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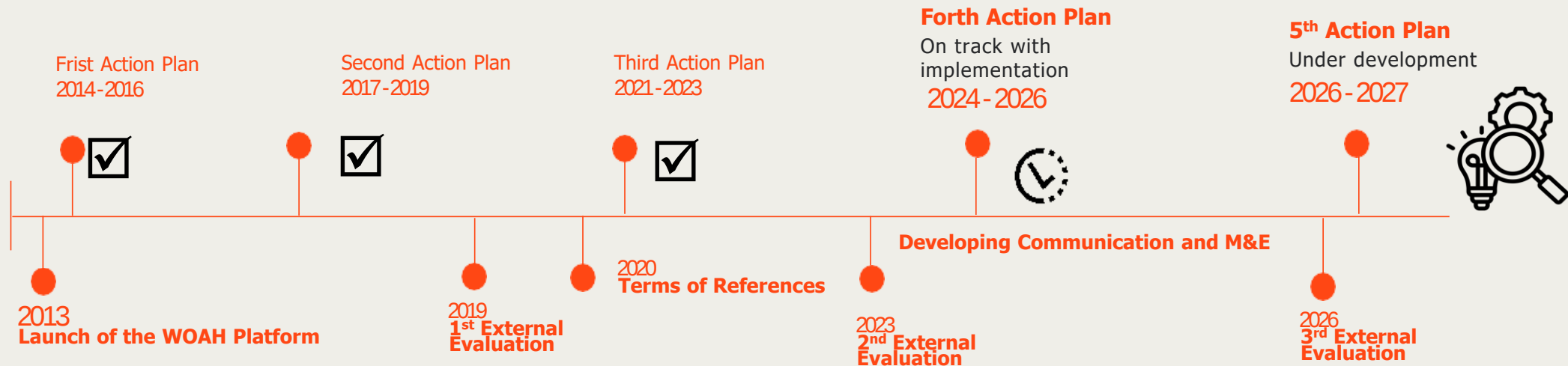
Regional training workshop for WOAH National Focal Points on Animal Welfare in Europe

30 June – 2 July 2026, Budapest, Hungary



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WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe



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





Question



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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



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.

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.



Sheep on pasture in Chile



Llamas in Bolivia

It's time to check your competency!



CONTINUE



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

LIGHT



Answer the question above before moving on.

The regional workshop on animal welfare during slaughter

11-12 February 2025, Tirana, Albania



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- Technical session on the revised chapter on welfare during slaughter.
- Country situation (country reports)
- Defining training needs.
- Identifying partner organisations, authorities, and institutions.
- Public-private partnerships
- Building a national training program on welfare during slaughter.



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WOAH
members

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Participants

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo*, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine

Working group exercise

Identifying key challenges

- Limited human resources
- Financial constraints
- Inconsistent data collection and a limited data management system
- Business operator motivation and consumer awareness

Developing a training programme

Target audience, Training Priorities, Stakeholder Roles & Collaboration, Country-Specific insights

Potential Next Steps,

- Development of standardised training activities.
- Implementation of regional cooperation mechanisms to enhance training efficiency.
- Establishment of MoUs to address accreditation issues across different countries.
- Strengthen PPP initiatives to support training efforts and policy implementation.
- Promotion of audit and control mechanisms to ensure compliance and effectiveness of training.



The regional workshop on animal welfare during slaughter

11-12 February 2025, Tirana, Albania

The key outcomes

- A collective effort to identify key challenges and share experience
- Valuable insights for the development of the upcoming ToT.
- Recognition of the need for regional collaboration to improve the efficiency of training development and organisation.
- Strengthening bilateral connections between countries, facilitating mutual support in areas e.g. IT data management systems.
- Acknowledgement that while funding remains a challenge, setting clear priorities and fostering collaboration can help overcome resource constraints.

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 first quarter of 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

Training of trainers on animal welfare during slaughter



OBJECTIVE

to improve the welfare of farm animals during slaughter (including transport for slaughter) in selected member countries through the tailored, training-the-trainers programme developed to support the implementation of the WOAH animal welfare

SCOPE

Terrestrial Animal Health Code
Chapter 7.5 welfare of animals during slaughter
Chapter 7.3 Transport by land (when relevant)



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Regional 'Train-the-Trainers' workshops on animal welfare during transport and slaughter

• Georgia (2015)

- Kazakhstan
- Ukraine
- Moldova
- Georgia
- Azerbaijan
- Turkmenistan

▪ Russia (2016)

- Armenia
- Belarus
- Russia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

▪ Balkans(2018)

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Kosovo*
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Serbia



