From policy to implementation: WOAH support for national One Health

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ROADMAP

From Athens Outcomes to a Regional Roadmap for Europe and Central Asia

01

Workforce development

Building veterinary and One Health workforce capacity across the region.

02

Implementation of the activities

WOAH-supported projects on the ground in Central Asia and the wider region.

03

Future directions

Priorities to sustain, scale and finance One Health beyond Riga.

ATHENS 2025

Athens 2025: A Regional Reckoning on the Joint Plan of Action

53

Members represented (European Region)

3

Days — plenaries, panels, simulations, polling

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Avg. self-rated national OHJPA implementation

4.0/5

Workshop usefulness for national implementation

- Delegates, national experts, international partners and Quadripartite representatives assessed progress, gaps and actionable priorities.
- 82% of participants supported a follow-up in-person event; several suggested a 1.5–2 year cycle.
- The central question was practical: how can Veterinary Services help deliver the One Health Joint Plan of Action at national level?

THE CASE FOR ONE HEALTH

Why One Health? Europe Faces Interconnected Risks

Pandemics & zoonoses

AMR

Climate change

Biodiversity loss

Food insecurity

Geopolitical instability

ATHENS CONCLUSION

These risks reinforce each other and cannot be managed in isolation. A prevention-focused, multisectoral One Health approach is indispensable.

PREVENTION & PREPAREDNESS

High-value public investments that strengthen long-term health security and resilience.

BUT INVESTMENT REMAINS FRAGILE

Short-term project funding cannot replace stable, institutionalised financing.

ATHENS RECOMMENDATIONS

Ten Priorities for Implementation

1. Institutionalise One Health governance
2. Integrate One Health into national financing
3. Strengthen integrated surveillance & data
4. Invest in workforce development & CPD
5. Enhance laboratories, diagnostics & genomics
6. Strengthen AMR governance & stewardship
7. Integrate climate & environmental dimensions
8. Improve communication & public engagement
9. Scale innovation, digital tools & best practices
10. Reinforce the central role of Veterinary Services

THE ONE HEALTH SYSTEM

Veterinary Services: The Connective Tissue of One Health



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SECTION 01

Workforce Development

Strengthening the veterinary and One Health workforce across the region.

From WOAH Day-1 competencies to national curricula, CPD and joint training.

What WOAH is doing today — and where training can go next.

SECTION 01 · WORKFORCE

Building Capacity: Training & Professional Development

WOAH eLearning Platform

Competency-based eModules for veterinary professionals.

University Curricula Integration

One Health content embedded in Kazakhstan's agricultural university programmes.

Education Harmonisation Workshop

Curricula aligned with WOAH Day-1 Competencies, with KNARU and Kazakhstan authorities.

World AMR Awareness Week 2025

Joint WHO–WOAH–FAO–Government events held across Astana.



Regional Workshop on Harmonization of Veterinary Education, Astana

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SECTION 02

Implementation of the Activities

Turning the Athens recommendations into projects on the ground.

The Central Asia One Health Initiative, PVS Pathway, AMR Trust Fund and regional coordination.

From strategy to national and cross-border action.

SECTION 02 · ON THE GROUND

Implementing One Health: WOAH Activities and Support at Regional Level

Central Asia One Health Initiative: Pandemic Fund Project

PROJECT	Pandemic Preparedness and Prevention in Central Asia
COUNTRIES	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
IMPLEMENTING ENTITIES	World Bank, FAO, WHO
IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS	WOAH, UNEP, CDC

CONFIRMED FUNDING

US$27.2M

Pandemic Fund grant

across the 5 participating countries

WOAH Actions to Strengthen Veterinary Services: PVS Pathway, Twinning, and the AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund, One Health situational analysis

PVS PATHWAY

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countries in the pathway

Completed: Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan

Planned: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan

WOAH supports each country through all four stages of the pathway.

TWINNING PROJECT

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countries covered

Lab quality, biosafety & biosecurity

ISO 17025-aligned standards

Delivered with FAO & IZSVe

AMR MULTI-PARTNER TRUST FUND

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countries covered

Quadripartite-backed: FAO, UNEP, WHO, WOAH

Targets National AMR Action Plans

Governance, surveillance & antimicrobial use

ONE HEALTH situational analysis in Uzbekistan

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countries covered

WOAH support

Assess the current status of One Health implementation

Governance, stakeholder roles, policies, capacities and resources.

