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Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

WOAH Sub Regional Representation office in Brussels

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Brussels



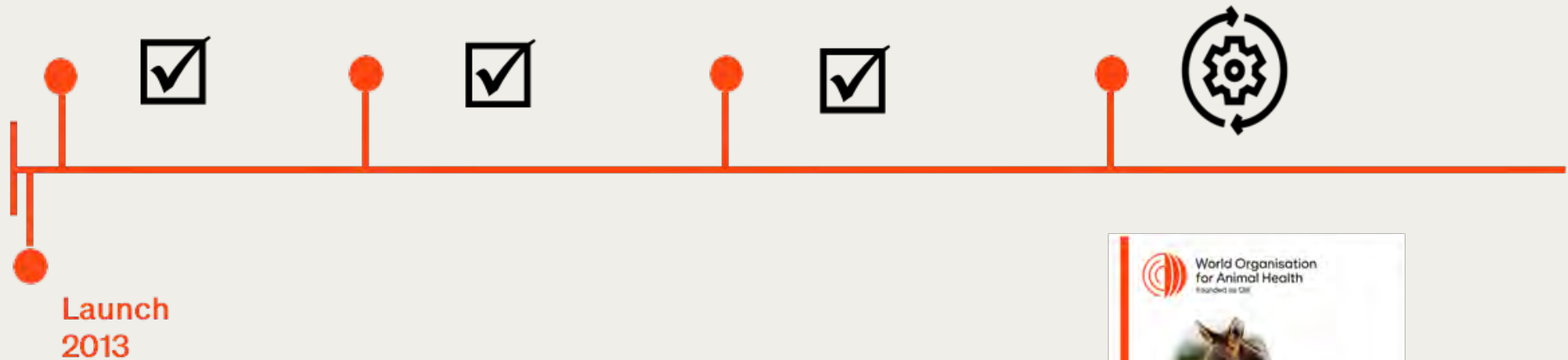
WOAH Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016

2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019

3rd Action Plan
2021 - 2023

4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026



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





2023 – Key achievements

- **Implementation of the 3rd Action Plan**

achieved 87% completion of planned activities, continuous progress and successful adaptation to Members' needs

- **External Evaluation**

the Platform is highly relevant to Members and stakeholders with key strength its long-term strategy of building on the foundations, achievements and lessons of successive Action Plans.

- **Building the 4th Action Plan 2024 – 2026**

ensuring continuity, building on achievements, responding to the Members' needs , adjusting to the available resources.

4th Action Plan for 2024-2026

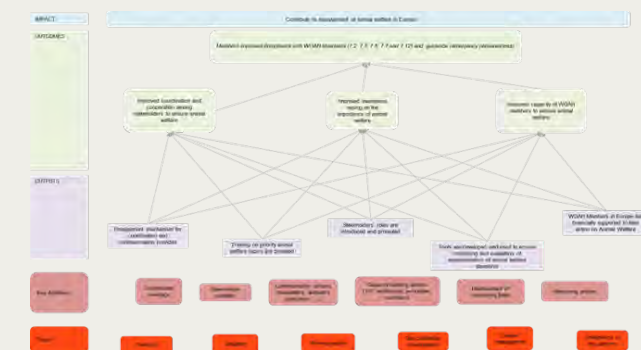
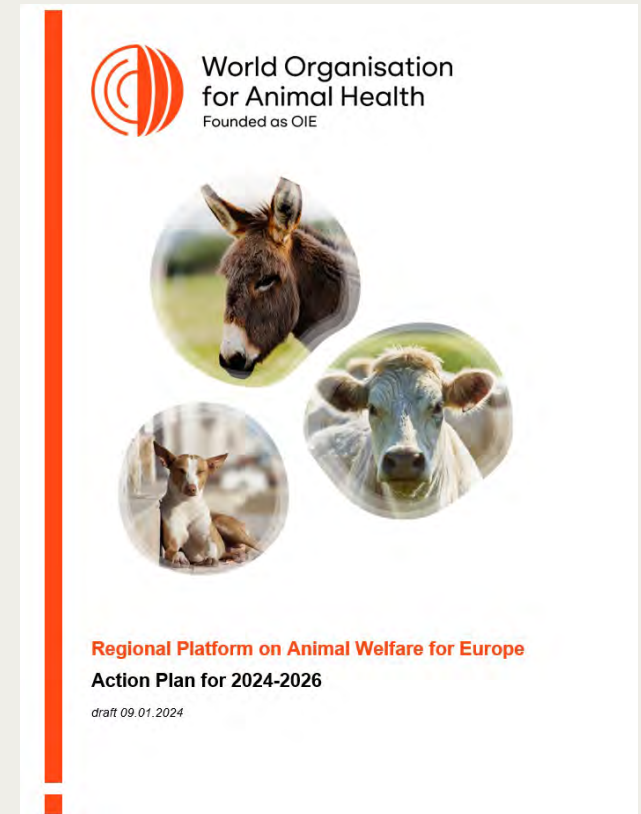
Impact (Long-term objective):