Training of trainers on animal welfare during slaughter



CASCADING TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE

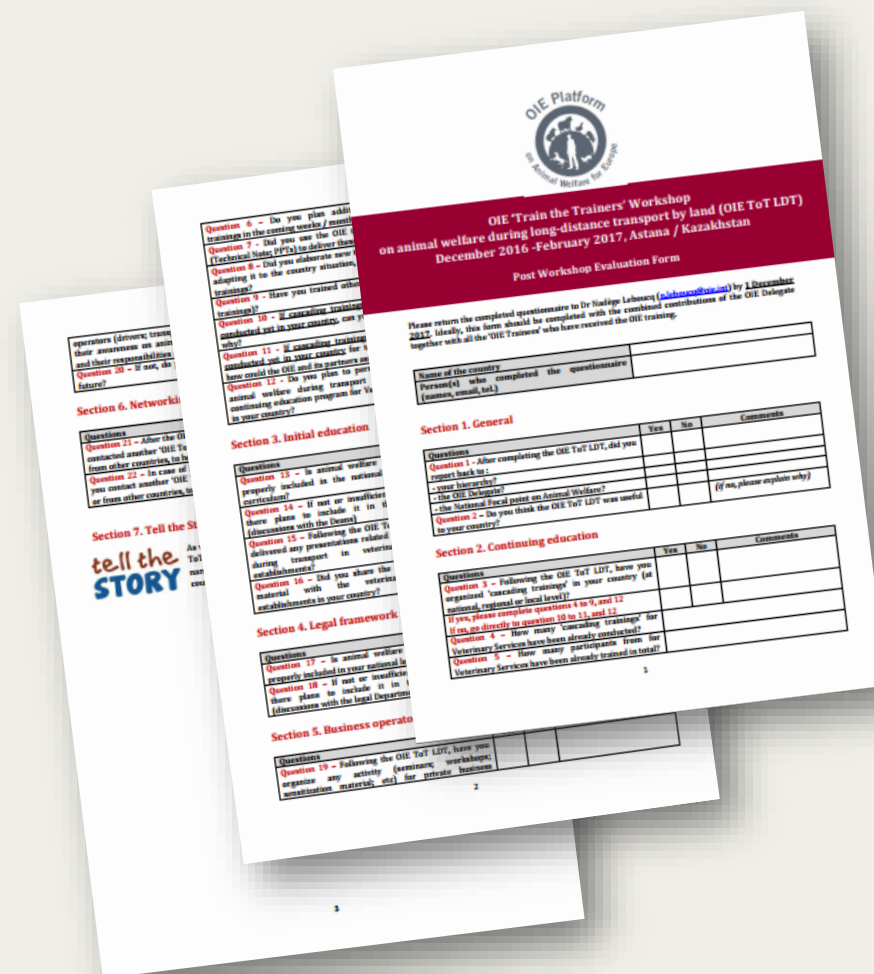
FOUR ACTION AREAS

- review/update of the **national veterinary legislation**
- **initial education** - the update of the **national veterinary core curriculum**
- **workshops for veterinary inspectors** at national, provincial and district levels, and the sustainable integration of this topic in the national programme of **continuing education**
- **awareness of the business operators** on their obligations

ASSESSMENT OF POST TOT WORKSHOPS ACTIVITIES

Assessment based on a questionnaire:

1. General
2 questions
2. Continuing education
12 questions
3. Initial education
4 questions
4. Legal framework
2 questions
5. Business operators' awareness
2 questions
6. Networking
7. Tell your story



OIE Platform
on Animal Welfare for Europe

OIE 'Train the Trainers' Workshop
on animal welfare during long-distance transport by land (OIE ToT LDT)
December 2016 - February 2017, Astana / Kazakhstan

Post Workshop Evaluation Form

Please return the completed questionnaire to Dr. Nadège Lehoucq (n.lehoucq@oie.int) by 15 December 2017. Ideally, this form should be completed with the combined contributions of the OIE Delegate together with all the 'OIE Trainers' who have received the OIE training.

Name of the country: _____

Person(s) who completed the questionnaire (names, email, tel.): _____

Section 1. General

Questions	Yes	No	Comments
Question 1 - After completing the OIE ToT LDT, did you:			
- your knowledge?			
- the OIE (in general)?			
- the National focal point on Animal Welfare?			(If no, please explain why)
Question 2 - Do you think the OIE ToT LDT was useful to your country?			

Section 2. Continuing education

Questions	Yes	No	Comments
Question 3 - Following the OIE ToT LDT, have you organized 'cascading training' in your country (at national, regional or local level)?			
If yes, please complete questions 4 to 6, and 12			
Question 4 - How many cascading trainings for Veterinary Services have been already conducted?			
Question 5 - How many participants from the Veterinary Services have been already trained in total?			

Section 3. Initial education

Questions

Question 13 - Is animal welfare properly included in the national curriculum?

Question 14 - If not or insufficient, where plans to include it in it (discussions with the Board)?

Question 15 - Following the OIE ToT LDT, have you delivered any presentations related to animal welfare in veterinary establishments in your country?

Section 4. Legal framework

Questions

Question 17 - Is animal welfare properly included in your national legislation?

Question 18 - If not or insufficient, where plans to include it in it (discussions with the legal framework)?

Section 5. Business operators' awareness

Questions

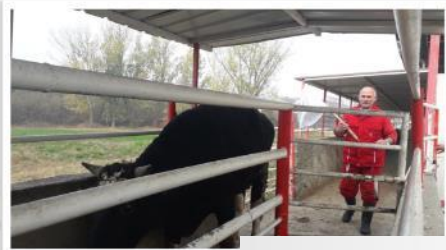
Question 19 - Following the OIE ToT LDT, have you organized any activity (seminars, workshops, organization material, etc) for private business?

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Follow up on cascading activities

KOSOVO*

The practical training workshop was organized in one of approved slaughterhouse for 15 inspectors (7 inspectors from KFVA and 8 municipal inspectors)



MONTENEGRO

Podgorica 03/10/ 2018 - 6 participants
Bijelo Polje 02/10/2018 - 9 participants



Bosnia and Herzegovina

Veterinary Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina already started with procedure to harmonise legislation with Regulation 1099/2009, after which training on implementation of new Regulation will be conducted

North Macedonia

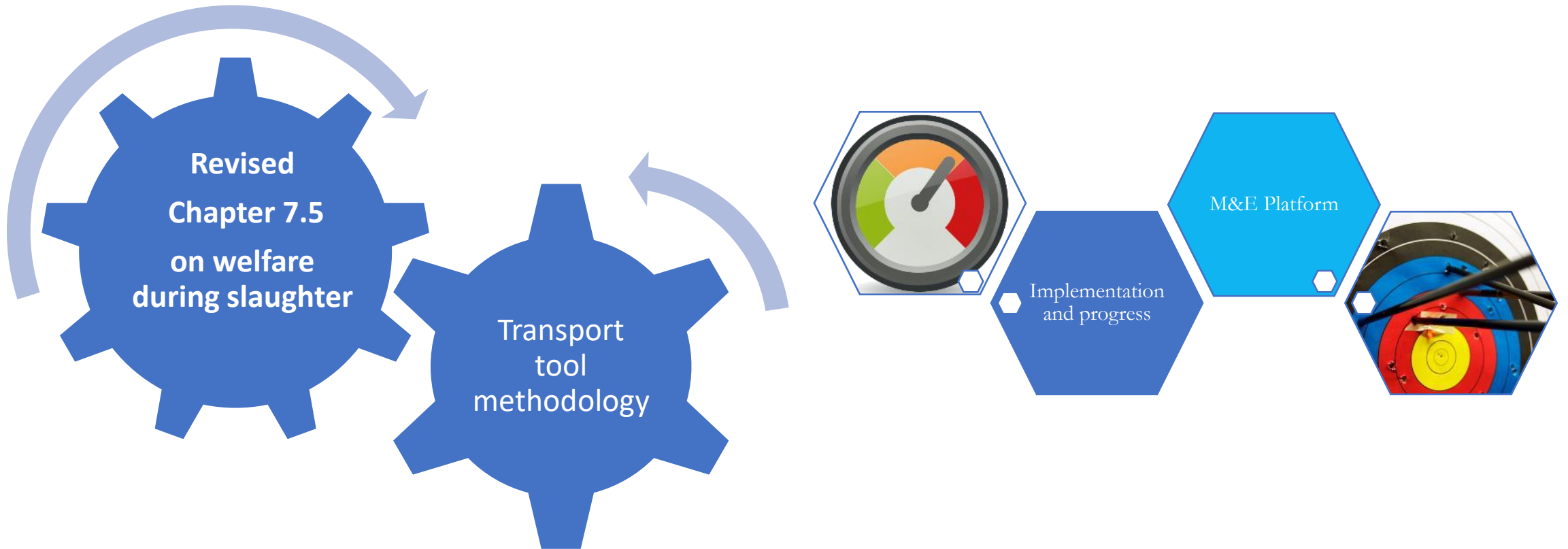
an action plan for audit and trainings in the slaughterhouses, was developed, training on the spot for the slaughterhouse personnel will be carried out over 10 months