Total Budget: USD 1.25 million + PVS
Twinning: USD 900,000
AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund: WOAH USD 330,000
One Health – Uzbekistan: USD 20,000

SECTION 02 · COORDINATION

Regional Leadership: 2025–26 Milestones

1 Athens One Health Workshop

Nov 2025 — 53 Members agree the regional roadmap

2 PVS Pathway Activities

Follow-up missions launched — Kazakhstan & Turkmenistan

3 Twinning Lab Activities

ISO 17025 gap assessment & twinning kick-off — Uzbekistan

4 Twinning Kick-off

ISO 17025 gap assessment & twinning kick-off — Tajikistan

5 AMR MPTF Projects

National AMR Action Plan support launched in 2 countries

6 4th ROHCC Meeting

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

7 Astana Summit

Climate & health dialogue

8 ROHCM Chair Transfer

FAO → WHO — ceremony held in Astana, 2026



ROHCM Chair Transfer Ceremony — Astana, 2026

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SECTION 03

Future Directions

Sustaining momentum after Riga: what should come next?

Scaling proven tools, closing financing gaps, deepening regional cooperation.

From strategic commitment to lasting institutional change.

From Athens Findings to Practical Implementation

Governance gaps	→	Multisectoral Coordination Mechanism
Fragmented risk analysis	→	Joint Risk Assessment Operational Tool
Data silos	→	Surveillance & Information Sharing Operational Tool
Policy-to-action gap	→	OHJPA Implementation Guide
Cross-sector alignment	→	National Bridging Workshops

Five Doors Into One Health

Where could partnership add value?

If Central Asia's partners had one door to open next, which would it be?



Detect Early

Risk-based border & market surveillance, lab networking, proficiency testing, rapid alerts.

TA · grants · equipment



Interrupt Transmission

Risk-based vaccination, coordinated high-risk-area action, post-vaccination evaluation.

Vaccines/cold chain · support · TA



Make Movement Safer

Animal ID & traceability, priority corridor mapping, certification & border procedures.

Digital investment · pilots · TA



Be Ready Together

Cross-border SOPs, joint risk assessment, emergency communication, simulations.

