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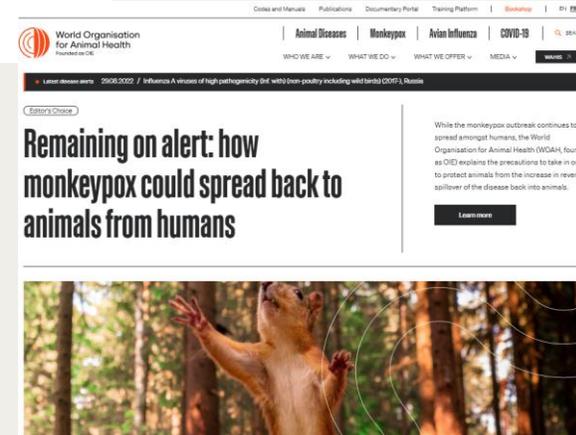


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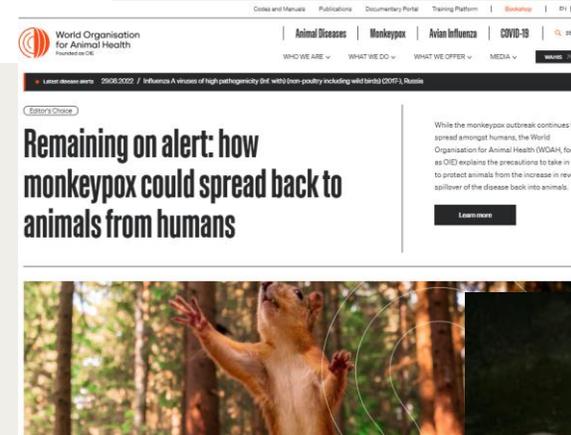


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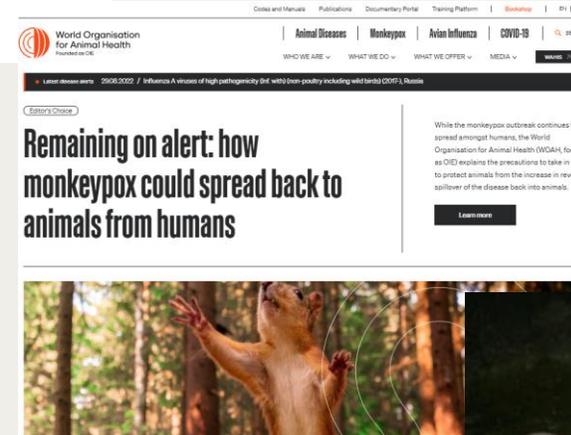


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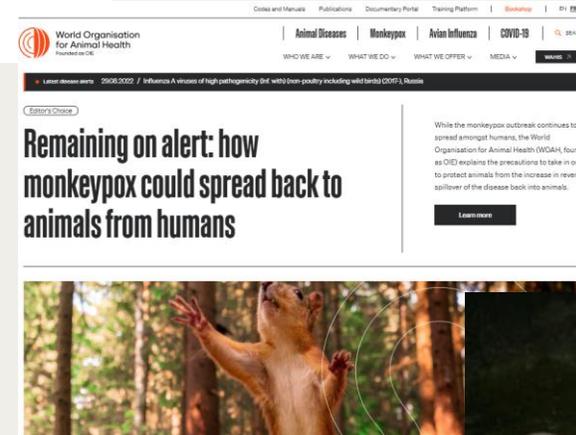