adopting legal framework (authorization of the institution, issuing a certificate of competence) - faculty of veterinary medicine-Skopje applied for authorization (two Trainers)

Serbia

the organization of cascading trainings has been designed, including subjects, time table, participants. At the end of the 2018th, to train all the interested parties at national and local levels. The Plan has been made with schedule in detail with lecturers prepared materials and presentations for the

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





Question



TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS



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Transport of animals

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

3rd Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport in Europe

16–18 December 2024, Paris, France.

Objectives

Improve animal welfare during long-distance and cross-border transport in compliance with WOAHS standards.

Focus on the responsibilities of Competent Authorities throughout the journey.

An opportunity to share best practices, enhance collaboration between authorities, and address specific challenges in land transport from central to southern Europe.

Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, North Macedonia, Romania, Spain, Türkiye plus Brazil and Colombia



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WOAHS
members

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Participants

3rd Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport in Europe

16–18 December 2024, Paris, France.

The key outcomes

- Identified critical needs for improved communication and collaboration and the development of effective procedures to ensure animal welfare and health within international trade.
- A collaborative, science-based approach is essential.
- Sharing best practices and experiences is key to building trust and fostering a collaborative approach to continuous improvement

Key topic discussed

- Inconsistencies in enforcing regulations across borders
- Pre-border documentation checks are crucial for preventing delays and unexpected events.
- Inefficient communication and coordination among stakeholders (competent authorities, transporters, producers) resulted in delays, inefficiencies, and compromised animal welfare.
- The need for improved procedures to manage unexpected events
- Need for establishing clear communication channels,
- Defining responsibilities:
- Utilising real-time tracking technologies (e.g., GPS, temperature sensors) to monitor animal welfare and enhance regulatory efficiency.

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.



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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



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Participants

19 WOAH 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
- WOAH



Agenda

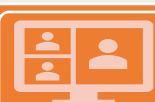
- Strengthening of the knowledge of the relevant WOAH standards
- Understanding the countries' situation and their key challenges
Countries reports (overview of state of play - legislation, main trading partners, main challenges)
- Perspective and experiences shared by stakeholders involved throughout 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).

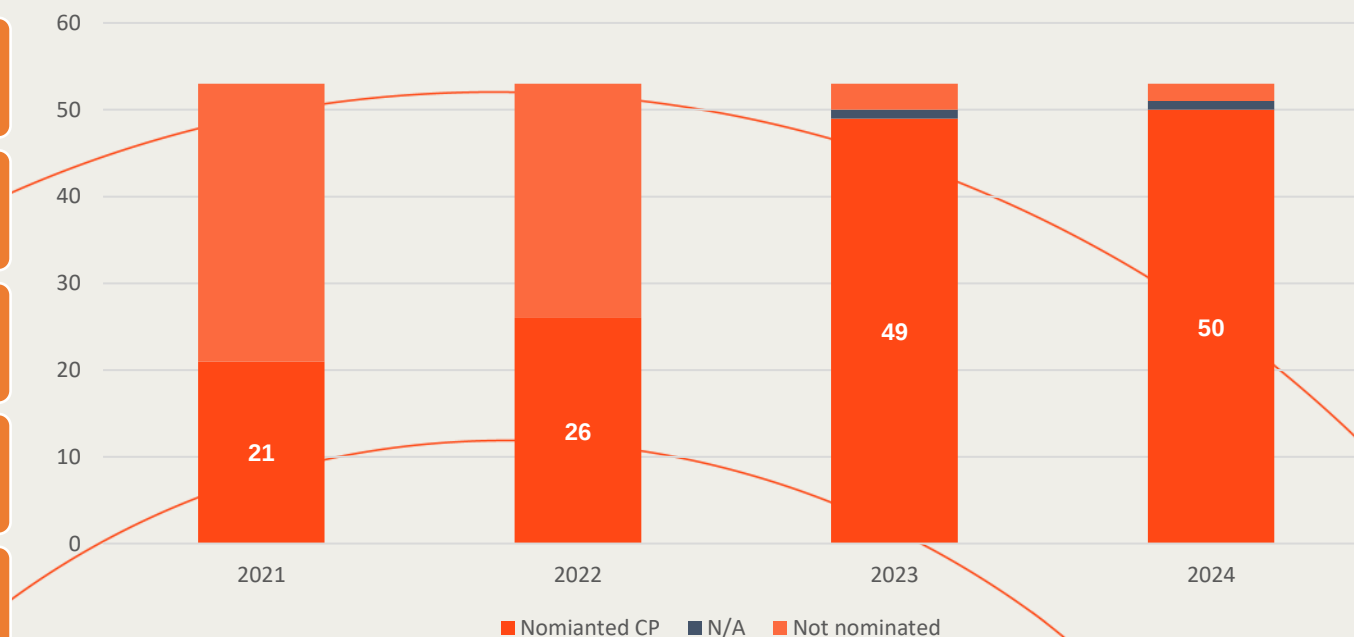


Conclusions

- 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 WOAH 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



5th meeting of WOAH regional network of National Contact Points on long- distance transportation in Europe

11-13 March 2025
Thessaloniki, Greece



WOAH updates

- *Global strategy*
- *Ad hoc Group on Transport of animals, Maria Correia*
- *Platform on animal welfare for Europe and NCTP Network's state of play and engagement plan*

Stakeholders' perspective

- *UCBVE*
- *Animal Angles*
- *European Commission*



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Participants

Also including
Jordan, Thailand, and Uruguay

5th meeting of WOAH regional network of National Contact Points on long- distance transportation in Europe

11-13 March 2025
Thessaloniki, Greece

Sharing experience

- *Transport of unweaned animals (Ireland)*
- *Addressing livestock vessel emergencies (Greece)*
- *Animal welfare through a sea journey (Australia)*
- *Extreme weather conditions (Germany)*

Working group exercises

- *Procedures for routine and emergency communication between countries CA*
- *developing a self-assessment tool*



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WOAH NCPT

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Participants

Outcomes and conclusion

- The developed draft of the proposed template document for facilitating communication between Competent Authorities
- Discussed and confirmed the need and feasibility of the proposed self-assessment tool for monitoring the implementation of animal transport standards, as well as to review the proposed data collection questionnaire.