Regional grants · training · exercises



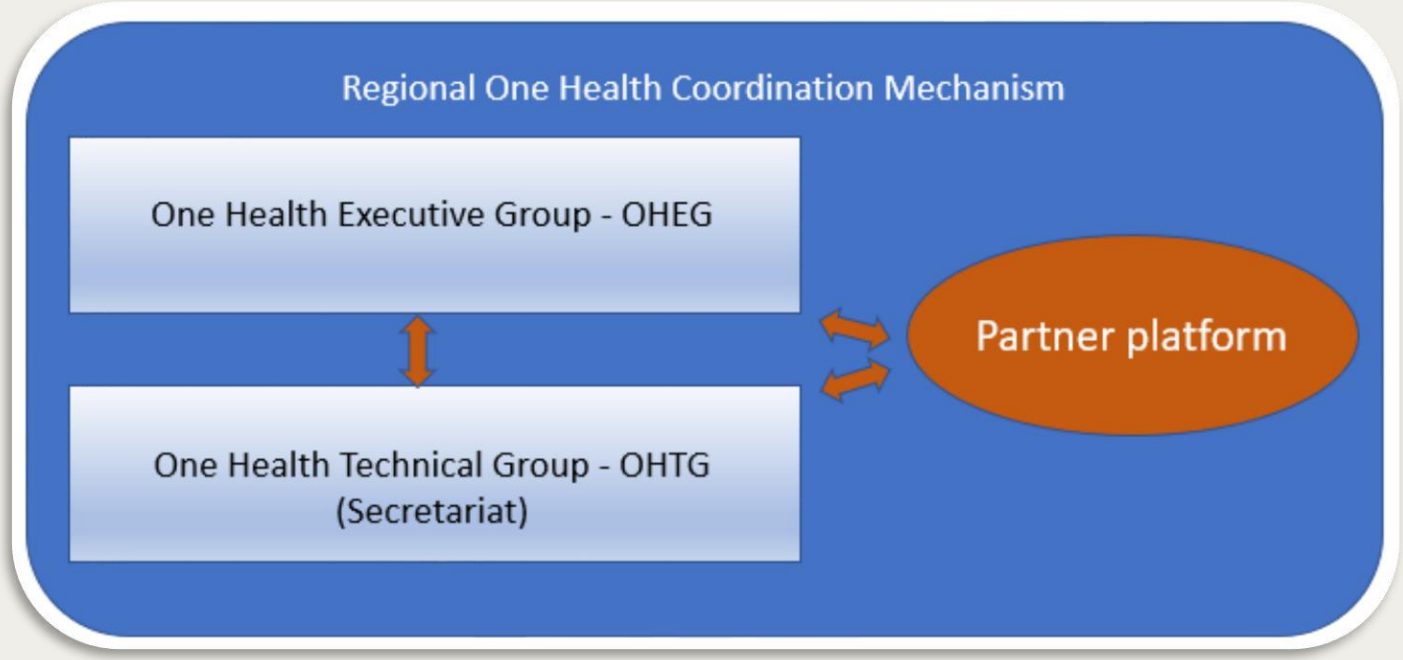
Turn Strategy Into Investable Action

Country costing, regional economic case, project preparation, results framework.

Project prep · feasibility · finance

Proposed entry points for validation — not an agreed workplan, budget or allocation of donors.

