Whole Journey Scenario Workshops

Strengthening cooperation for animal welfare during long-distance transport

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Why a whole-journey approach?

Animal welfare during international transport - shared responsibility

- Long-distance transport may involve several countries, Competent Authorities, transport operators and other stakeholders.
- Animal welfare can be affected at every stage of the journey — from planning and loading to transit, border crossings, unloading and arrival
- Decisions taken at one stage may have consequences later in the journey.
- Effective implementation of WOAH standards therefore requires coordinated action across countries and throughout the entire transport chain.

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

WJS workshops specific objectives

- support the implementation of Chapters 7.2 and 7.3 of the WOAH Terrestrial Code
- strengthen understanding of responsibilities throughout the journey
- identify route-specific risks, constraints and practical solutions
- improve communication between exporting, transit and importing countries
- share experience, lessons learned and good practices
- reinforce journey planning and emergency preparedness

Workshop methodology

- Presentation/recall of relevant WOAH standards
- Overview of the national situation (the legal framework, main transport routes, facilities, systems, and challenges)
- Perspectives from competent authorities, veterinarians, operators, and animal welfare organisations
- Analysis of realistic transport and emergency scenarios
- Identification of responsibilities and communication gaps
- Proposal of practical solutions and follow-up actions

Whole Journey Scenario workshops
Regional workshops

- Pilot ‘Whole Journey Scenario’ Workshop for Europe - April 2018, Poland
- Follow-up meeting - November 2021



- ‘Whole Journey Scenario’ workshop on animal welfare during transport for the Middle East - November 2019, Amman (Jordan)

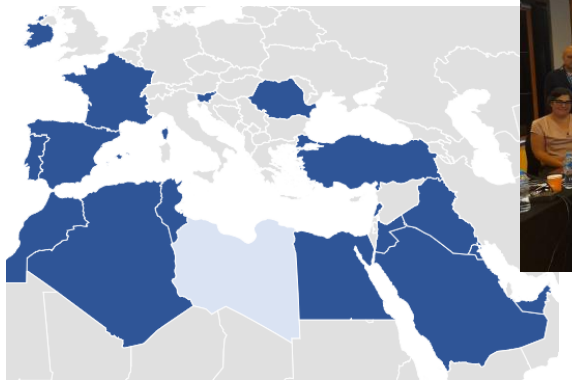


Whole Journey Scenario workshops
Regional workshops

- Multi-regional WJS workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe and the Middle East June 2021 – Teleconference



Multi-regional WJS workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa - November 2022 – Cairo, Egypt





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

7 - 9 November 2023, Tunis, Tunisia



15 WOAH Members

44 Participants

This workshop was funded by European Union, Ireland and Switzerland and kindly hosted by Tunisia

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Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport by land for Europe

Paris, France 16 - 18 December 2024

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Addressing specific issues related to ensuring welfare during the transport of animals by land from central Europe to southern Europe

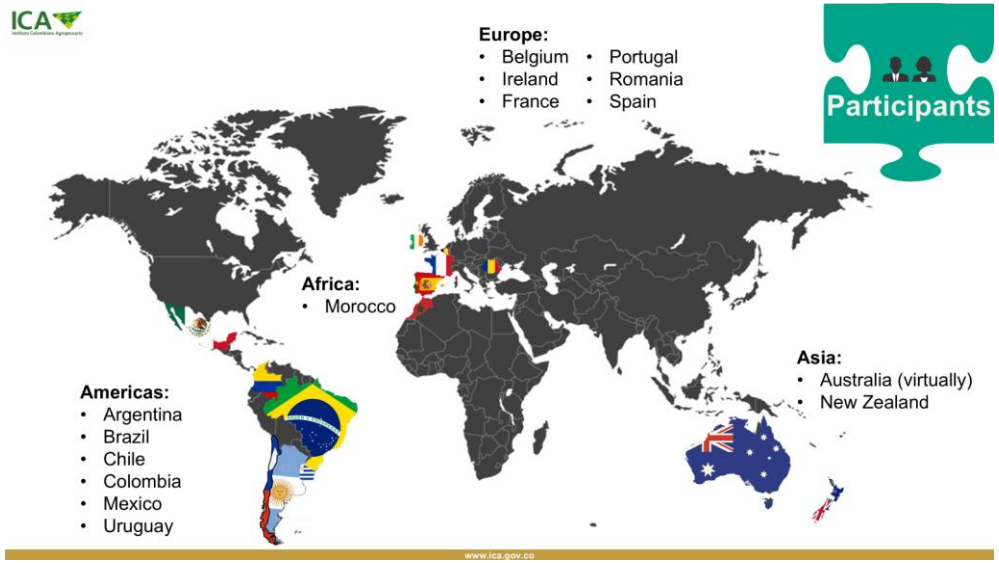


Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, North Macedonia, Italy, Romania, Spain, and Türkiye.

1st Whole Journey Scenario workshop held in the Americas

Multi-Regional Workshop in Colombia to Enhance Animal Welfare during Transport

6 – 8 November 2024, Cartagena, Colombia



Future steps for the Americas

- To identify and create the network of contact points for the region.
- To connect with contact points of importing countries and strengthen communication for problem-solving.
- To establish a regional agreement that determines the aspects to be met by countries involved in this activity to ensure the welfare of the animals to be exported.





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



19
WOAH
Members

54
Participants

13 – 15 January 2026, in Amman, Jordan.