6th meeting of the WOAHP 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



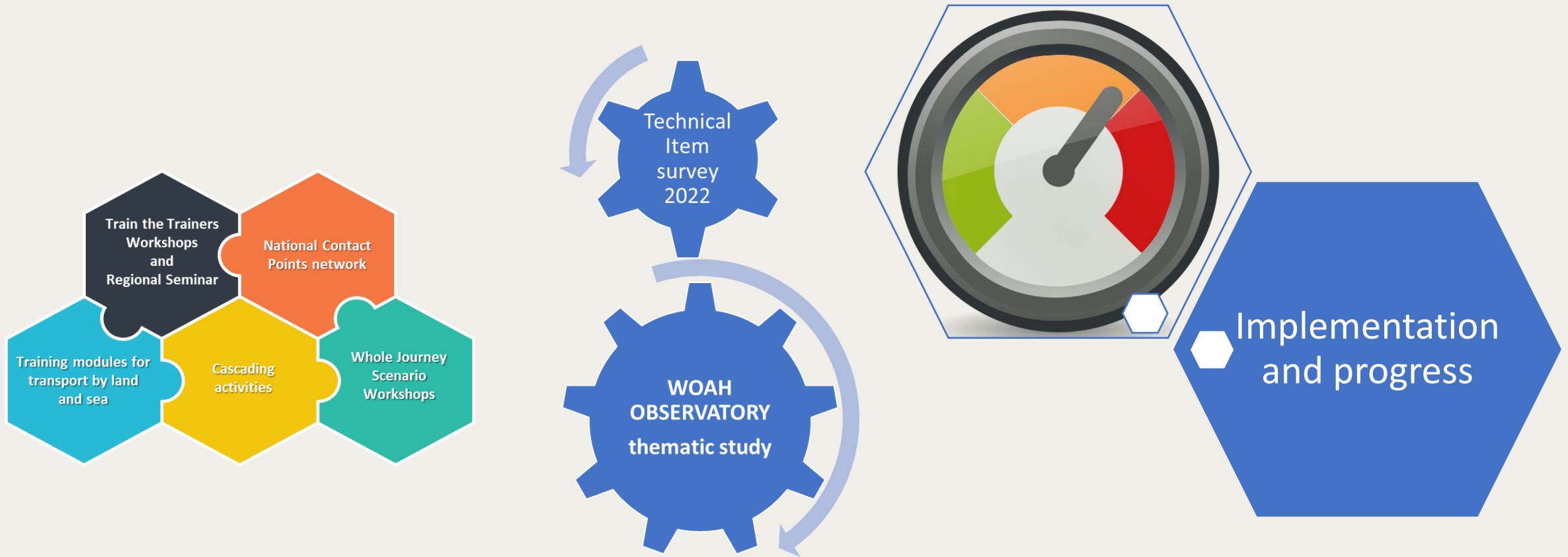
Whole Journey Scenario workshop for Europe

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 WOA standards for the transport of animals by land and sea

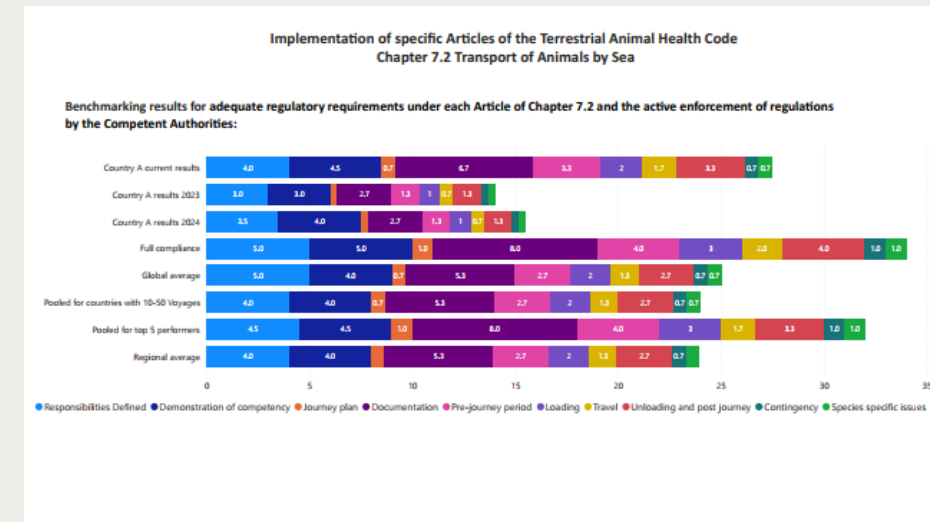
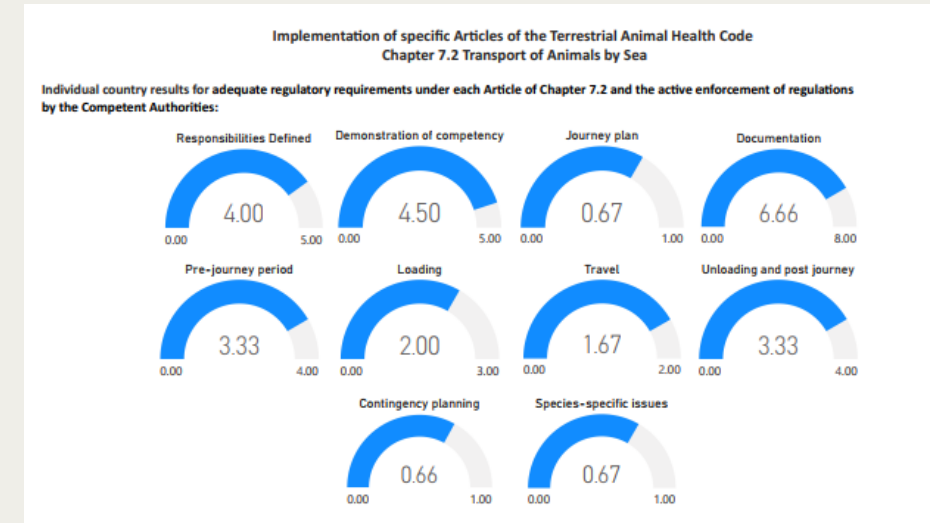
Impetus Animal Welfare