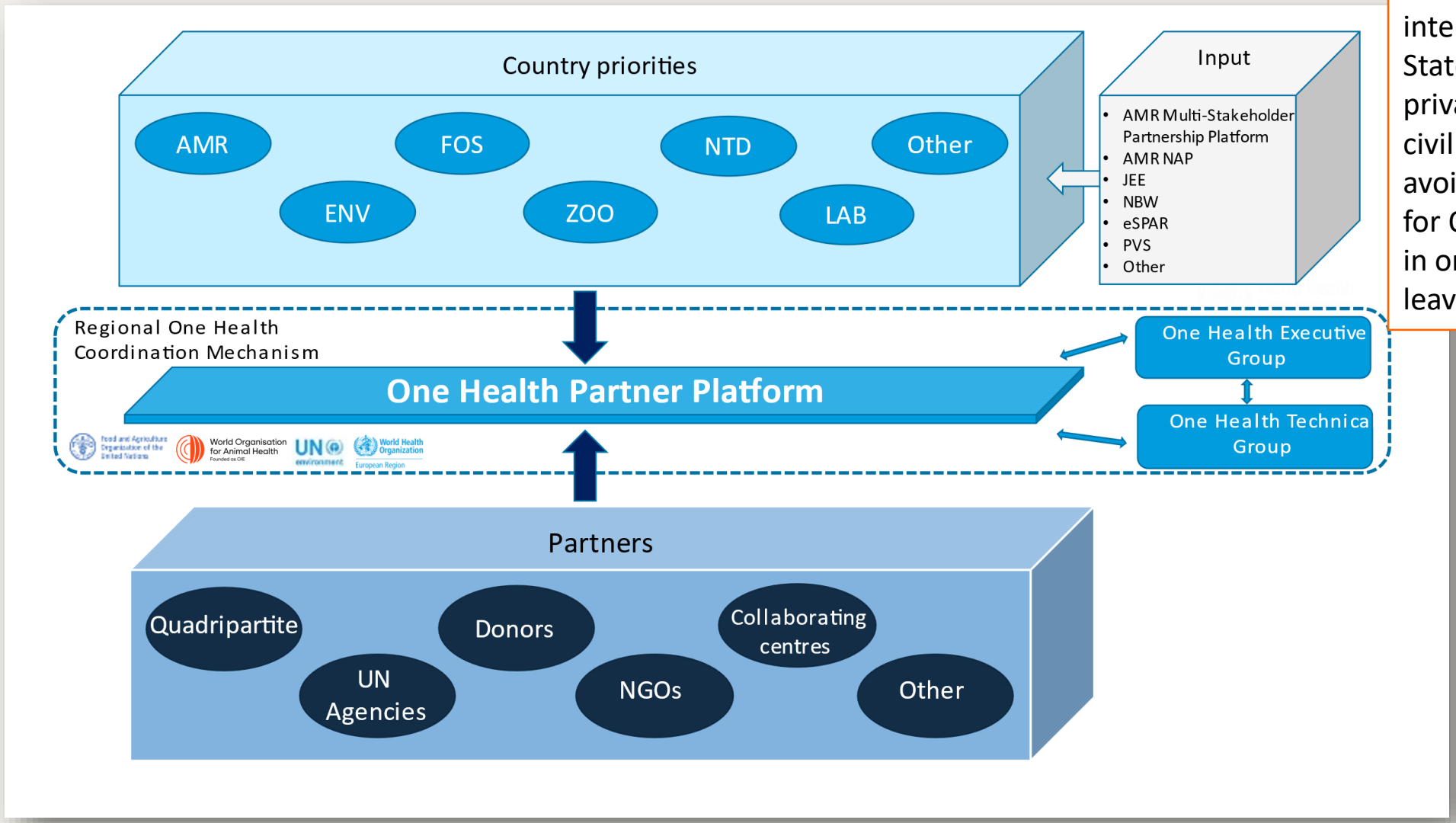
Partner Platform



One Health Executive Group (OHEG) - Ensures political engagement, provides leadership and governance, and defines the strategic directions and aligns the regional work in the global work on One Health

One Health Technical group (OHTG) - coordinates technical support to Member States to support and strengthen One Health efforts

Regional One Health Coordination Mechanism (ROHCM)



