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WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

11th Stakeholder consultation meeting

24 June 2026 – Brussels

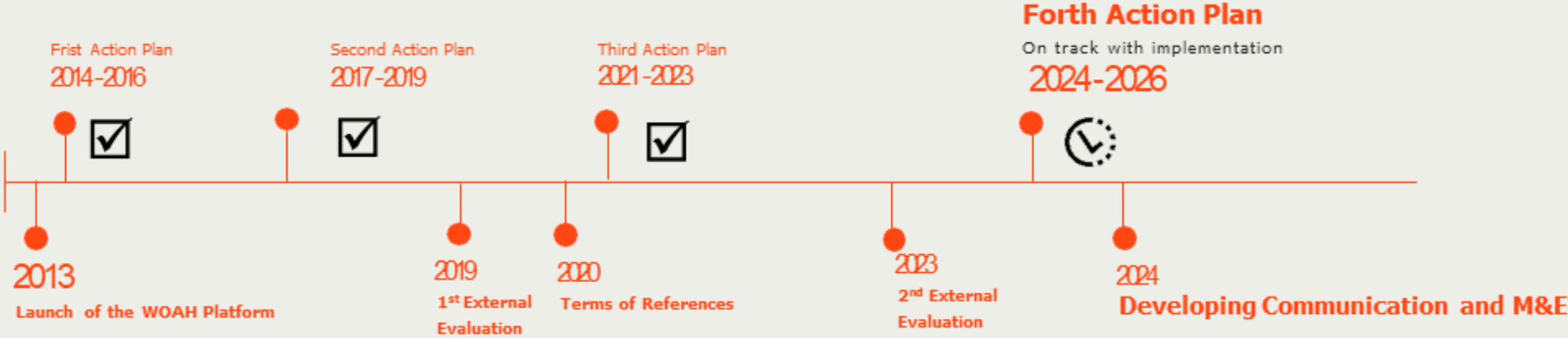


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Priority topics





Objective and timeline

Goal:

Develop the 5th Action Plan (2027–2029) of the WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe.

Purpose:

Ensure continuity, respond to Members' evolving needs, align with the 8th WOAH Strategic Plan (draft for review by Council in March) and Global Animal Welfare Strategy (2026)

Indicative Timeline:

Q4 2025 – Q2 2026: Preparation

Q2 – Q3 2026: Consultation

Q3 – Q4 2026: Drafting and Review

Q1 - Q2 2027: Validation and Launch



Step 1

Preparation (Q4 2025 – Q2 2026)

Objective: Set the foundation for developing the next plan.

Main Actions:

- Review achievements, lessons, and launch an external evaluation of the Platform
- Draft a Concept Note and process roadmap.
- Validate process and structure with the Steering Group

Output:

Agreed methodology and roadmap for the 5th Action Plan.



Step 2

Consultation (Q2 – Q3 2026)

Objective: Members' needs and priorities.

Main Actions:

- Identify gaps, new challenges, and emerging welfare themes
- Gather inputs during ongoing Platform events
- Analyse and consolidate needs by topic and sub-region
- External evaluation report

Output:

Needs and Priorities Report.



Members' needs and priorities.

- **Online survey and targeted interviews with all 53 Members Q2-Q3 2026**
- **Partner consultation at the 11th Stakeholders' Meeting – June 2026**
- **Regional Training Seminar for WOAHA National Focal Points on Animal Welfare June – July 2026**
- **Regional Conference - September 2026**



Step 3

Drafting and Review (Q3 – Q4 2026)

Objective: prepare and review the new Action Plan..

Main Actions:

- Consultation at the Regional Conference (September 2026)
- Update Theory of Change and Results Framework.
- Define objectives, activities, and indicators for each priority area.
- Draft specific actions, timeline and budget matrix
- Circulate for comments and for final review by SG

Output: draft 5th Action Plan (2027–2029)



Step 4

Validation and Launch Q1 - Q2 2027:

Objective: adopt the new Action Plan, ensure visibility, and ownership

Main Actions:

- review at SG28 (Feb 2027).
- Submit the final version for endorsement by the Regional Commission (May 2027).
- Publish the Action Plan WOAHEurope website.
- Organise launch event and communications campaign.
- Present to donors, partners, and Members at regional events.

Output: 5th Action Plan launched and integrated into the regional work programme.



5th Action Plan for 2027-2028

Proposed structure

- **Introduction (background and rationale)**
- **Achievements of the previous Action Plan (2024-2026)**
- **The external evaluation of the WOA H Platform**
- **Objectives**
- **Scope**
- **Activities of the 5th Action Plan**
- **Beneficiaries, partners and stakeholders**
- **Communication**
- **Reporting, monitoring and evaluation**
- **Timetable**
- **Theory of Change**
- **Results Framework**



Transport of Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue the Network of National Contact Points on Long-Distance Transport• Whole Journey Scenario workshops (regional and multi regional with specific thematic focus e.g emergency procedure, vessels approvals)• Build and Implement the Self-Assessment Tool on Transport
Slaughter of Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disseminate and promote the e-learning programme• Organise regional and national training activities (ToT approach)• Develop the Self-Assessment Tool on Slaughter
Dog Population Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue the Balkans and Caucasus/Central Asia Roadmaps• Maintain and expand SAM4DPM assessments• Support National Action Plans and local implementation
Welfare of Animals in Disasters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organise simulation exercises and regional workshops• Strengthen cooperation with civil protection and emergency services• Strengthen regional (and global) collaboration, sharing expertise and resources
Welfare of Working Equids	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional workshops and thematic meetings• Develop and promote training and awareness materials (training session)• Engage Members CA and local partners to identify and address specific/local needs



Horizontal Activities

- Monitoring and evaluation of progress towards implementation of WOAHS standards.
- Monitoring and evaluation of Platform activities (impact)
- Stakeholder engagement and consultation meetings
- Communication, knowledge sharing, and dissemination of good practices
- Resource mobilisation and partnership development



Thank you!

Questions, Comments Ideas...?

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