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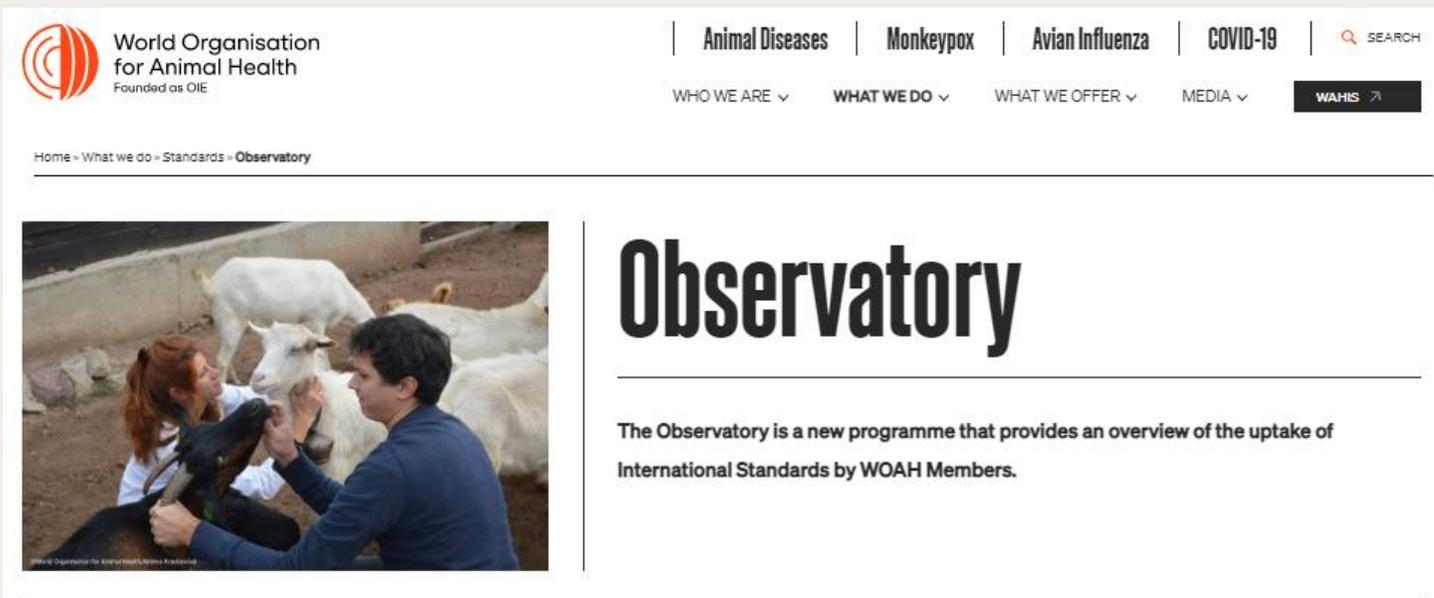


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# Have you visited the Observatory new webpage?



<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/observatory/>

## What is the Observatory?

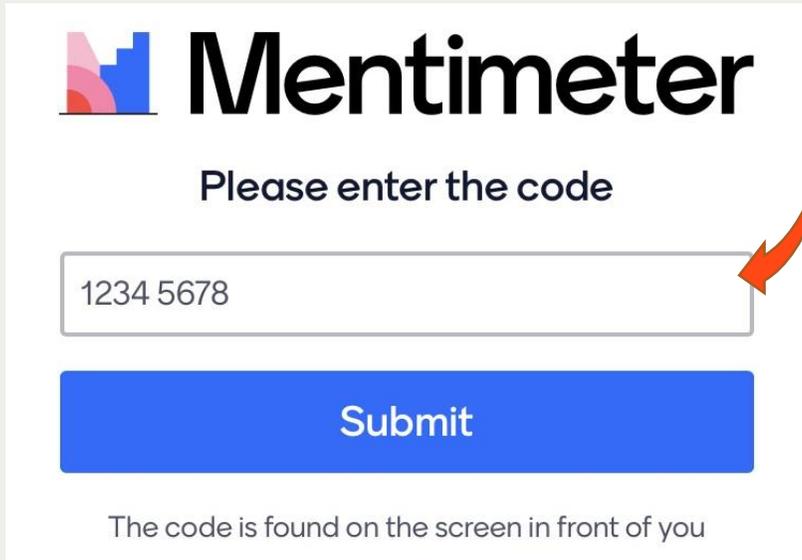
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<https://www.menti.com>

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OR





**World Organisation for Animal Health**  
Founded in 1924

Animal Diseases | Monkeypox | Avian Influenza | COVID-19 | SEARCH

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## Observatory

The Observatory is a new programme that provides an overview of the uptake of International Standards by WOAH Members.

