competency!




Can you tell which animal is experiencing pain using these photographs?

Look at the facial expressions and positions, use the sheep grimace scale as an indicator and answer the following questions

	A	B	C
1			
2			
3			

view the scale

CONTINUE



Test yourself

Read the following sentences concerning animal welfare and mark if these are true or false.

1. A healthy and well-nourished animal is always in a state of good welfare.

True

False

SUBMIT

Answer the question above before moving on.

Training of trainers on animal welfare during slaughter

1. Technical session

(3 - 4 days)

Distance learning

2. Training and learning session

(4.5 days)

Preparing workshop presentations

3. Conference

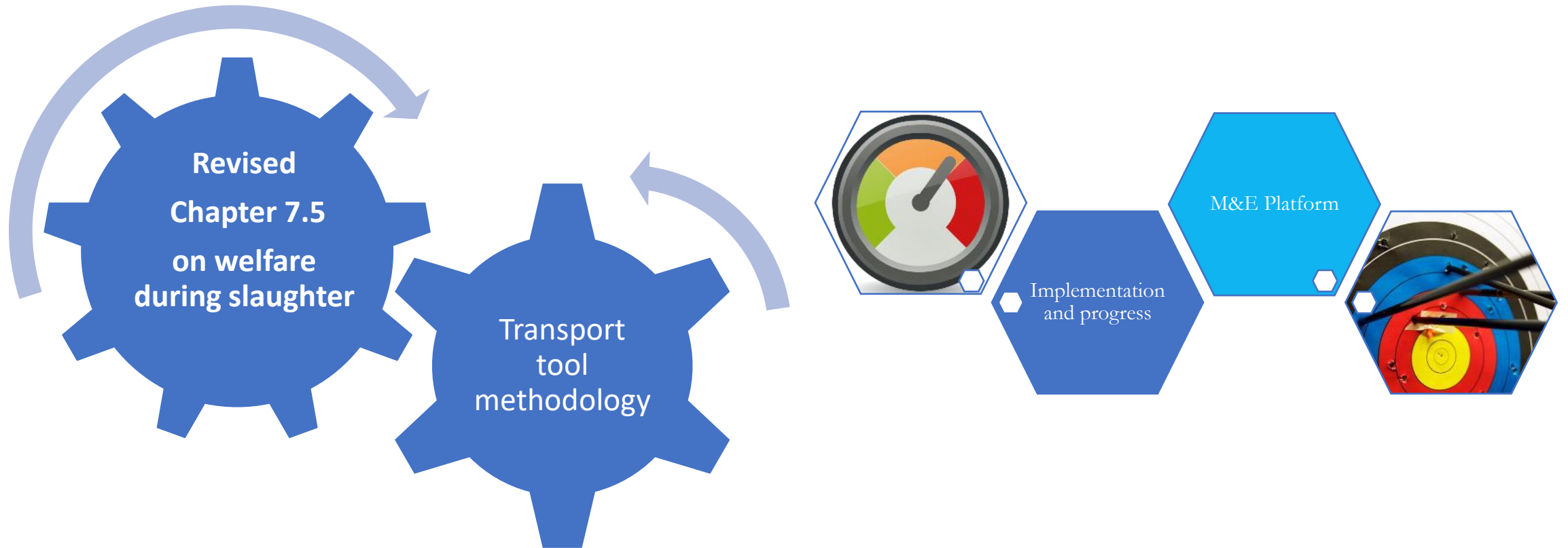
(Stakeholders Workshop)

(1.5 day)



- 1st session (initially planned in Bosnia and Herzegovina for November/December 2025) rescheduled for the second semester 2026
- Build on the outcomes of the workshop in Albania (tailored for members' needs)
- Engage Collaborating Centre
- Engage local experts and RAWC networks
- Disseminate WOAHA training materials
- Share experience with other WOAHA regions

Development of a self-assessment and monitoring methodology and tool for welfare during slaughter (starting with development in 2026)





TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS



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Transport of animals

- Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) workshop
- Network of National Contact Points on long-distance Transportation in Europe
- Whole Journey Scenario workshop for Europe
- Self-assessment and monitoring tool

Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa

13 – 15 January 2026, in Amman, Jordan.



19
WOAH
Members

54
Participants

The workshop was thanks to financial support from the European Union and Ireland and kindly hosted by the Kingdom of Jordan under the patronage of HRH Basma Bint Ali





“Whole Journey Scenario” workshops

- **Objective** to help countries **improve animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport** in compliance with WOAH standards for the whole duration of the journey along the specific route
- **Focus** on the **responsibilities of the Competent Authorities** over the entire journey
- **Opportunity** to **share best practices and strengthen collaboration** between Competent Authorities and other authorities

Participants

19 WOAAH Members

North Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Americas

France, Ireland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Germany, Türkiye, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Brazil and Uruguay

- Business operators
- NGO
- Veterinary professional organisations
- EC
- WOAAH





Agenda

- Strengthening of the knowledge of the relevant WOAHA standards
- Understanding the countries' situation and their key challenges
Countries reports (overview of state of play - legislation, main trading partners, main challenges)
- Perspective and experiences shared by stakeholders involved throughout the process (business operators, trade company, on-board vet, captain of the vessels)
- Building information exchange channels between the various Competent Authorities
- Working group discussion on common key challenges for Competent Authorities
- Dedicated sessions on animal welfare during slaughter
- Field visit (quarantine facilities).










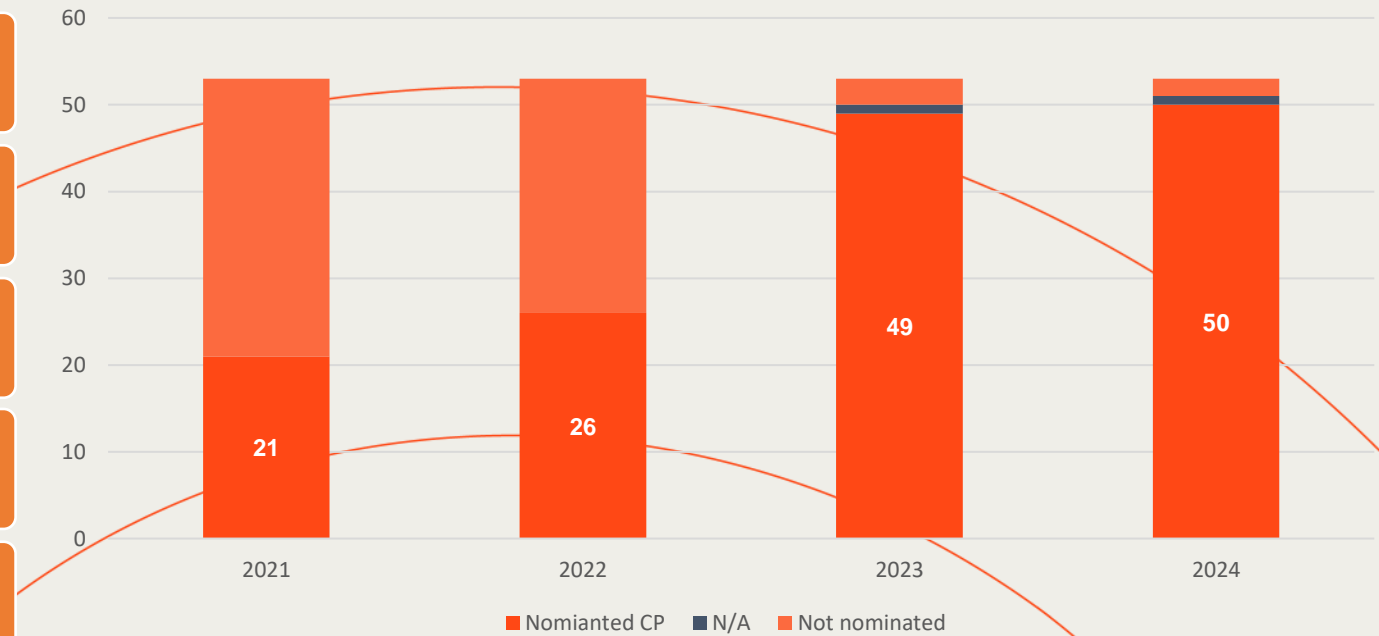
Conclusions

- Inefficient communication and coordination among stakeholders (competent authorities, transporters, producers) resulted in delays, inefficiencies, and compromised animal welfare.
- Inconsistencies in enforcing regulations across borders and a lack of standardised procedures hindered effective oversight and animal welfare.
- Pre-border documentation checks are crucial for preventing delays and unexpected events.
- The need for improved procedures to manage unexpected events with a focus on establishing clear communication channels, defining roles and responsibilities, and developing a unified approach to minimise disruptions and ensure animal welfare.
- Defining the operational and financial roles and responsibilities of all actors involved in the journey
- Sharing best practices and experiences is key to building trust and fostering a collaborative approach to continuous improvement.