Contribute to the improvement of animal welfare in Europe through the priority topics

Outcome Objectives (short/mid-term objective)

Progressively improve the compliance of WOAHE Members with WOAHE standards

- **Common vision and continuity**
- **Strengthening the WOAHE Members involvement**
- **Collaboration with all WOAHE Members and stakeholders**

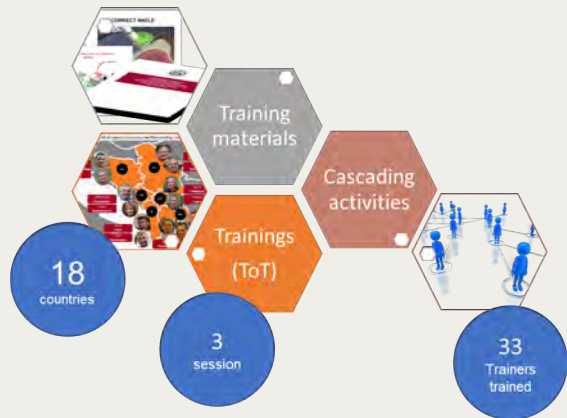




Priority
topics



Slaughter



- New revised standard adopted

TAHC – Chapter 7.5 on ANIMAL WELFARE DURING SLAUGHTER

- Developing on- line training module

The WOAHP Platform for the Training of Veterinary Services

- Dissemination of training materials

Webinars, train the trainers, dedicated workshops

- Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on slaughter



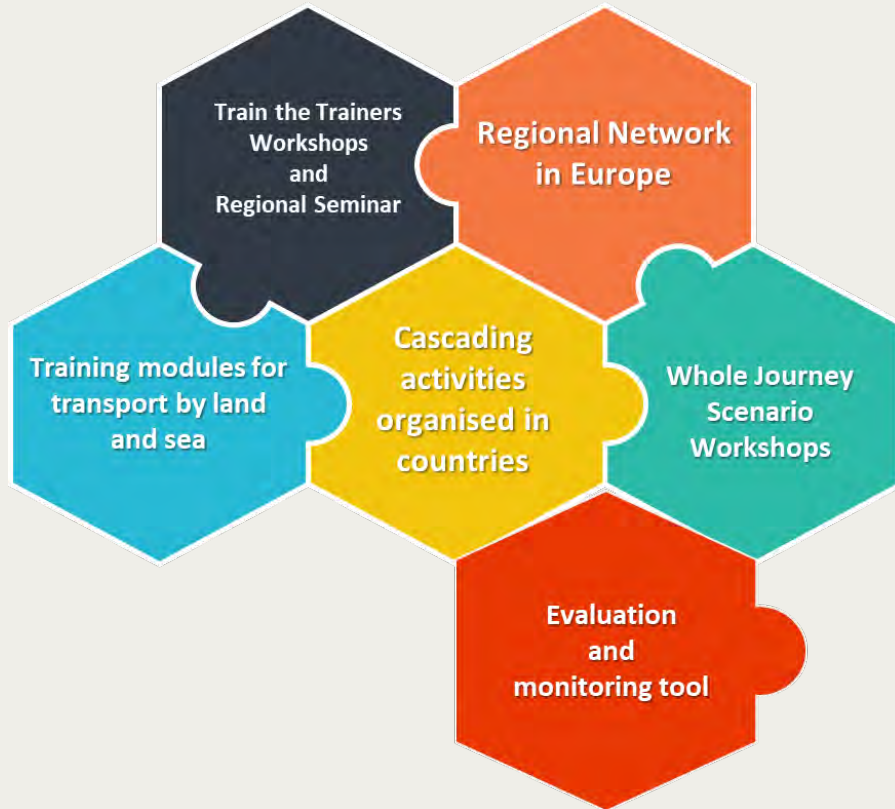
4th Action Plan for 2024–2026

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS





Transport of animals



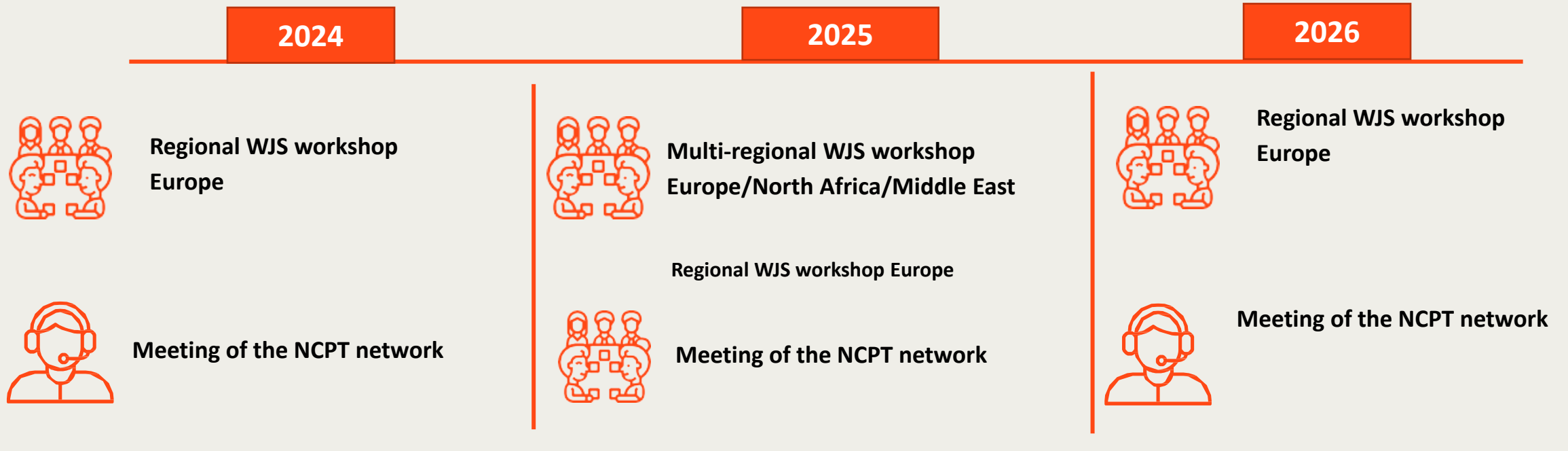
- network of WOAAH National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

- within Europe
- multi regional Europe / Middle East / North Africa

concept note

4th Action Plan for 2024 – 2026

TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS



Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on transport

Improving Members' capacity for dog population management

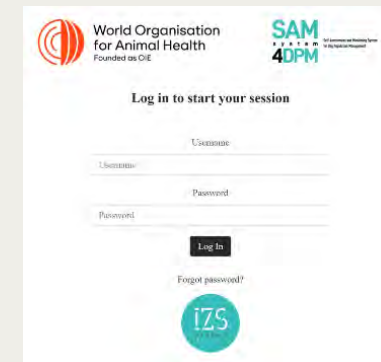
- Regional dog population management roadmaps