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2022 an important year for WOAH and for the Observatory

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**Open Q&A**

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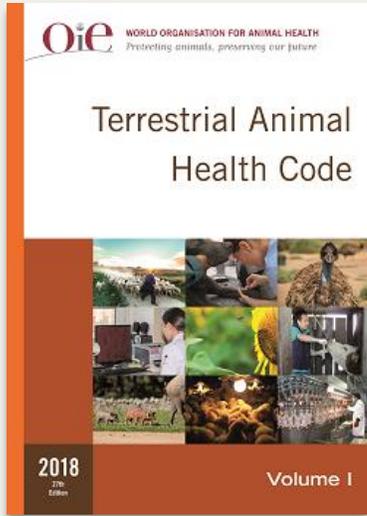
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**One key mandate of the WOH is to develop international standards for its Members.**

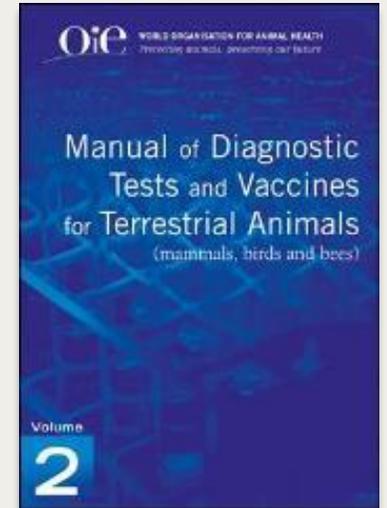
**These standards are recommendations for disease control, welfare management, trade...**

**Members are encouraged to participate in the standard-setting process and eventually adopt the standards.**

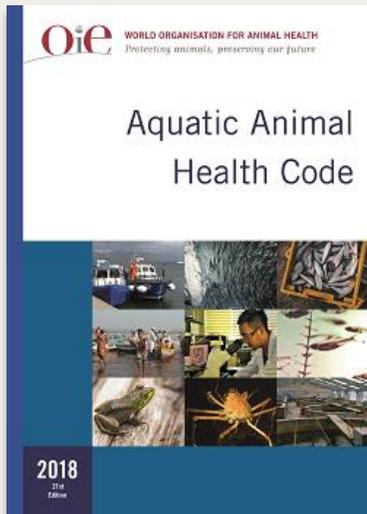
**But do we know if and how they implement them once adopted?**