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

-  1st meeting – November 2021
-  2nd meeting – December 2022
-  3rd meeting – 20-22 June 2023
-  4th meeting – July 2024
-  5th meeting – March 2025





6th meeting of the WOAHA regional network of National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

Online - September 2026

doodle poll to schedule the date and identify the technical topics

Agenda:

- selected technical topics
- follow up on the development draft of the proposed template document for facilitating communication between Competent Authorities
- update on revision chapters on transport
- update on global and regional activities
- Observatory thematic study on transport



Whole Journey Scenario workshop for Europe

Q3-Q4 2026, Azerbaijan (tbc)

Agenda:

- Proposed scenario route to be addressed: from EU countries via the Black Sea and the Caucasus to Central Asia (details to be confirmed)
- WOAHS standards and technical presentation
- Understanding the situation through country reports and identifying gaps and challenges
- Addressing challenges, strengthening collaboration, and improving communication along the route
- Stakeholder engagement, including business operators and other government authorities

Development of a self-assessment and monitoring methodology and tool for transport



Developing a self-assessment and monitoring tool on animal transport

External consultation (method)

- conduct a thorough review of the methodology
- determine the most appropriate elements for developing standards in transport.
- address whether the proposed questionnaire effectively aligns with the intended objectives
- **define and describe a process and structure, data analysis**



External consultation (IT platform)

- define and describe a process and structure, data analysis
- Develop IT platform, database, user interface and dashboard



Final report

Supporting the creation of a self-assessment tool on the WOAH standards for the transport of animals by land and sea

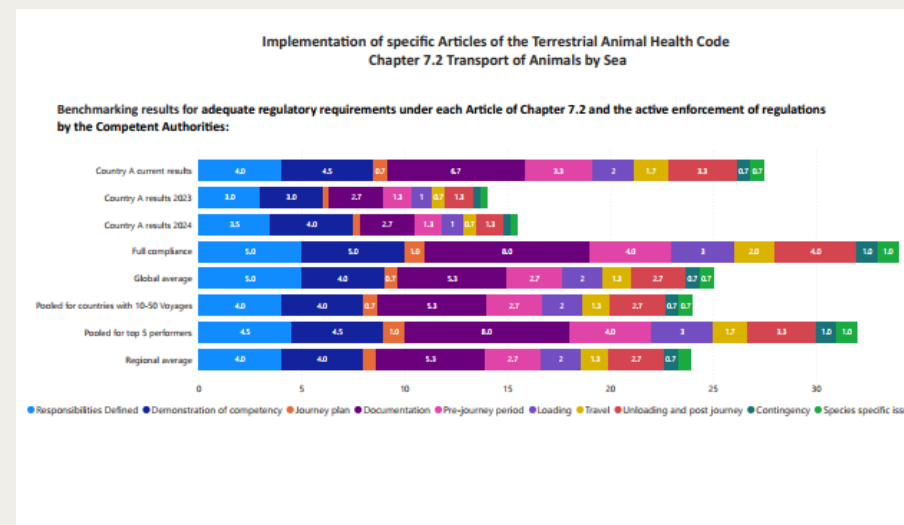
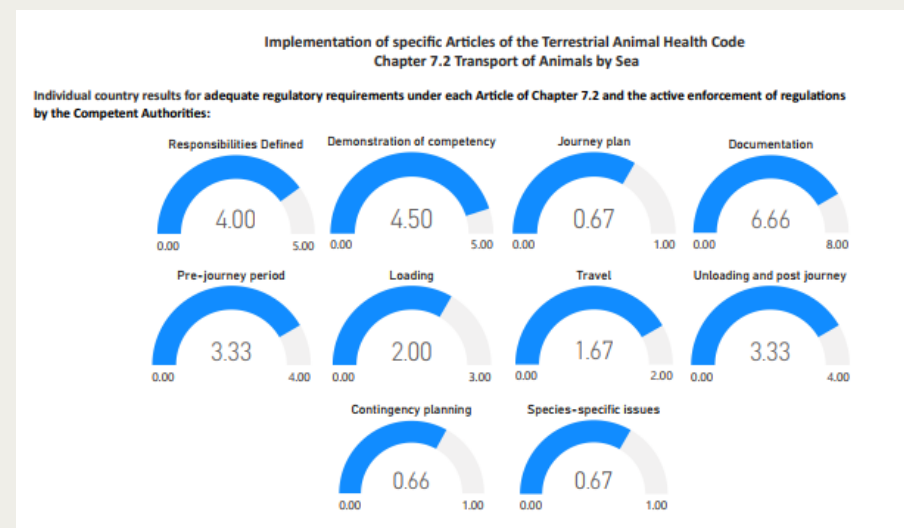
Impetus Animal Welfare

21 July 2025

Lead Contact: Dr Renee Sophie Willis

Supporting Team:

Patrick Coole and Dr Michael Patching



A light brown dog with floppy ears is sitting on the roof of a light-colored car. The dog is looking towards the left of the frame with its mouth slightly open. The background is a blurred city street with green trees and buildings under a soft, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. A thin white horizontal line is positioned above the text.

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT



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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)**

Regular support for the SAM4DPM self-assessment rounds

Periodic flash thematic meetings



5th Regional workshop on dog population management for Caucasus and Central Asia (DPMWE5)

2-4 December 2025 - Almaty, Kazakhstan

Nine roadmap members Caucasus & Central Asia: Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

Objectives

- To assess the level of implementation of Chapter 7.7 and rabies control programmes
- To strengthen technical expertise through expert presentations and discussions
- To address specific national roadmaps challenges via interactive exercises
- To examine dog-mediated public health risks through a One-Health approach





Activities

Member updates

- Progress in dog population management
- Rabies control programme updates
- Main challenges and priorities

Technical support

- Humane dog capture methods and behavior assessment
- Role of NGOs
- One Health aspects & public health risks
- WOHAB Rabies control tools
- EU Animal Welfare Regulation
- SAM4DPM Self-Assessment and Monitoring System





Interactive activities

Working group session & round table discussion

- Legislative framework
- Free-roaming dogs
- Identification and registration



Key outcomes

- Key barriers: stakeholder coordination, funding, legislation, and public awareness
- Weak identification and registration systems
- Low rabies risk perception and limited reliable data
- **Priority areas to develop:** regulatory frameworks and sustained vaccination efforts



Field visit

To explore the practical implementation of the local dog population management programme



- Community communication
- Shelter management
- Operational procedures





[Link to article](#)

Objectives:

- **Examine** the implications of the new EU policy and explore how to harmonise national frameworks to it
- **Build the infrastructure** for improved enforcement and **facilitate** international cooperation

Participants:

23 EU member states and candidate countries
European Commission
National authorities
Veterinary organisations



**New EU policy for the welfare and traceability of
dogs and cats**

Key Outcomes

EU Legal Framework is **historic**
Harmonizes standards across Member States,
addresses illegal trade, irresponsible breeding,
and cross-border gaps.