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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Common challenges:

- insufficiently defined or fragmented responsibilities;
- limited communication between countries and authorities;
- incomplete exchange of journey and animal-welfare information;
- differences in the implementation of WOAH standards;
- delays at borders, ports and control posts;
- insufficient contingency plans and emergency facilities;
- risks linked to extreme weather and climate change; and
- limited feedback on problems occurring during transit or at destination





The WJS workshops has contributed

- stronger cooperation between Competent Authorities;
- better understanding of the complete transport chain;
- clearer recognition of the responsibilities of different actors;
- sharing of national experience and practical solutions;
- identification of communication channels and information needs;
- greater attention to contingency planning;
- recommendations for guidance, checklists, training and digital tools;
- stronger cooperation between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.





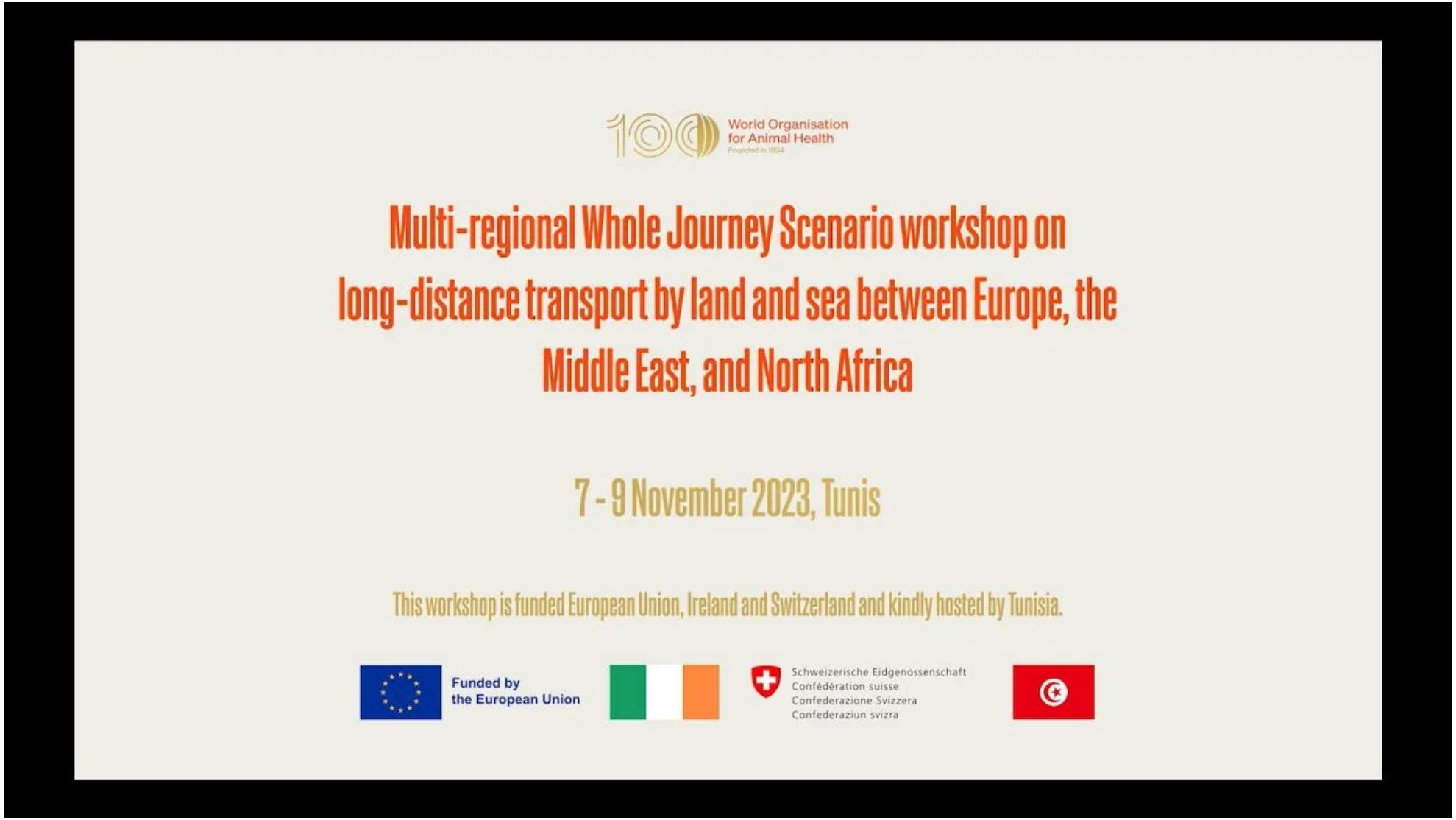
Key lessons

- animal welfare risks must be managed throughout the entire journey;
- responsibilities should be clearly defined before departure;
- planning should consider border delays, weather conditions and emergency alternatives;
- communication procedures should be established before problems occur;
- exporting authorities need feedback on problems identified during transit or at destination; and
- effective implementation requires cooperation between authorities, operators and other stakeholders.

The way forward

Continue to support practical implementation of WOAH standards through:

- regional and multi-regional workshops along priority transport routes;
- stronger networks and direct contacts between Competent Authorities;
- more structured exchange of information;
- practical guidance, checklists and emergency procedures;
- capacity-building and self-assessment activities;
- engagement with transport operators and other relevant stakeholders; and
- consideration of WJS findings in the revision and implementation of WOAH standards.



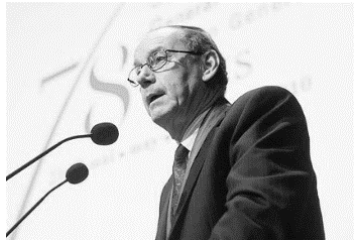
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The Whole Journey Scenario approach translates WOAH standards into practice.

Animal welfare
throughout the journey requires:

- shared responsibility;
- appropriate planning;
- effective communication;
- sustained cross-border cooperation.

Animal welfare is a journey not a destination



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