21 July 2025

Lead Contact: Dr Renee Sophie Willis

Supporting Team:

Patrick Coole and Dr Michael Patching



92nd General Session of the World Assembly of Delegates of the World Organisation for Animal Health

Transport of animals shared responsibility – panel discussion

Monday, 26 May 2025

SIDE EVENT

Objectives:

- to exchange views on the challenges of transporting live animals by land and sea, and solutions for addressing those challenges.
- to raise awareness about the importance of collaboration among stakeholders to ensure animal welfare during transport.





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Katharina Kluge - Germany

Marcelo Andrade Mota - Brazil

Andrea Gavinelli - European Commission

Julia Havenstein - Animals' Angels and ICFAW,

Carolina Cucurella

U.E.C.B.V. European Livestock and Meat Trading Union

Anna Gance-Kubik

Animal Transport Association (ATA)



CONCLUSION

- Long distance transport is a complex issue (animals are sentient beings, and the transport of animals is part of all animal operations and economic activities - reduce transport duration to the minimum)
- Priority not only for Europe but also globally – sharing experience
- Update standards based on the latest science and technology to facilitate implementation and enforcement.
- Need for strengthening communication and collaboration between Competent Authorities and all actors involved in the transport of live animals
- Emphasising the need for harmonised implementation and enforcement,
- Importance of appropriate planning and emergency procedures, including the processes for their verification
- Digital tools for better traceability, collecting data for welfare assessment, and exchanging information. On animal welfare and animal health.
- Support from WOAHA (workshops, training, development of IT tools, guidance documents and checklists)
- **Clear mechanisms for defining and establishing responsibilities**



Question



DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT



World Organisation
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Dog population management

Improving Members' capacity

- Regional roadmaps on dog population management

**Balkan Roadmap
(objective 2026)**

**West Eurasia Roadmap
(objective 2030)**

- targeted support to address specific needs of countries
- 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

6th Regional Workshop on Dog Population Management for Balkans countries (DPMB6)

5-7 November 2024 Sutomore, Montenegro

Nine roadmap members: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia
Observer: Qatar



Objectives

- To assess the level of implementation of Chapter 7.7 through the second self-assessment round conducted using the SAM4DPM.
- To strengthen technical expertise through expert presentations and discussions.
- To address specific national roadmaps challenges via individual semi-structured interviews.



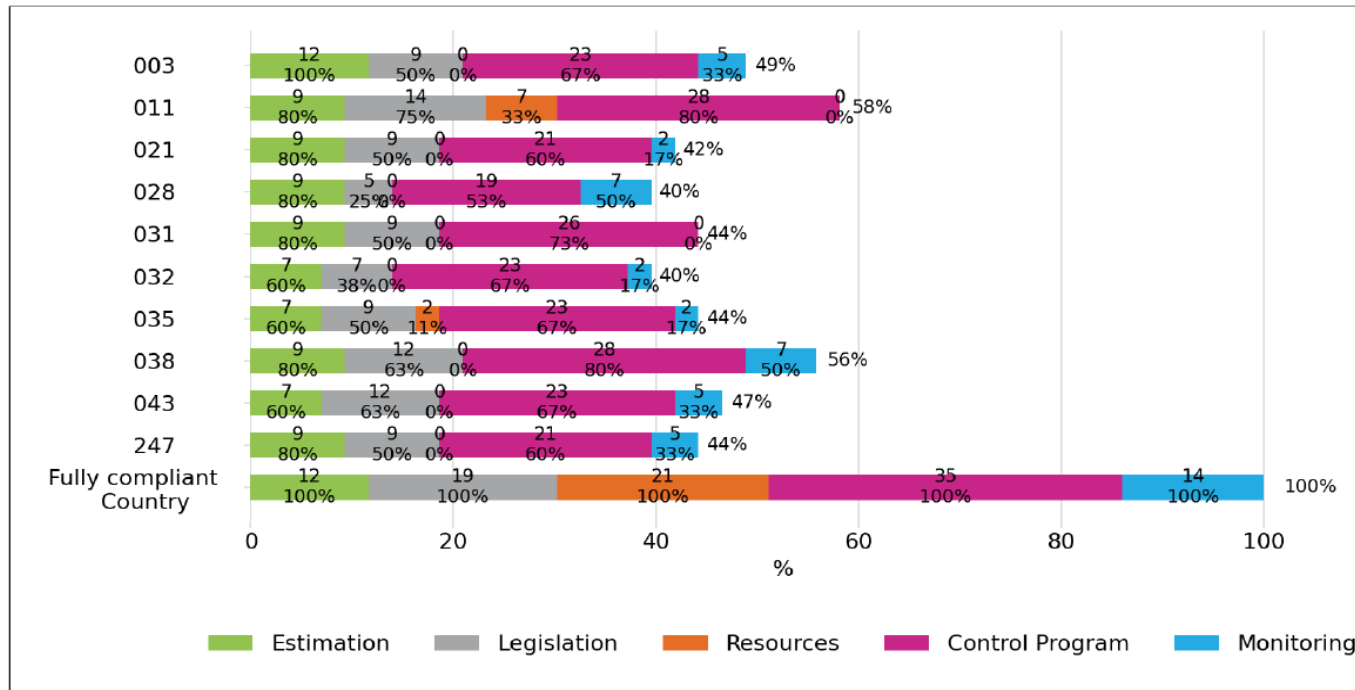


Overall situation and tailor-made support

Activities

- Members update based on the result of the 2nd self-assessment round using SAM4DPM

Figure 1: level of implementation of the Standards set in Chapter 7.7 of the WOAH TAHC



10 countries completed the 2nd self-assessment round



Activities

- **One-to-one** interviews with countries representatives

Achievements, challenges and actionable points to target in the short/mid-term

Main outcomes

Achievements

- Enhanced capacity and visibility of Veterinary Services
- Improved legislative frameworks aligned with Chapter 7.7
- Increased public awareness of responsible ownership

Challenges

- Shortage of skilled operators and veterinary inspectors
- Weak collaboration among central authorities, municipalities and NGOs.
- Ineffective sanctions system
- Lack of economic incentives for owners
- Inadequate political support.