Success depends on implementation:



Identification & Registration (I&R) -Cornerstone of Welfare

- Mandatory microchipping & interoperable digital databases.
- Public awareness is key for compliance.

Enforcement & Illegal Trade -small-scale and online.

- Trained inspectors, cross-agency coordination, stronger penalties.

Capacity & Collaboration

- Skilled professionals and clear multi-stakeholder roles are essential.

Education & Awareness

- Public, breeder, and professional education drives responsible ownership.

Concept note on WOAH supporting the implementation of Dog Population Management strategies

This concept note aims to facilitate WOAH for informed decision-making, guide resource allocation, and encourage collaborative efforts to implement humane, evidence-based DPM programmes that improve WOAH communication and support for public health and animal welfare outcomes globally.

- **SHARING Platform experience**
- **SHARING Member expertise and experience**
- **Promote use of SAM4DPM**

DRAFT
under
development

SAM
s y s t e m
4DPM

Self-Assessment and Monitoring System
for Dog Population Management



Regional roadmaps on Dog Population Management

Next steps

- External consultancy for the analysis of DPM data collected through the regional roadmap for the Balkans for the period 2014 – 2026: **Call for tenders OPEN!** ⌚ 10/7
- **7th Workshop for the Dog Population Management regional roadmap for the Balkans regional Vision by 2026!**
review achievements and gaps, lessons learned, and reflect how to move forward
- Follow-up on the Caucasus and Central Asia countries' Action Points
- Launch of **next round** of the self-assessment using SAM4DPM: **both** regional roadmaps

DISASTER MANAGEMENT



Fernando de Abreu



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Presentations

- Presentation on the conclusions and outcomes of the meeting in July (Bucharest)
- Update on the draft proposal on the Terms of Reference on National Contact

Points on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

- Update on the e-module on emergency management (CP6)



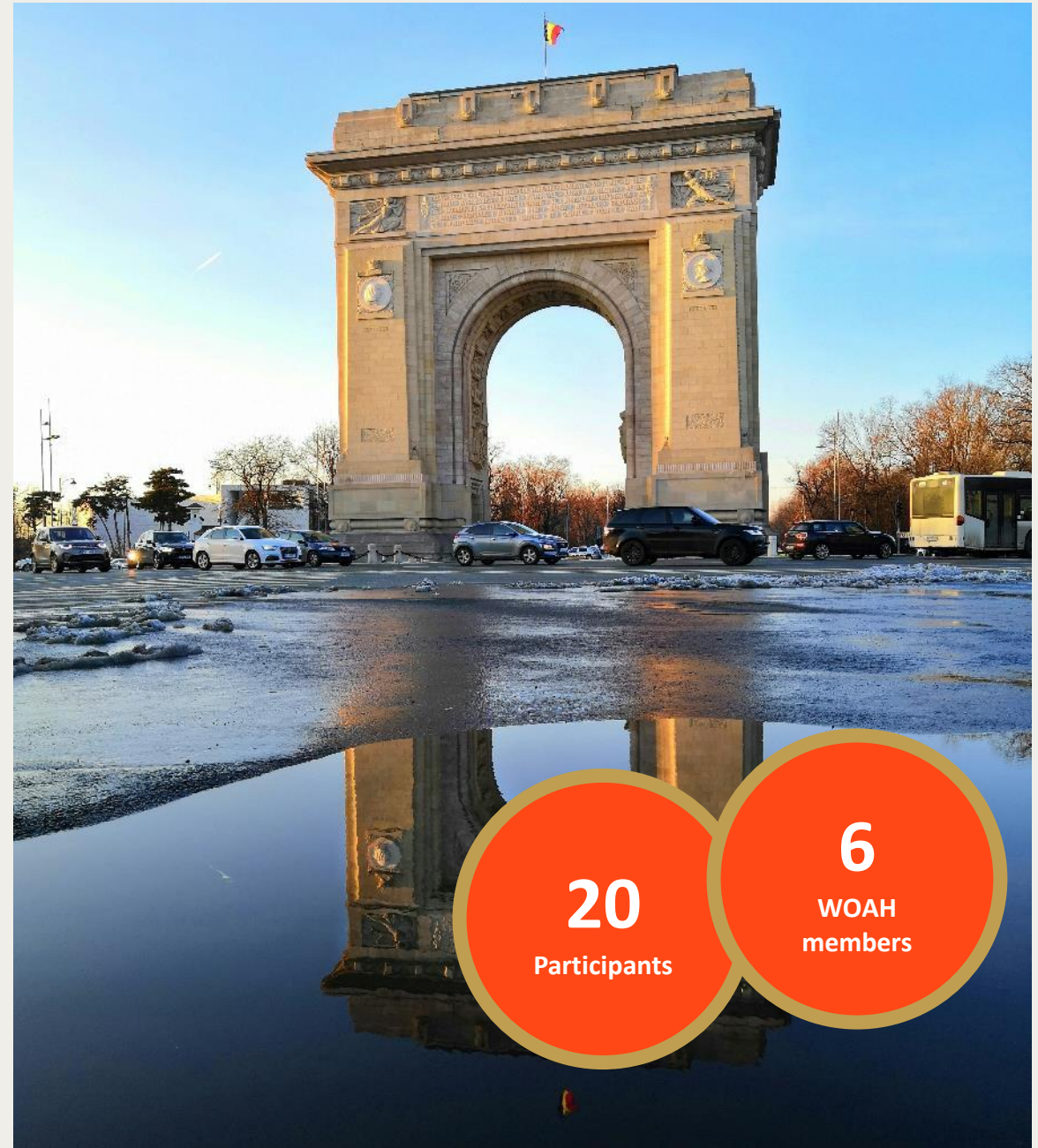
- **WOAH workshop on Response Plan Development for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction**

08 - 10 July 2025, Bucharest, Romania



Objectives:

- Build the understanding/ knowledge on the process for developing a response plan;
- Understand the needs/ challenges of each country to develop VS response plan;
- Collaboratively work to create a response plan document applicable for multi-hazard response framework for different scenarios.
- Work on an agreed Terms of Reference for the National Contact Point on DMRR



• WOAH workshop on DMRR Agenda

- **WOAH Updates**
- WOAH and global and regional strategy on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction
- WOAH Guidelines on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction in Relation to Animal Health and Welfare and Veterinary Public Health
- WOAH Competency Framework and e-learning Platform (CP6)
- Country reports (overview of state of play - legislation, implementation of the WOAH guidelines and main challenges)
 - Bulgaria, France, Greece, Iceland, Romania and Spain

Thematic technical lectures

- Lecture on the contingency framework - Overview of disaster management and risk reduction Introduction to Disaster Response Planning Objectives and role of Veterinary Services (VS) *by Dr Hayley Squance (Massey University, New Zealand)*
- Introduction To Animal Disaster Response Operations For Decision Makers *by Mr John Peaveler (Humane Innovations)*
- Process for Developing and Structuring Response Plans *by Dr Jimmy Tickel (EmVetNet)*
 - a) Step-by-step process
 - b) Stakeholder engagement and coordination

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

08--10-July-2025, Bucharest, Romania¶

This-workshop-is-funded-by-Spain-and-the-Royal-Society-for-the-Prevention-of-Cruelty-to-Animals, and-kindly-hosted-by-Romania.¶