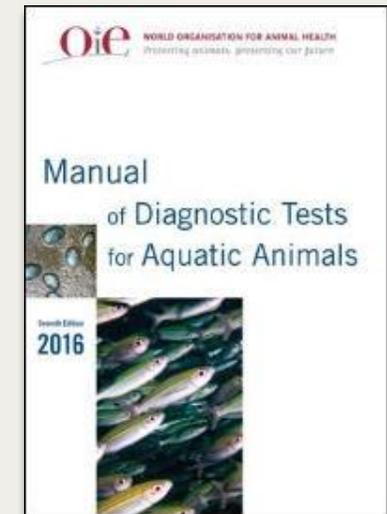
**389\***  
Total number of chapters



*Terrestrial Animal Health Code*  
**1197\* Articles**



*Aquatic Animal Health Code*  
**539\* Articles**



\* 2018 Edition

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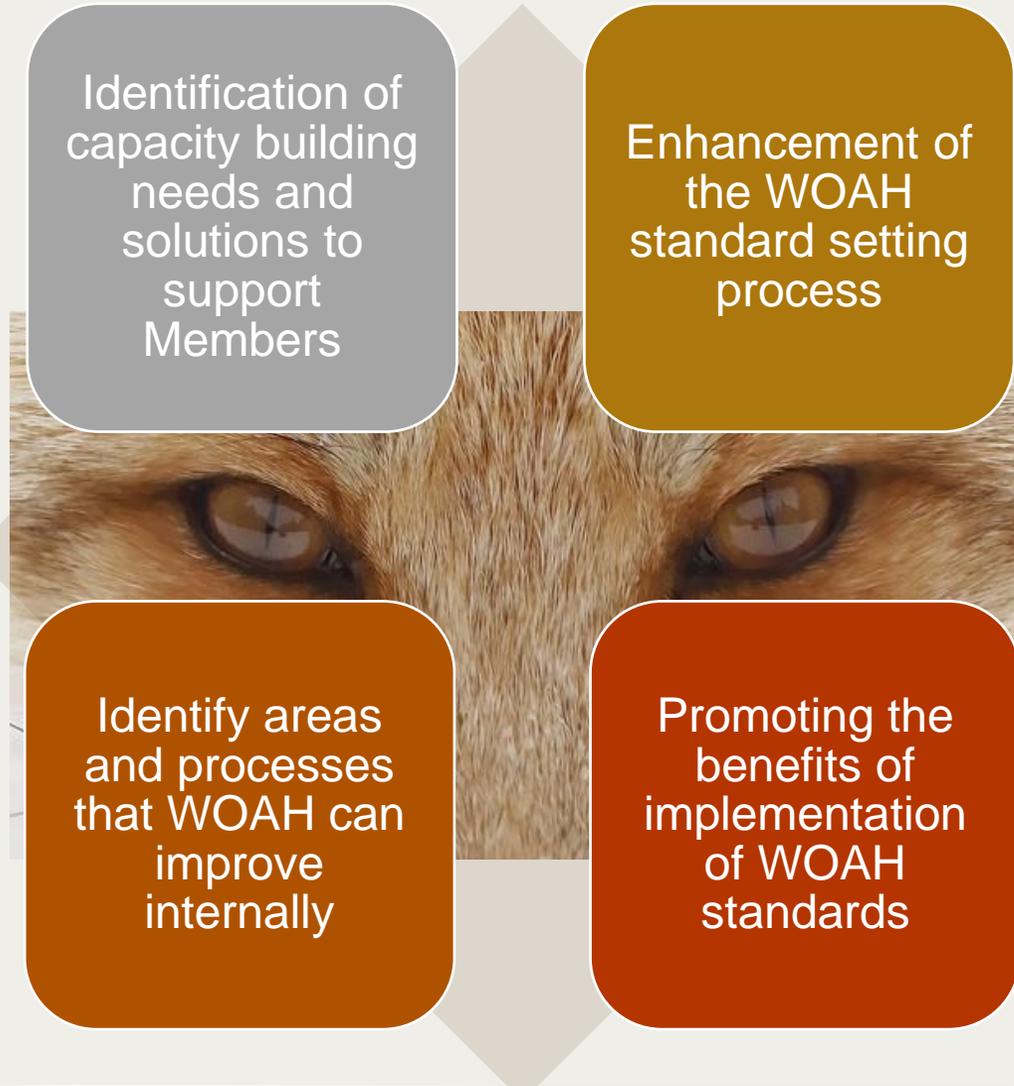
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**WOAH Observatory role**

**Members' role**

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## What it is...



**Review of the implementation of Standards at global level**



**Data collection, analysis and visualisation (aggregated)**



**Contributing to the on-going improvement of:**  
In-house data collection, management, services...  
Standard-setting process  
Capacity building activities  
Advocacy activities

## What it is not...



**A compliance mechanism**  
*« naming, blaming and shaming »*



**A mechanism to solve bilateral trade concerns**

Have you had the opportunity to read the ASF prototype



- a. Yes I read it in depth
- b. Yes but I only overread it
- c. A team mate gave me an extensive feedback
- d. Not yet
- e. A protowhat?

<https://www.woah.org/en/document/asf-prototype-report/>

**For those who have an opinion,** would you mind giving us your feedback?



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- Main data limitations: no collection of new, fit-for-purpose data, use of existing data collected for other purposes
- Identification of data that are relevant to some standards
- Definition of indicators that could help describing the situation with regard to standards implementation
- Group the indicators by topic, and potentially cross them
- E.g.: Most WOAHS Members that reported zoning as a control measure in WAHIS, do not report implementing movement control; and most of those that had a PVS evaluation were not assessed as having the minimal capacity to implement zoning



Today's objective:

That you express questions and concerns about the Observatory, to which I will try to answer

RESOLUTION No. 36 (2018) Implementation of OIE standards by OIE Member Countries: state of play and specific capacity building needs