Action Points

- School programs
- Awareness campaigns for general population
- Training for Competent Authorities & police
- Improved collaboration between National and local authorities
- Surveillance programs for dog-mediated zoonotic diseases

For follow-up

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
- WOAHH 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.

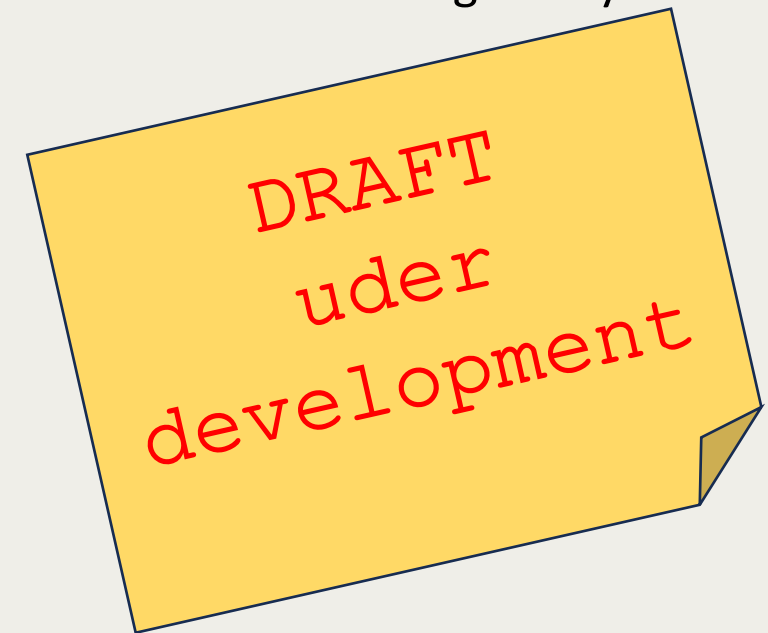
Education & Awareness

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

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

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

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



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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



Question

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

A helicopter is shown in silhouette, dropping a bucket of fire retardant over a large fire. The background is a bright orange and yellow sky, indicating a fire. The helicopter is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image.

Fernando de Abreu



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Activity timeline: welfare of animals in disasters

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Jul 2025

Workshop 4
Response plan
development
Bucarest, Romania

(2024–2025)



Activity timeline: welfare of animals in disasters

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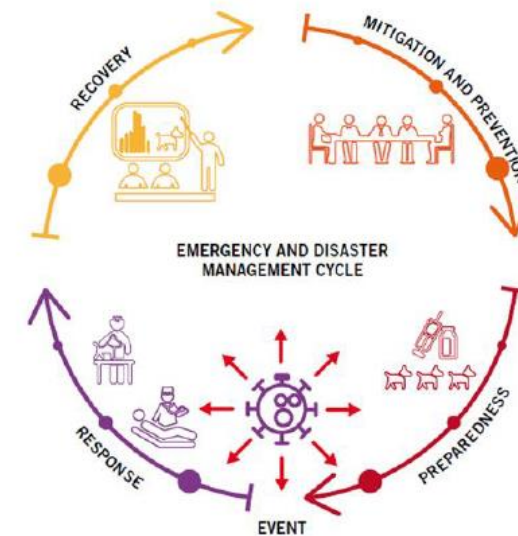
Guidelines on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction, and the Disaster Management Cycle



GUIDELINES ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RISK REDUCTION IN RELATION TO ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE AND VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH (GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL VETERINARY SERVICES)



MAY 2016, edited 2024



*From: WOAH Guidelines on Disaster Management and Risk
Reduction in relation to Animal Health and Welfare and Veterinary
Public Health*

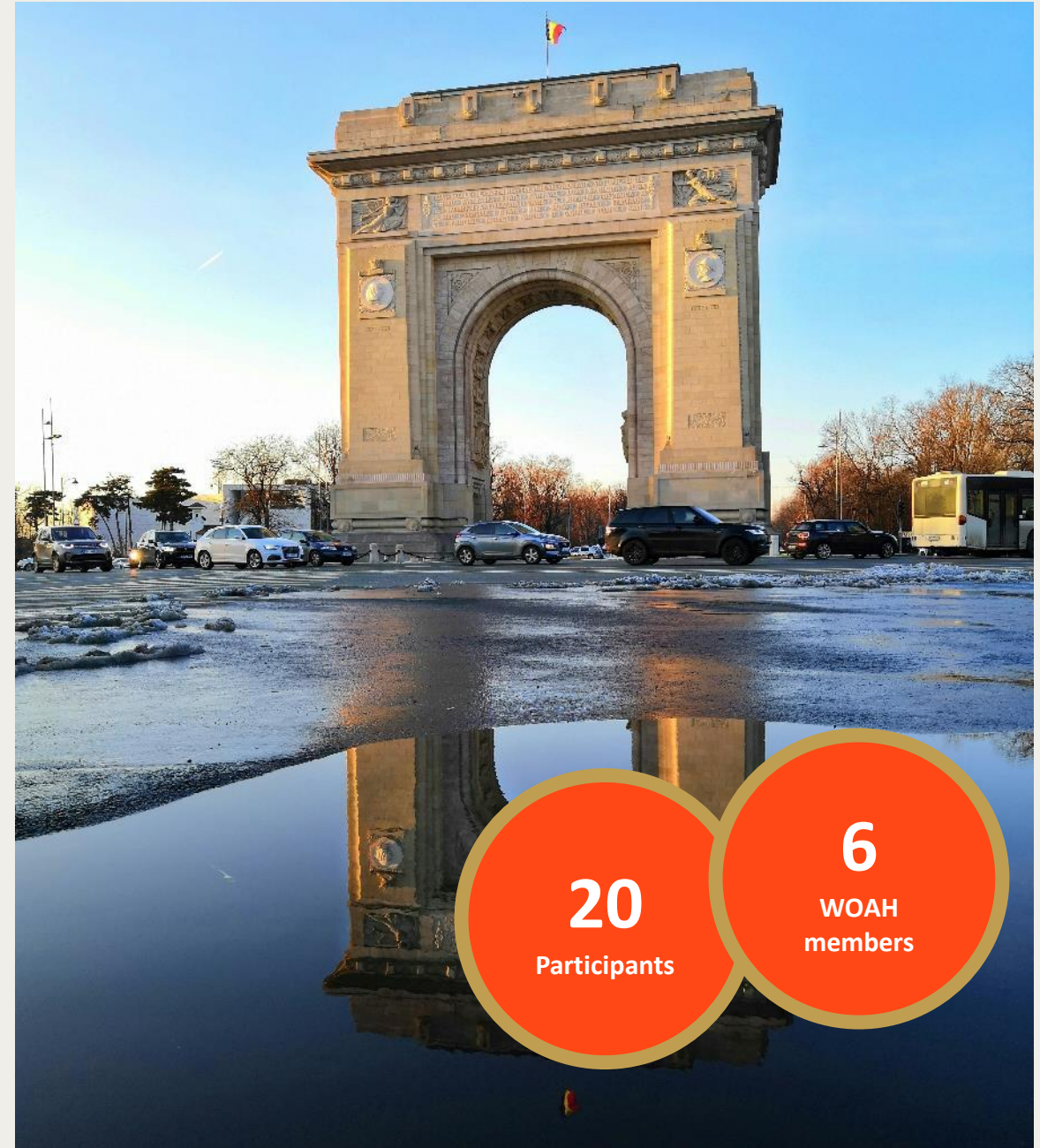
- **WOAH workshop on Response Plan Development for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction**

