



TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS

CONTEXT



Transport is a stressful operation in the life of farm animals, whether transported to slaughterhouses, holding or reproduction sites. Ensuring animal welfare during transport creates multiple challenges for all parties involved, farmers, business operators, transporters, and competent authorities, but it also becomes a growing subject of civil society interest. In the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, WOAHP provides a set of provisions for ensuring animal health concerning international trade and movement of animals and for the welfare of animals during the transport of animals by land, sea and air. The WOAHP recognizes the gap between animal welfare standards and the actual situation in many countries. The regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe facilitates the application of WOAHP standards in Europe and supports the Veterinary Services in implementing those standards. The welfare of animals during transport was identified as one of three priority topics for the Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe in the first action plan (2014-2016) and remains a priority topic in the second (2017-2019) and third action plan (2020-2023). A series of comprehensive and complementary activities was developed and completed in this framework.

ACTIVITIES

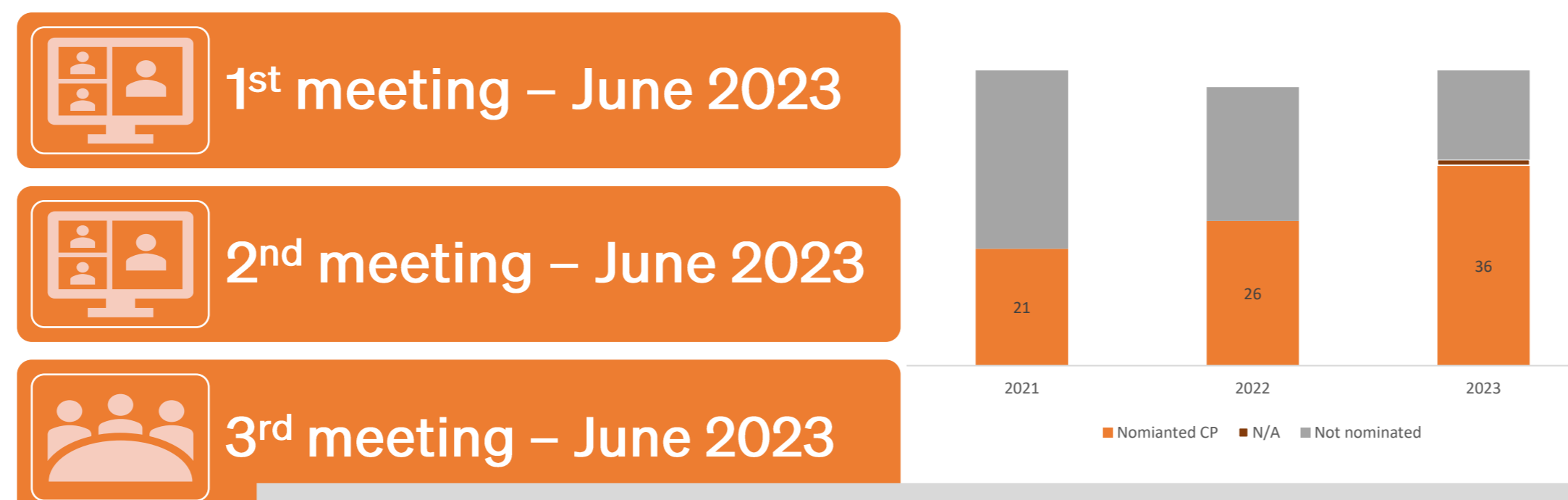
Achievements of the 3rd Action Plan for 2021 – 2023

Network of National Contact Points on long-distance transportation for Europe

Following the Platforms' training activities on transport completed in the first and second action plans framework and need expressed by members, the Regional Commission for Europe in November 2020 established Terms of Reference for the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation.

The designated Contact Points' main role is to assist on a daily basis with very practical issues related to the long-distance transport of animals (including assistance to the contact point of a country of departure in the pre-transport evaluation of the journey planning, to send (country of destination) and to receive/follow up (country of origin) reports on non-compliances noted during transport).

The Platform organises meetings of the Network to discuss common issues and share best practices related to long-distance transportation.



- The objectives of the meeting are :
- To reinforce the involvement of National Contact Points
 - Re-calling their role and responsibilities
 - Strengthening communication and collaboration
 - Address WOAHP members' needs within planned activities of the next action plan of the Platform for 2024-2026

Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) workshops

Objective - to help countries improve animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport in compliance with WOAHP standards for the whole duration of the journey along the specific route

- Multi-regional WJS workshop**
 - Europe / Middle East
 - June 2021
- Regional WJS workshop**
 - Europe
 - November 2021
- Multi-regional WJS workshop**
 - Europe / Middle East / North Africa
 - November 2022
- Multi-regional WJS workshop (tbc)**
 - Europe / Middle East / North Africa
 - November 2023 (tbc)

32 Countries

Main achievements:

- strengthening collaboration and sharing experience between Competent Authorities
- bringing together all the stakeholders involved in the transport of animals from the departure to the destination
- building the same level of understanding and implementation of WOAHP standards on animal welfare

Stay tuned!
The Observatory will soon conduct a **thematic study** on the implementation of standards related to transport of live animals at global level

WHAT'S NEXT?

4th Action Plan for 2024 – 2026 TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS

2024	2025	2026
Multi-regional WJS workshop Europe/North Africa/Middle East	Multi-regional WJS workshop Europe/North Africa/Middle East	Multi-regional WJS workshop Europe/North Africa/Middle East
Meeting of the NCPT network	Meeting of the NCPT network	Meeting of the NCPT network

Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on transport
Launch of the call early 2024



WE NEED YOUR HELP

WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF EACH OF THESE TOPICS FOR THE 4TH ACTION PLAN FOR 2024-2026 REGARDING DISASTER MANAGEMENT ?
ANY REMARKS ? COMMENTS ?