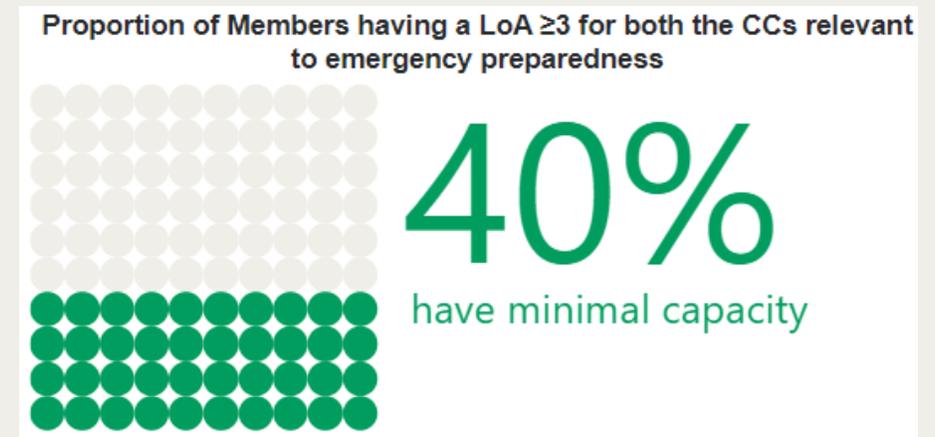
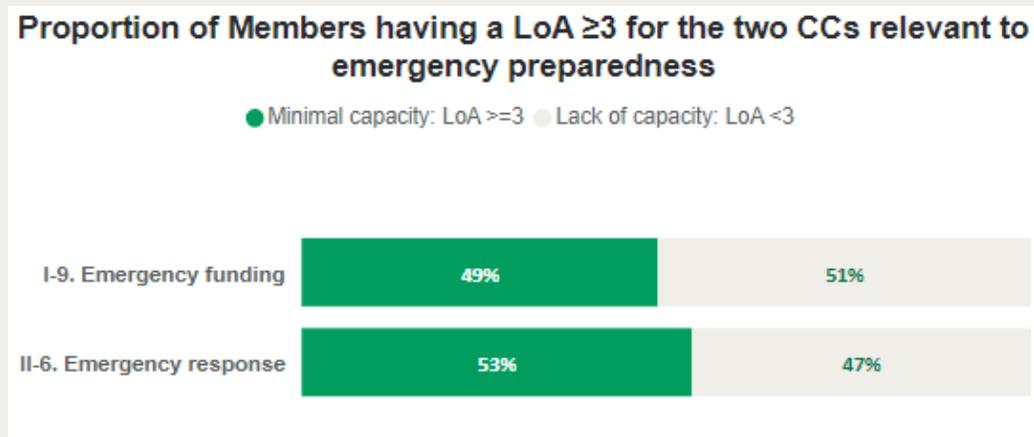
*“The OIE develop an Observatory to monitor the implementation of its international standards, to increase transparency and to identify constraints and difficulties faced by Member Countries. The design of the Observatory should ensure an efficient and integrated collection, analysis and reporting of information on progress and challenges associated with implementation of OIE international standards by Member Countries in a manner that incentivises increasing harmonisation while maintaining **anonymity** of the Member Countries.”*

Yes, we confirm that is the case. The Observatory:

- respects Members’ anonymity
- never discloses information at country level.
- always aggregates data (regional level, global level, categories...)

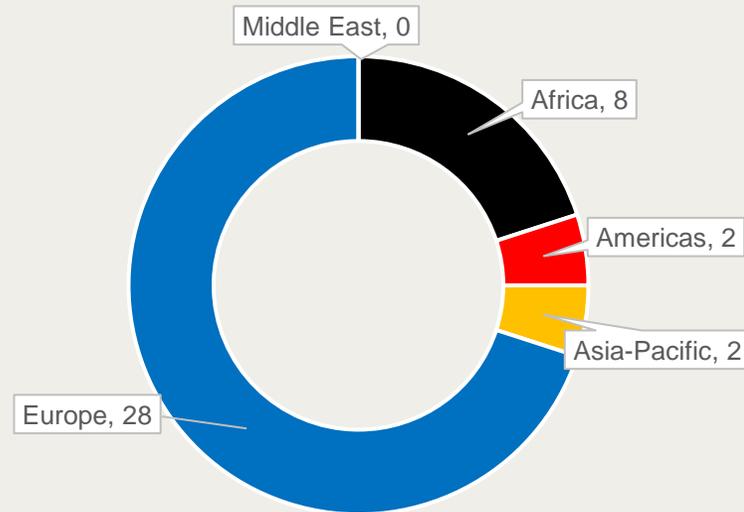
Concrete examples: ASF prototype, dashboards → Using data visualisation to present intelligence that can inform decision-making, **while preserving confidentiality**