Programme¶

DAY 1: July 2025¶		
09:00¶	Registration and welcoming of participants¶	¶
Session 1:¶	State-of-play¶	Chairperson:¶
09:30--09:45¶	Opening remarks¶	<i>Dr Csutak Nagy (Romania)¶</i> <i>Tomasz Grudnik (WOAH)¶</i>
09:45--10:00¶	WOAH Global activities check with HQ¶	<i>Daniel Donachie -Online (HQ colleague)¶</i>
10:00--10:15¶	WOAH Platform on animal welfare for Europe¶	<i>Tomasz Grudnik / Fernando de Abreu (WOAH)¶</i>
10:15--10:30¶	WOAH Competency Framework and eLearning Platform¶	<i>Hana Abdelsattar (HQ colleague)¶</i>
10:30--10:45¶	Q&A / Discussion¶	¶
10:45--11:00¶	Coffee break¶	¶

• WOAH workshop on DMRR Agenda

Working group exercises – case studies

- Working group exercise I - *identifying key challenges*
- Working group exercise II - *Outcome of the previous exercise and possible solutions*
- Working group exercise III - *possible solutions*

Partners and Stakeholders presentation

- Centre for Disaster Veterinary Medicine by Ms L. Tuominen (SLU)
- European cooperation during emergencies: the role of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and the Emergency Response Coordination Centre by Ms Sien VANLOMMEL – (European Commission - DG ECHO)



Outcomes from 2025 WOAHA workshop on Response Plan Development for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction:

- Further **strengthen communication** and collaboration between Competent Authorities and stakeholders: Include international Civil Protection actors / organisations working in Disasters in the future meetings
- Develop specific protocols/procedures and **harmonise templates** related to technical and administrative aspects of DMRR
- Promote **development of digital information** management application
- Foster the possibility to have a simulation / practical exercise
- Development of the National Contact Points on Disaster Management and Risk reduction



“Collective power”



2025 WOAHA workshop on Response Plan Development for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction - WOOCCLAP

findings:

What is the most important or impactful message you received from this workshop?

Communication
Collaboration
Share
Share
John

Communication
Collaboration
Theres no coordination
Exchange information
Colaboration is the key

Expertise
Everything can be done, when you have the right people and resources.
Networking
Collaboration
Network

Collaboration is key
Networking
Make your Web
Be ready for recovery as emergencies always happen

Collaboration

Cooperation

What is the priority topic or action you will work on when you return home?

Make plan and timeline for future work
Feedback
Share the info
inform all potential partners
Share

Networking
A new contingency plan
Share
Share information
Make a Plan

Partner wheel
Networking
Reporting
Feedback
Spreading the information

Dissemination of information
Planification

How to improve future sessions

Like you John
Take John home
Bringing John
Another country
Make sure people from different institutions/orga nisations attend

Invite civil security officer
Invite John
Practical exercise
More countries
Simulation exercise w stakeholders

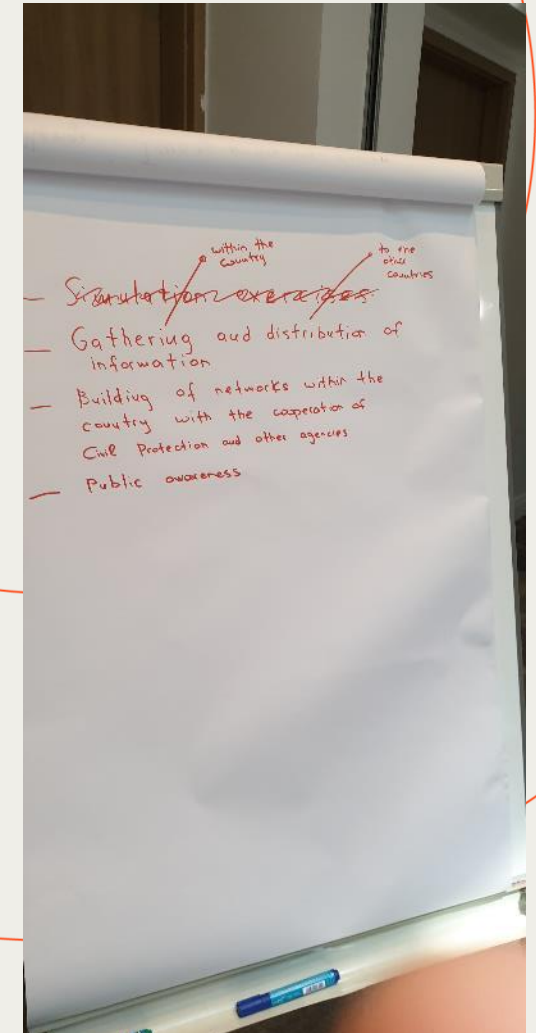
More sharing of knowledge
To include other countries and on field exercises
More countries
More practical activities
Practical presentations

More countries present
shorter days
More days
Include international CP
More action

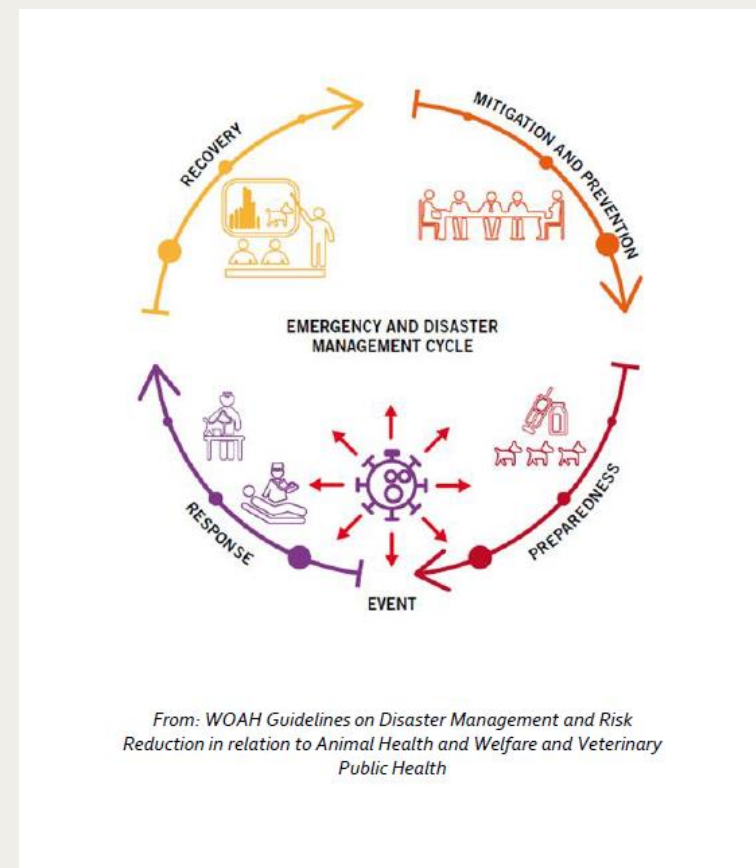
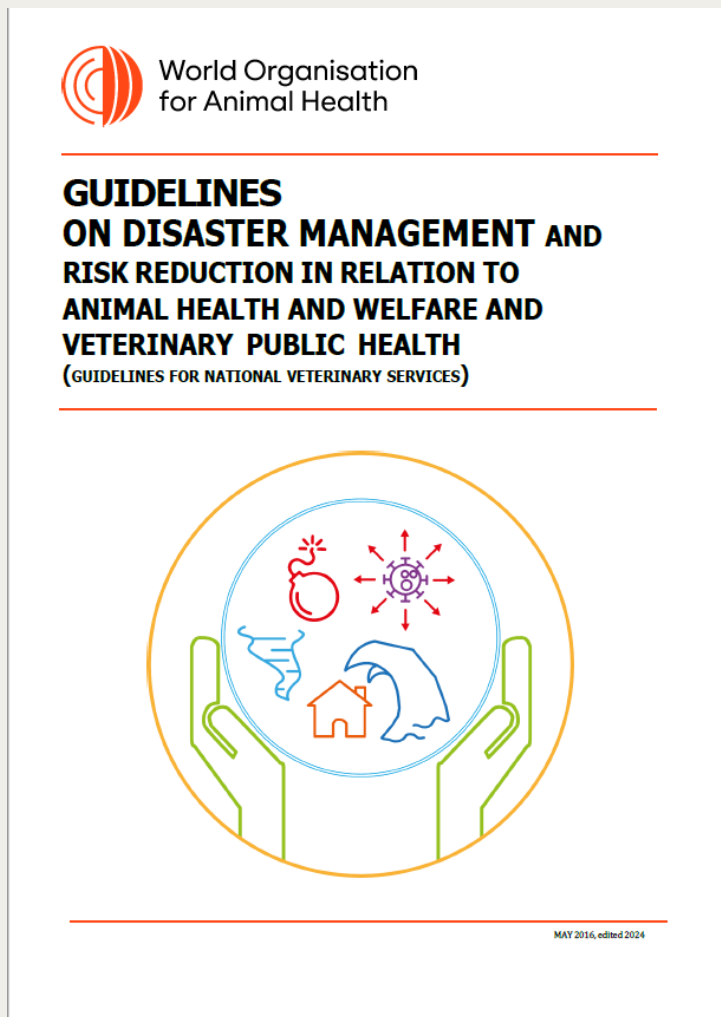
Terms of Reference National Contact Point for DMRR