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 WOAH 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
♥ 1

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

Organisation

How to improve future sessions

Like you John

Take John home

Bringing John
♥ 1

Another country

Make sure people from different institutions/orga nisations attend

Invite civil security officer

Invite John

More countries

More countries

More sharing of knowledge

To include other countries and on field exercises

Practical exercise

More practical activities

Simulation exercise w stakeholders

More countries present

shorter days

More days

Include international CP

Practical presentations

More action



- **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



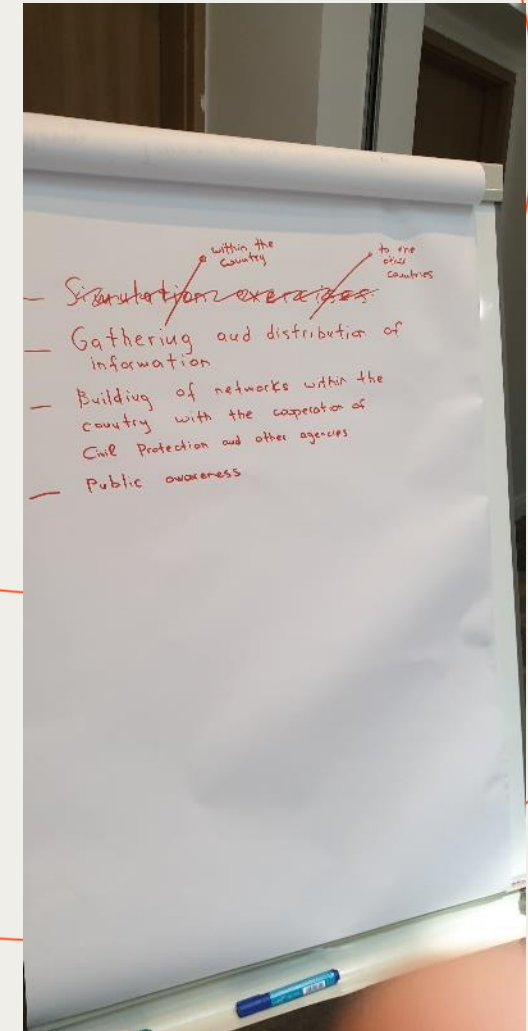


Terms of Reference National Contact Point for DMRR

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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.



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 : WOAAH's role in disaster preparedness and biological threats**

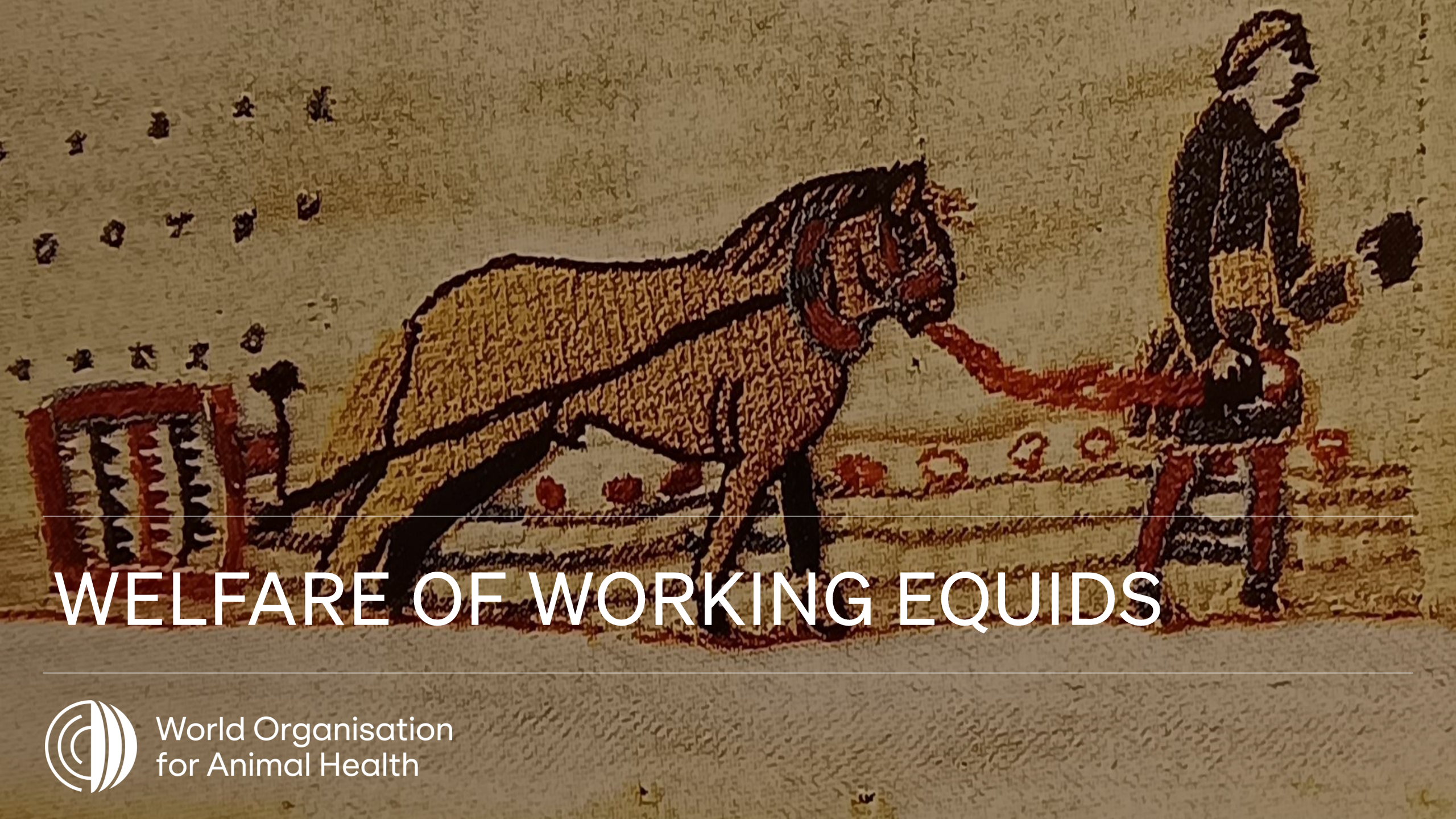
- Civil protection;
- First responders;
- Civil society organisations;
- Private sector;
- Science and academia;
- Partner international organisations.