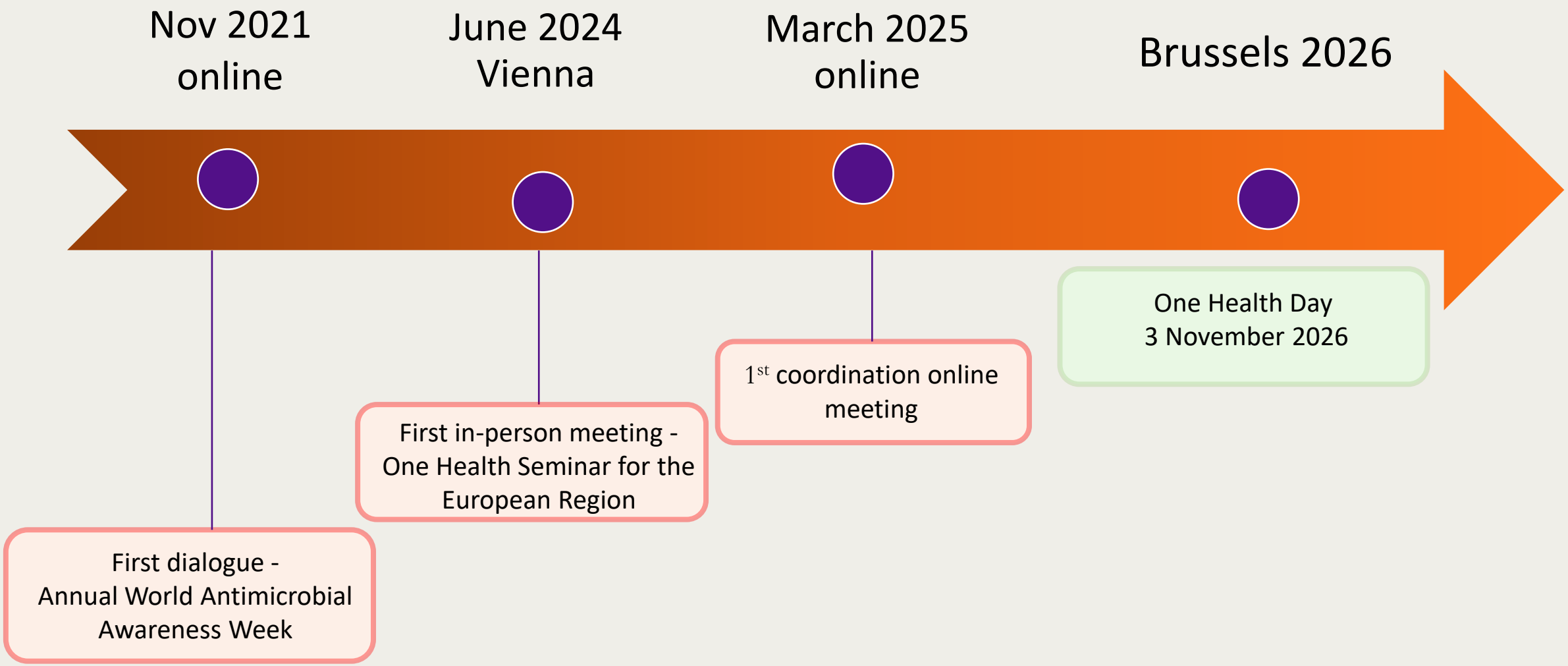
Partner Platform - convene multiple partners from various sectors including UN agencies, international organizations, Member State representatives, academia, private sector representatives and civil society. Combine resources to avoid duplication and seek synergies for One Health support to countries in order to maximize impact and leave no country behind.