All WOAHA Delegates of the WOAHA Regional Commission for Europe are invited to nominate a National Contact Point on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction (hereafter 'Contact Point') and consequently inform WOAHA. The Delegate shall inform WOAHA whenever there is a change of the nominated Contact Point.

- Is placed under the supervision of the WOAHA Delegate.
- Should be allowed to have direct exchanges of information, by email and other forms of communication, with the network of Contact Points
- Should maintain a high-level coordination with the WOAHA National Focal Point for Animal Welfare (hereafter 'the Focal Point'), when Contact Point and Focal Point are different.
- The Secretariat of the WOAHA Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe is responsible for establishing and keeping updated the list of National Contact Points in Europe.
- The WOAHA Platform may organise meetings of the Network, allowing the Contact Points to discuss common issues and share best practices related to Disaster Management and Risk Reduction.



Guidelines on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction, and the Disaster Management Cycle



Emergency Management Standards (in-progress)

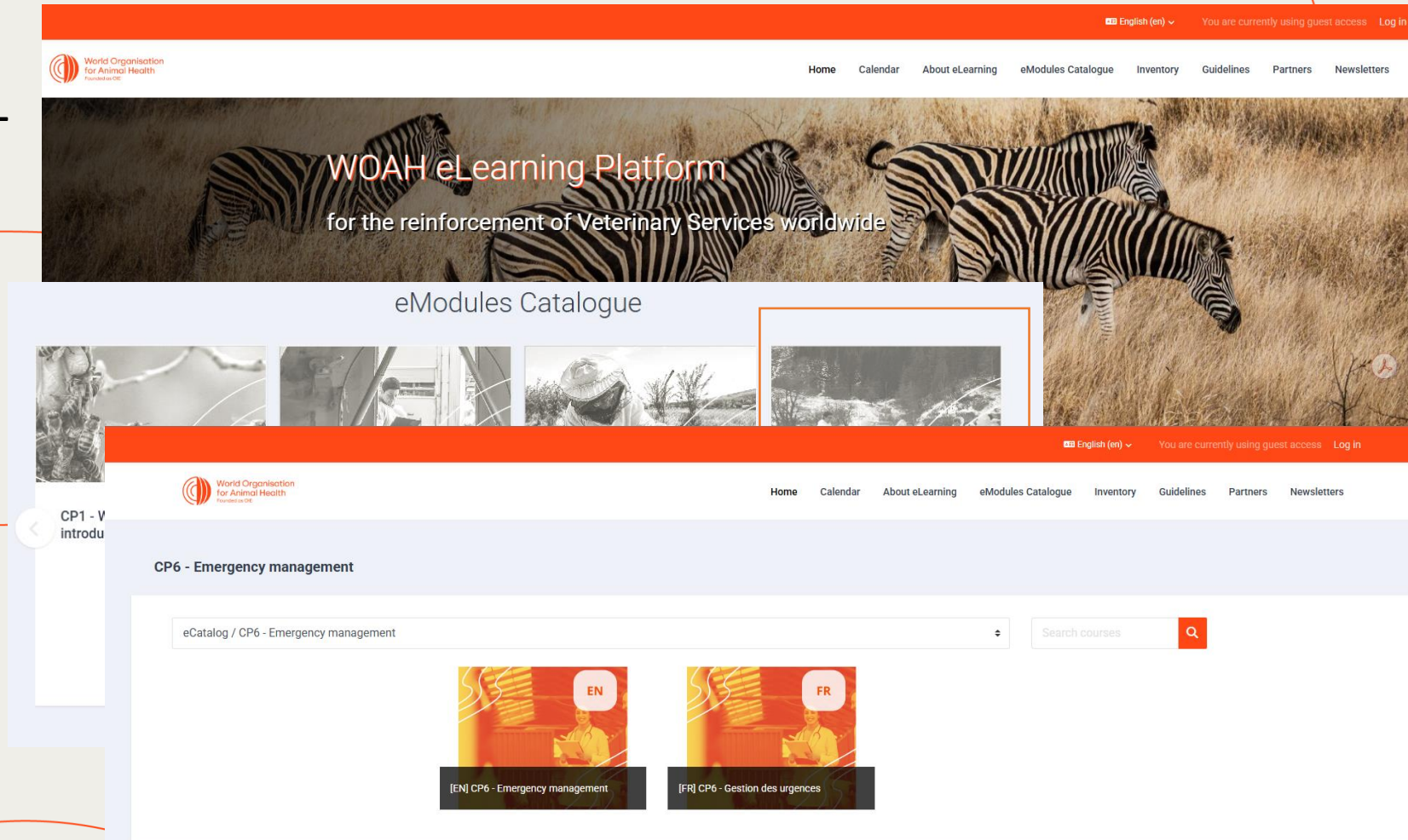
- *Ad hoc* Group
 - *Terrestrial Code* reviewed
 - Recommended developing a chapter on emergency management
 - Aiming to present for adoption at the 2027 General Session



Update E-module on emergency management (CP6)

The WOAHE Learning Platform is a global, self-paced, and interactive training space. The WOAHE Learning Platform is an **open-access platform**. All eModules are accessible free of charge. It reflects the WOAHE knowledge system based on its **international standards** and scientific literature.

- Competency-based
- Learner-centered
- Expert-driven



The screenshot displays the WOAHE Learning Platform website. The top navigation bar includes the WOAHE logo, the text "World Organisation for Animal Health", and a language selector set to "English (en)". The main header features a banner with a zebra image and the text "WOAH eLearning Platform for the reinforcement of Veterinary Services worldwide". Below this is the "eModules Catalogue" section, which shows a grid of course thumbnails. The selected course is "CP6 - Emergency management", which is displayed in a light blue sidebar. The main content area for this course shows a search bar with the text "eCatalog / CP6 - Emergency management" and a search button. Below the search bar are two course cards: one for English ("EN") and one for French ("FR"). The English card is titled "[EN] CP6 - Emergency management" and the French card is titled "[FR] CP6 - Gestion des urgences".