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WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS



World Organisation
for Animal Health

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



The poster is set against a background image of a horse's head and a close-up of its hoof. It contains the following text and graphics:

- World Organisation for Animal Health** logo and name at the top left.
- Registration** text at the top right, with a QR code below it.
- Regional online event on the welfare of working equids** in the center.
- Региональное онлайн-мероприятие: благополуче рабочих животных семейства лошадиных** in Russian below the English title.
- Регистрация** in Russian at the bottom right.
- 29 April/Апрель 2025 – 10.00 (Paris time / Парижское время)** at the bottom center.
- ICWE** logo at the bottom left.
- A line of small text at the bottom right: "The meeting is organized in collaboration with the International Coalition for Working Equids" and its Russian equivalent.

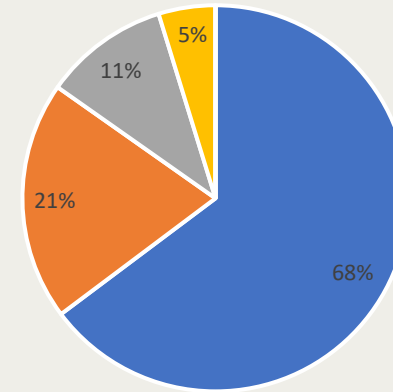
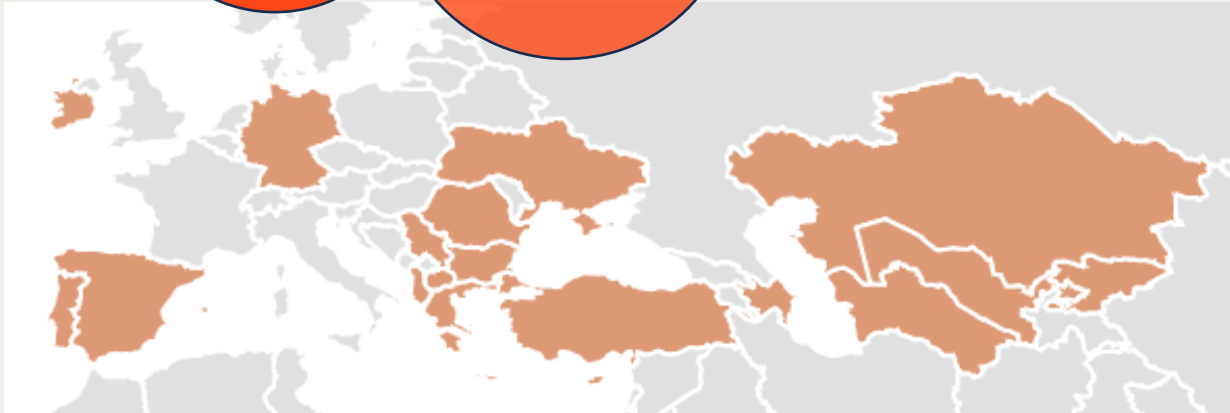
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Introduction	Opening remarks	M. Taitubayev (WOAH SRR for Central Asia)
	WOAH Global Animal Welfare Strategy and WOAHS Terrestrial Code Chapter 7.12 welfare of working equids	Tomasz Grudnik (WOAH)
	International Coalition for Working Equids (introduction)	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 WOAHS members' needs and future activities.	Regional Platform on animal welfare for Europe activities on welfare of working equids	Tomasz Grudnik

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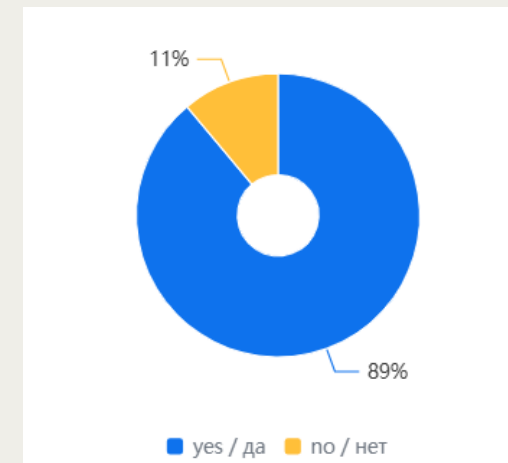


- Competent Authority / Veterinary Authority (central level)
- Non-governmental organization, civil society or a non-for-profit organization
- Education establishment (veterinary faculty, other professional schools)
- Other
- Competent Authority / Veterinary Authority (regional/local level)
- Private veterinarian
- Professional organization

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 WOAH 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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World Organisation
for Animal Health

Regional training workshop for WOAH National Focal Points on Animal Welfare in Europe

30 June – 2 July 2026, Budapest, Hungary



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