Regional One Health Coordination Mechanism (ROHCM)

Partners

- European Environment Agency
- ECDC
- DG HERA
- USDTRA
- World Bank
- EFSA
- European Medicines Agency
- EC OH Directorate
- Eurasian Economic Commission
- Istituto Superiore di Sanità
- EU-JAMRAI
- GIZ Germany
- Wildlife Conservation Society
- Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute
- Convention on Migratory Species
- IUCN
- Una Europa
- International Federation for the Red Cross
- European One Health Association
- Prezode
- Balkan One Health Network
- Safe Game Meat
- International Organization for Migration
- One Sustainable Health for All Foundation
- International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation
- Veterinaires Sans Frontieres

ROHCM One Health Partner Platform

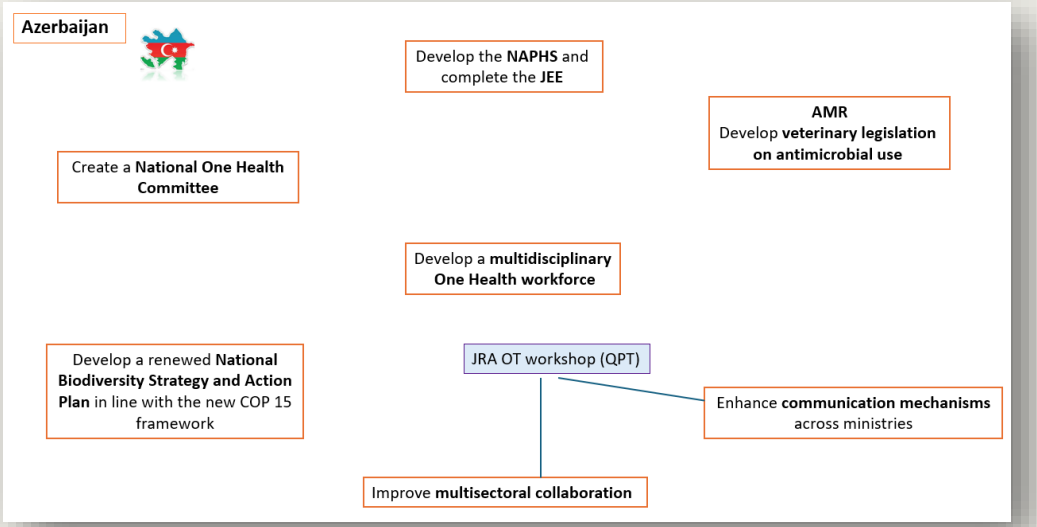


Online Coordination meeting 2025

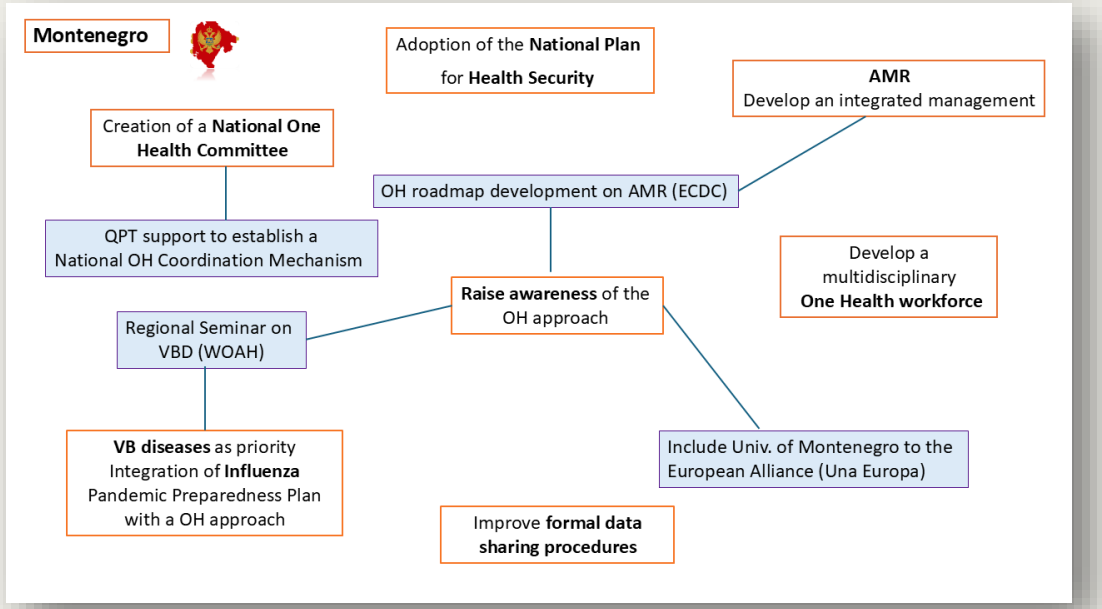
Joint support for OH implementation

Mapping "Needs" vs "Activities"

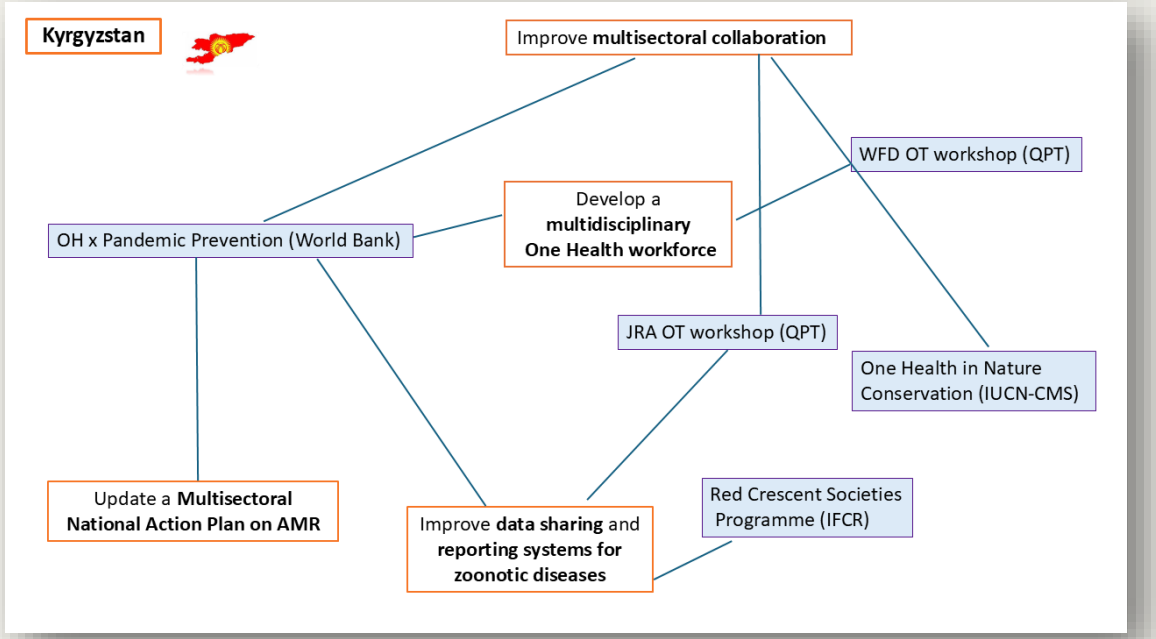
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Montenegro



Kyrgyzstan



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