<https://rr-europe.woah.org/en/online-training-e-learning/>

Update E-module on emergency management (CP6)

The screenshot shows the course page for 'EN] CP6 - Emergency management'. The main content area features a large orange starburst graphic with the text 'Over 40 online eModule under 17 Competency Packages'. Below the starburst, there is a section titled 'Audience' which states: 'This eModule is specifically geared for Veterinary Services and Aquatic Animal Health Services (as per WOAH definition), whether at central, district or field level. The eModule will also be made available to other national services (human, environmental), as needs be, as this is a One Health topic.' Below this, there is a 'Learning Outcomes' section. At the bottom of the page, there are icons for 'Day 2', '4 Units', '4 Hours', and '20 Res'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with options like 'General', 'Entry Test', 'Introduction to Emergency Management', 'Learning Certification', 'Evaluate the eModule', 'Glossary', and 'Credits'. The bottom of the page has an 'Announcements' section with 'Open all' and 'Close all' buttons.

A grid of 17 Competency Package (CP) thumbnails, each with a title and a representative image. The thumbnails are arranged in a 5x4 grid, with the last cell empty. The titles are: CP1 - WOAH and its partners introduction, CP2 - Quality and management of Veterinary Services/Aq AHS, CP3 - Risk analysis, CP4 - Laboratory services, CP5 - Animal health management, CP6 - Emergency management, CP7 - Animal welfare, CP8 - Prudent use of antimicrobials and other veterinary products, CP9 - Emerging risks, CP10 - Partnership, CP11 - One Health, CP12 - Trade of animals and animal products, CP13 - Food safety, CP14 - Economics of animal health, CP15 - Aquatics, CP16 - Wildlife, and CP17 - Internal OIE trainings.

European Civil Protection Forum 2024

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- Civil protection;
- First responders;
- Civil society organisations;
- Private sector;
- Science and academia;
- Partner international organisations.



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9th European Civil Protection Forum 2026

3-4 November, Tour & Taxi, Brussels

organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)

Focus on preparedness: towards a more **anticipatory, integrated and resilience-based approach** promoted by the Preparedness Union Strategy.

- **Exhibitors Stand** : *WOAH's role in disaster preparedness and biological threats*
- **Dedicated Session** : *Why animals must be part of the preparedness picture: integrating Veterinary Services into civil protection's preparedness and resilience*



Panel during the European Civil Protection Forum 2024. © European Commission.



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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



• WOAH table top exercise on Response Plan Development for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

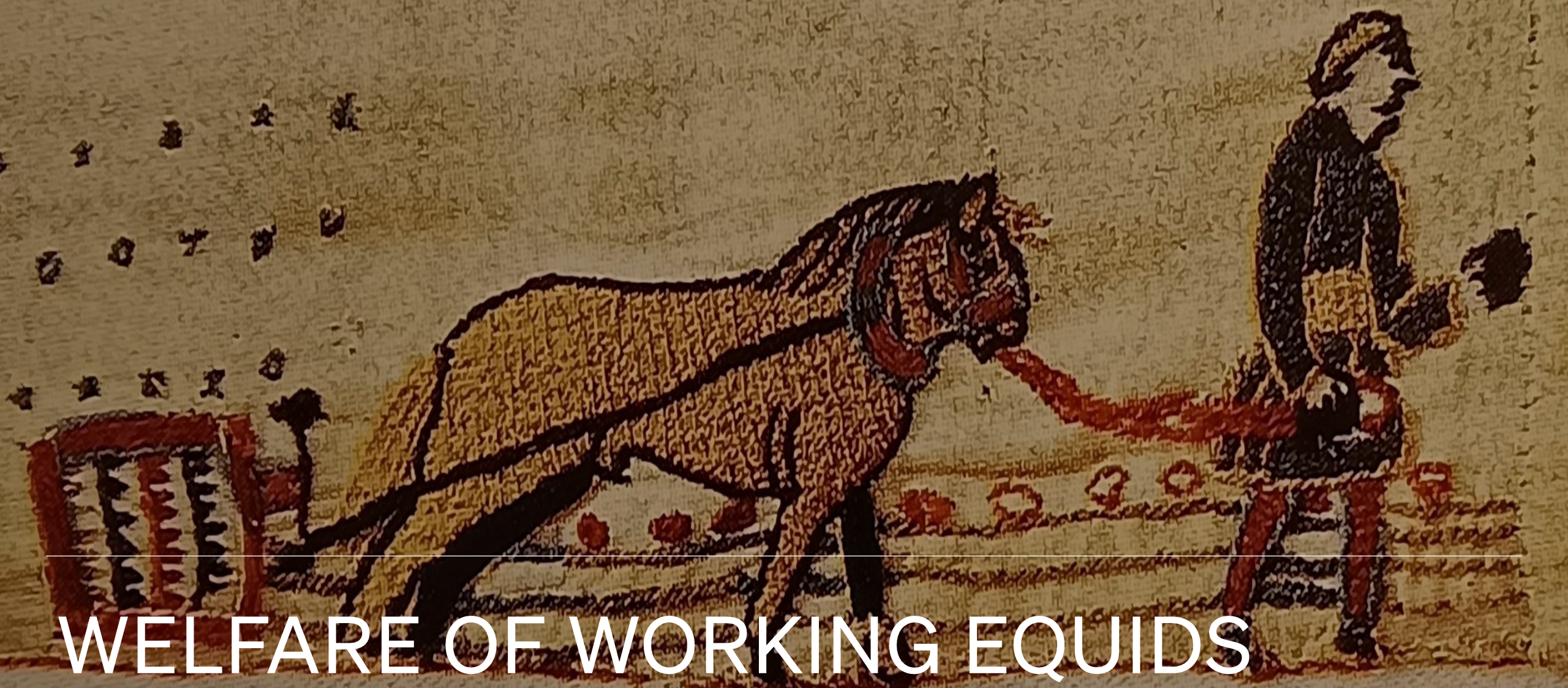
2026/2027, Lisbon, Portugal



Objectives:

- Organisation of the simulation exercise for the testing of contingency plan and developed response plan protocols on the welfare of animals during natural disasters in Europe, including table top exercise;
- Understand the needs/ challenges of each country to develop VS response plan;
- Work on the multi-hazard response framework for different scenarios;
- Foster Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) collaboration with the veterinary services;
- Continue to improve the Terms of Reference for the National Contact Point on DMRR





WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS



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Online event on the welfare of working equids

29th April 2025 10:00 – 13:00 (CEST - Brussels time)

Objectives

- Raising awareness of WOAAH standards on the welfare of working equids
- Share existing tools and knowledge resources
- Presenting funding opportunities with WHW grants
- Sharing experience - project implementation
- Engaging local partner organisations

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Registration



Regional online event on the welfare of working equids

Региональное онлайн-мероприятие: благополуче рабочих животных семейства лошадиных

Регистрация

29 April/Апрель 2025 – 10.00 (Paris time / Парижское время)

 The meeting is organized in collaboration with the Coalition for Working Equids. Мероприятие организуется в сотрудничестве с Коалицией в защиту рабочих животных.





Online event on the welfare of working equids

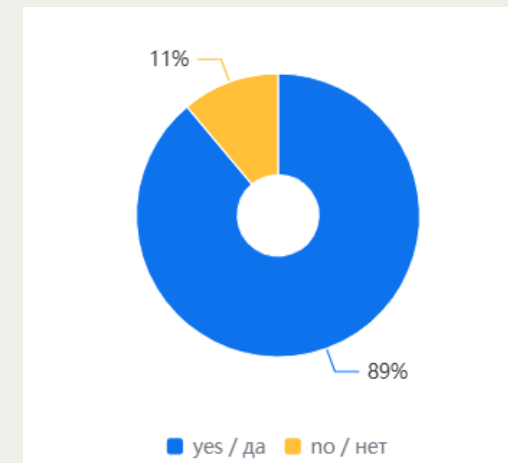
29th April 2025 10:00 – 13:00 (CEST - Brussels time)

Introduction	Opening remarks	M. Taitubayev (WOAH SRR for Central Asia)
	WOAH Global Animal Welfare Strategy and WOAH Terrestrial Code Chapter 7.12 welfare of working equids	Tomasz Grudnik (WOAH)
	International Coalition for Working Equids (introduction)	Sandra Zafra (World Horse Welfare)
Tools and knowledge resources	ICWE's Working Equid Standards Library of Information (WESLI)	Joe Collins (The Donkey Sanctuary)
	European Reference Centre for Animal Welfare (EURCAW) Ruminants and Equines	Evangelia N. Sossidou (ELGO-DIMITRA)
	Activities to promote the welfare of working equids	Alison Hanlon (UCD Dublin)
Projects	World Horse Welfare project: Romanian experience – when each small step matters	Eva Lazar (World Horse Welfare)
	World Horse Welfare grants	Sebastian Da Silva (World Horse Welfare)
	WOAH Private Public Partnership	Rahul Srivastava (WOAH)
Identification of WOAH members' needs and future activities.	Regional Platform on animal welfare for Europe activities on welfare of working equids	Tomasz Grudnik

WOAH should assist the Competent Authority in the implementation of standards and requirements on the welfare of working equids through the following?