- **The Observatory uses mainly information that is publicly available:**
  - In-house (WAHIS, official status, self-declarations...)
  - Other Organisations (WTO, FAO)
- **The only information source that it is not public is:**
  - PVS data (some are confidential)
  - AMU data (published at global and regional level, but confidential at national level)
  - Surveys (e.g. stray dog population in the Balkan countries)
- **Always presented in an aggregated format**

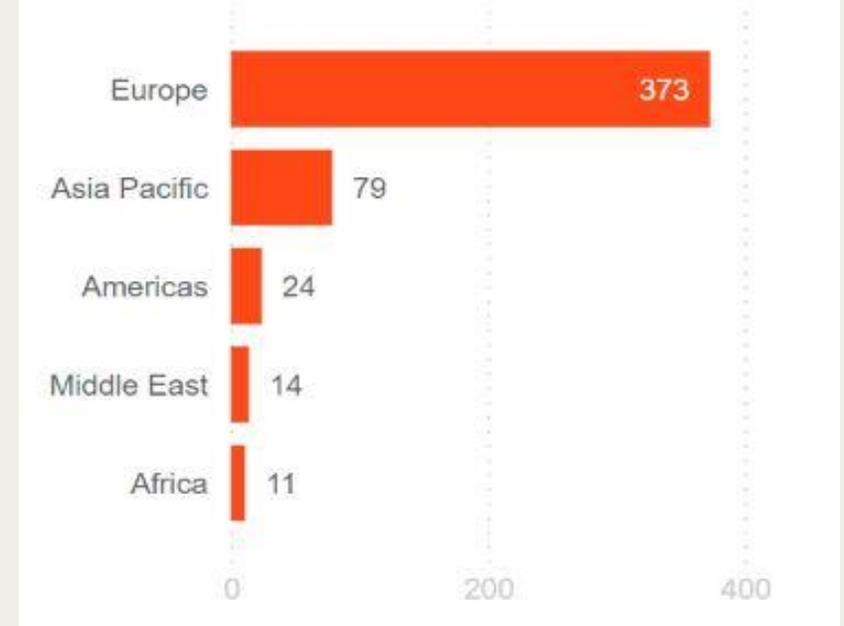


- Preference for data available at global level & readily available → The Observatory does not use information that specific countries publish
- As we look for compliance with WOAHA standards, it is precisely the most transparent countries that come up being seen more favorably (see e.g.).
- The exception could potentially be for quantity of AMU but already published too.