Provide additional guidance through other WOA documents (guidelines, handbooks...)	71%
Develop training programmes	71%
Support for dissemination existing materials	35%
Develop awareness-raising campaigns or tools.	35%
Provide targeted assistance by experts/assistance teams.	29%
Develop regional workshop programmes	24%
Provide targeted assistance for developing legislation	24%
Provide additional guidance through revised standards in the Terrestrial Code	18%
Thematic online workshop	6%
Facilitate the incorporation of the topic into veterinary education	6%
Private – public partnership initiatives	6%

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



Event on the welfare of working equids

*back-to-back to animal welfare focal points meeting
2 July 2026 (half day)*

- Technical lecture
(WESLI and technical aspect e.g. workload)
- Update on IWCE activities
- Case studies / sharing country experience
- Working group exercise, reporting and discussion



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Governance

- *Steering Group*
(Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Ireland, Portugal)
- *Regional Commission for Europe*

Stakeholders and partners

- *annual coordination meetings*

Communication

- *developing communication strategy*
- *website updates*
- *annual newsletters*
- *quarterly updates*
- *Annual report*

Monitoring and evaluation

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



Governance

- **Steering Group meeting (SG26)**

9th of April 2026 (Teleconference)

- **Regional Commission meeting**

93rd General Session (7/05 & 18/05)

- **Regional Conference**

September 2026, Latvia

- **Steering Group meeting (SG27)**

October 2026, Teramo (tbc)

- **Steering Group Meeting (SG28)**

Q1/Q2 2027 online

Governance

Steering Group composition

- Member of the Bureau of the Regional Commission for Europe
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ireland
- Israel
- Portugal
- European Commission
- Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre
- WOAH HQ

Observers (resource partners from organizations and Member Countries, other interested parties, notably from the civil society, the industry, professional organizations and NGO)





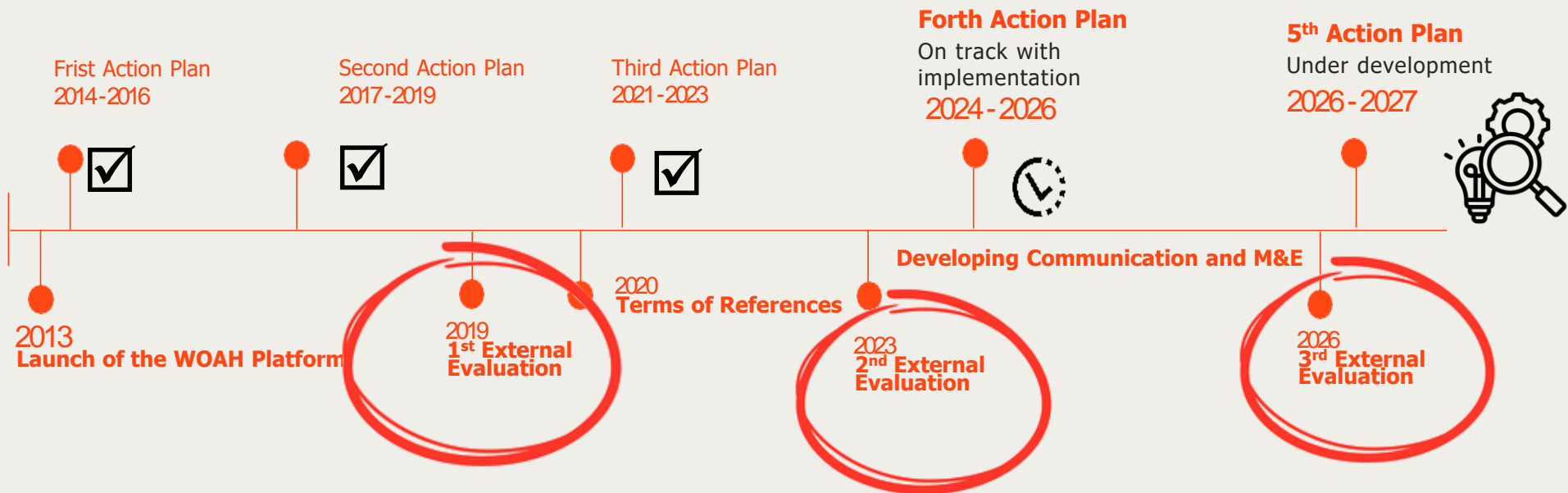
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External Consultancy on the Monitoring & Evaluation strategy of WOAHP Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Objectives

Improve our capability to measure the impact of the AW Platform

- Revision of the existing M&E system
- Proposed a revised M&E system



Monitoring Evaluation Learning



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WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning system (MEL)

Report

2 March 2026

Dr Karen Iles



Monitoring Evaluation Learning

Strengths

- Support of stakeholders
~ great ideas!
- Commitment of the Secretariat
to be even better
- Comprehensive reports
- Lessons & next steps
- SAM tools
- Collaborations
- Regular evaluations
- Applying evaluation
recommendations

Challenges

- Foundation
- Terminology
- Time
- Reporting
- Roles
- ... and more



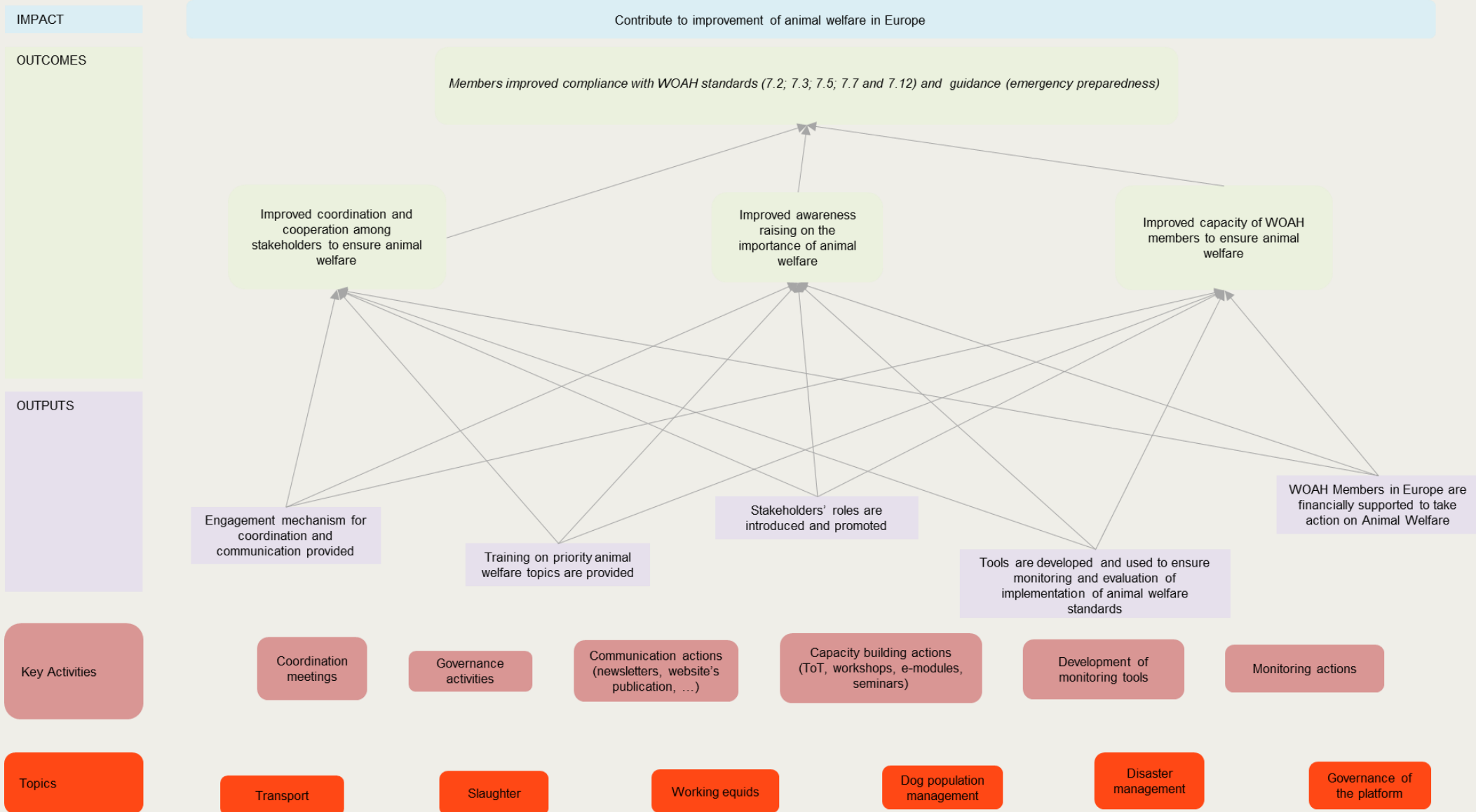
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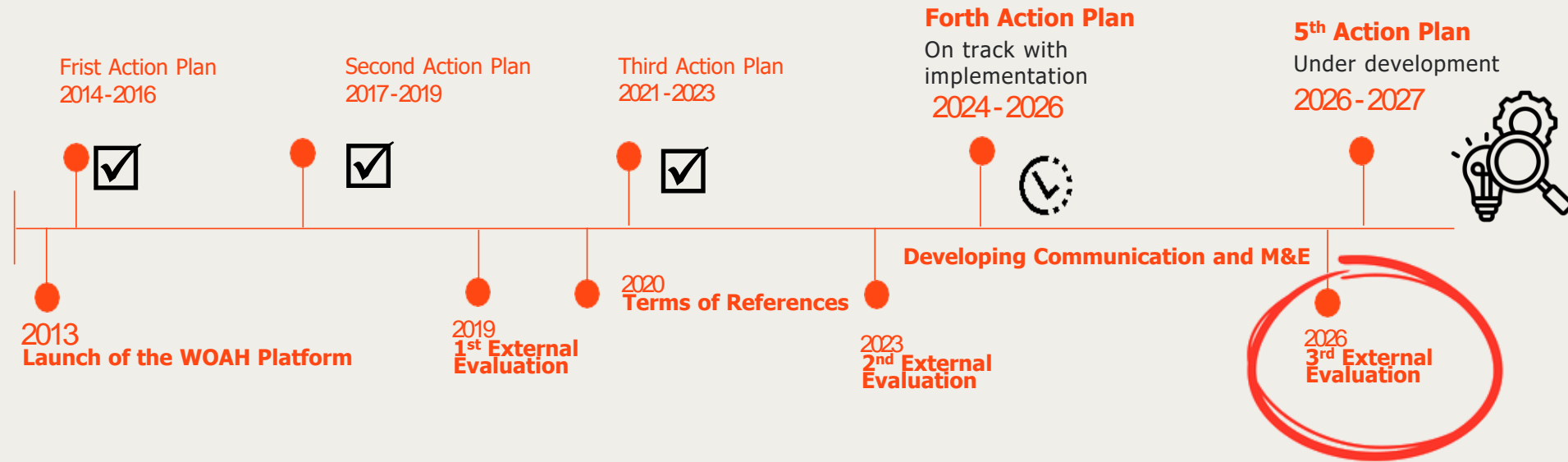
Recommendations

- Engage a MEL specialist
- Update the Platform's Theory of Change
- Update the Results Framework
- Revise how the Platform reports are written
- Plan an impact study
- Create a MEL Roadmap (MEL Document and MEL Matrix).

What to do and how to do it – in the report

fully functioning M&E system that meets the needs of the Platform





External Evaluation of the Platform – 2026

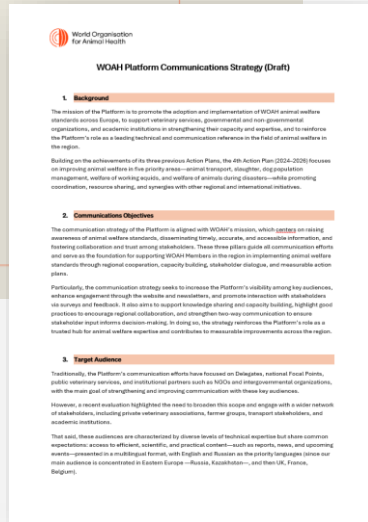
to review the Platform’s relevance, cohesiveness, effectiveness, efficiency, and contribution towards impact with activities

Communication



Communication Channels and Activities

Global Communication Strategy



Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

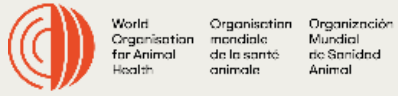
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OTHER EVENTS



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Investing in Animal Welfare: from Standards to Implementation

93rd General Session

Tuesday, 19th May 2026, (13.00 – 14.30), CNIT Forest, Paris

SIDE EVENT

The panel discussion explored

- Why investing in animal welfare should be seen not solely as a cost but as a strategic decision that can yield direct and indirect benefits.
- How implementing WOAHA animal welfare standards contributes to animal health and welfare, public health, resilient veterinary services, environmental improvements, citizens' expectations, market opportunities and sustainable food systems.
- How WOAHA's international standards provide a common framework for prioritising investments, mobilising public and private resources, and ensuring measurable, accountable results.

Investing in Animal Welfare: from Standards to Implementation



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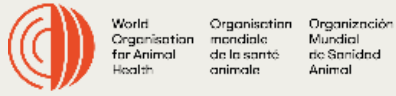


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Investing in Animal Welfare: from Standards to Implementation

Conclusions

- Animal welfare should be viewed as a strategic investment, not merely a compliance cost.
- Investments in welfare generate benefits for animal health, productivity, resilience, and public trust.
- WOAH standards provide a science-based framework for implementation and accountability.
- Effective progress requires collaboration between governments, industry, financial institutions, academia, and civil society.
- Innovation, digital tools, data systems, and capacity building are key enablers of welfare improvements.
- Strong Veterinary Services and supportive policies are essential to translate commitments into measurable outcomes.

Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points on Animal Welfare

30th June – 2nd July 2026

Budapest, Hungary

Attendees:

- 53 NFP on animal welfare
- relevant stakeholders,
- Collaborating Centre
- Speakers



Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points on Animal Welfare

Objectives:

- build focal points' capacity on animal welfare to better assume their responsibilities and
- providing participants with knowledge on specific relevant topics
- experience-sharing and discussion between country representatives and stakeholders
- discuss planned regional activities and 5th Action Plan of the Platform



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11th Stakeholder consultation meeting

24 June 2026 – Brussels



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