Nbr of Members that declared having a contingency plan for ASF per region

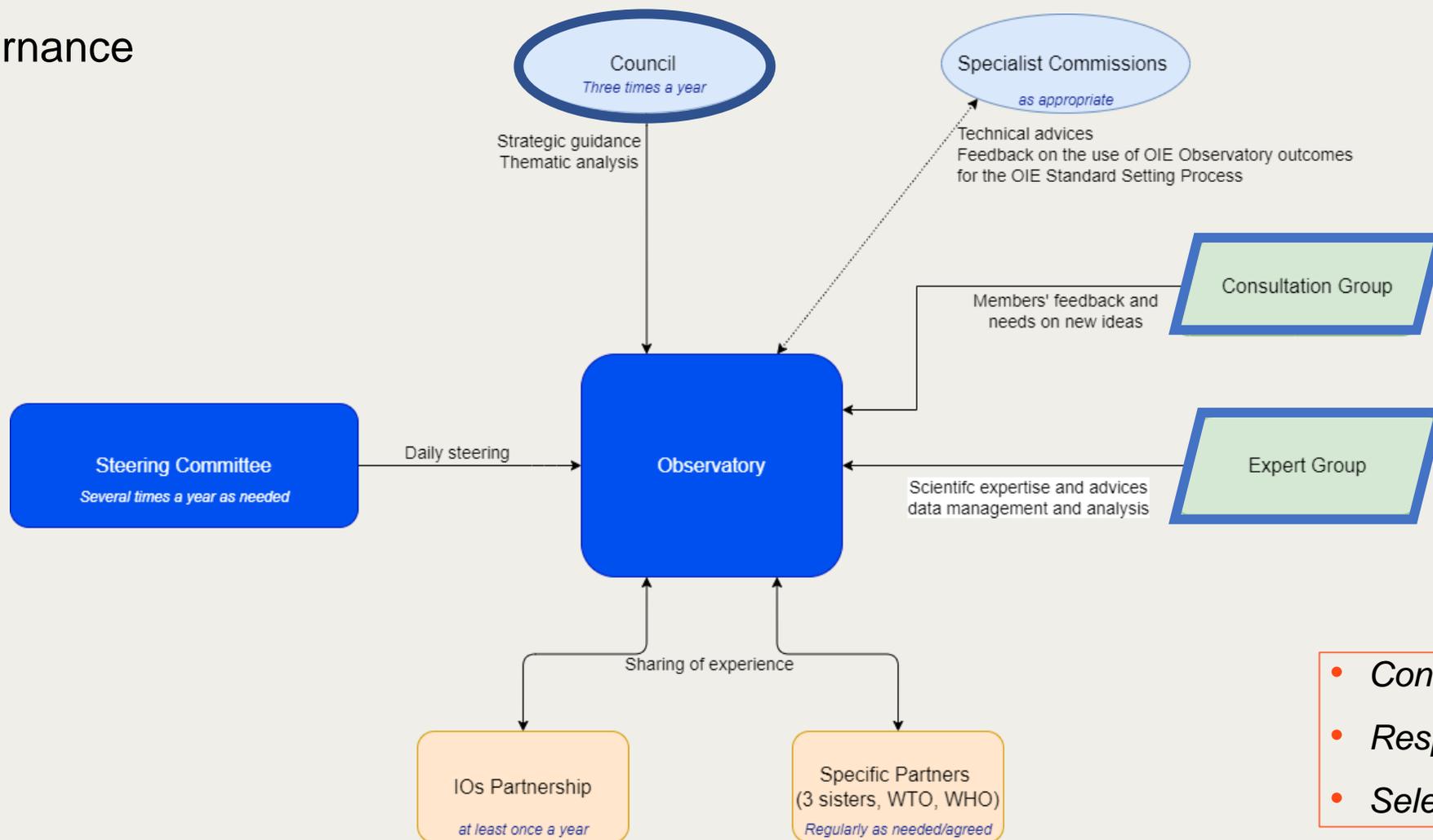


Number pieces of legislation related to animal welfare in FAOLEX



# How does WOAH include Members in this work?

- Resolutions and technical items at GS
- Regular update to the Council, potentially to Regional Core Group meetings on request
- Opportunities for feedback (kiosk, Reg. Conf., webinars...)
- Governance



- *Consultation and Expert Groups*
- *Respective ToRs*
- *Selection of the Members*

Do you have any question or concern about the Observatory, the prototype, the annual report?

Take the opportunity and type them down.

## Available data

Many data are not available in a format that allows assessment. e.g.: workforce not distinguishing aquatic animal health services.

Different scopes: horizontal, disease specific, domestic vs wild, species specific...

Voluntary vs 'compulsory' reporting e.g. simulation exercises.

## Link with WOAH processes

Limited use of some services or interesting differences depending on diseases. e.g.: self-declaration (ASF vs AI)

### → Need to internally reflect on:

- The information/data we collect, the purpose of collection, frequency, tool for collection... → discussion around the WAHIS annual report
- The services we offer and their buy-in by Members, how we ensure they respond to their needs. → self-declaration; contingency plans & simulation exercises...
- The need to collect more specific information (regular surveys? Other platform?...)

## Link with standards

No data directly assessing the implementation of standards

However clear discrepancies between WAHIS reporting and Standards.  
e.g.: understanding of zoning (occurrence code, control measures...)

Generally low capacity to implement the standards (PVS info), despite reporting in WAHIS (e.g.: movement control...)

### → **Need to reflect on a better connection between WAHIS reporting and the standards.**

Discussions could include:

- description of the links between the measures reported in WAHIS and the WOAH *Terrestrial and Aquatic Codes*
- clarification of the minimum expected activities implemented in the field when the control measures are reported in WAHIS
- clearer understanding of the links between complementary control measures (e.g. zoning and control movement)
- more systematic use of PVS reports

# Thank you

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