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**





4th Action Plan for 2024 – 2026

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT

2024

2025

2026

regional workshops on dog population management

6th workshop for the Balkans

5th workshop for
the West-Eurasian
(Central Asia and Caucasus)

7th workshop for the Balkans

Regular support for the SAM4DPM self-assessment rounds

Periodic flash thematic meetings (2024 - 2026)

Disaster management

building on achievements of the pilot project

World Organisation for Animal Health | **WOAH Platform on animal welfare for Europe** | **IZS**

Role of Veterinary Services on Animal Welfare in natural disasters Pilot approach on natural disaster preparedness for Balkan countries

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ABSTRACT
In 2018, a pilot project was implemented by the WOAH Platform on animal welfare for Europe, with the collaboration of the Italian Organization for Animal Welfare and the Italian Civil Protection, aiming at building a culture of preparedness among Veterinary Services and relevant stakeholders, and to support the development of Veterinary Services Emergency Plans (VSEP) for animal welfare during natural disasters, in addition, activities were held to build the Veterinary Services of Emergency (VSEP) members in building disaster plans. The VSEP for civil and animal welfare have become a multidisciplinary event taking as an example a flooding scenario with the presence of relevant stakeholders through a series of these activities. Through a set of participating countries (Bulgaria, Romania and North Macedonia) the animal disaster plan (ADP) have been developed and coordinated to be working further work on building and/or improving their Countries Plan for animal welfare during natural disasters.

INTRODUCTION
Emerging zoonotic diseases and other zoonoses which have the potential to affect human and animal health is no exception. Planning for veterinary emergency response systems, mitigation and prevention, response and preparedness, when it comes to zoonotic emergencies, requires comprehensive and integrated to prepare, prevent and respond to emergencies and disasters. The WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare and the Italian Civil Protection are collaborating in the management of natural, zoonotic and technological disasters, and under a wide range of conditions from both government and non-governmental organizations. To identify their functions to meet local and regional needs. The WOAH Platform on animal welfare is based on a pilot plan for the WOAH Platform on animal welfare in Europe, in collaboration with IZS, through a set of pilot projects with the aim of building the VSEP members in emergency a culture of disaster preparedness and response. The WOAH Platform on animal welfare is a culture of disaster preparedness and response, to be working further work on building and/or improving their Countries Plan for animal welfare during natural disasters, in the WOAH Platform on animal welfare and the Italian Civil Protection.

METHODS
The project was based on regular guidelines on Disaster Management and Risk Reduction in relation to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health, the WOAH guidelines for disaster response and the WOAH Platform on animal welfare for Europe. The pilot activities targeted ten countries in the Balkan region: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Macedonia, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia. Workshops of the workshop included a meeting of the members of the Veterinary Services and members of the IZS, development of emergency response plans and the coordination with other national emergency services and stakeholders. These responses for natural disaster management and coordination with local authorities and partners or setting of the National Emergency Plan, regarding the development and implementation of the National Disaster Management and the National Emergency Plan and the coordination of the national and international disaster response, established as well.

RESULTS

WORKSHOP 1: ENGAGING TO ENGAGE (29-30 November 2018, Sicily, Italy)
43 participants
1. Positive points: 1. Emergency response plan, 2. Emergency response plan, 3. Emergency response plan
2. Positive points: 1. Emergency response plan, 2. Emergency response plan, 3. Emergency response plan
3. Positive points: 1. Emergency response plan, 2. Emergency response plan, 3. Emergency response plan

WORKSHOP 2: REVIEW THE PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF (28-30 October 2019, Sicily, Italy)
28 participants
1. Positive points: 1. Emergency response plan, 2. Emergency response plan, 3. Emergency response plan
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WORKSHOP 3: TEST AND VALIDATE THE VSEP (09-11 November 2021, Sicily, Italy)
41 participants
1. Positive points: 1. Emergency response plan, 2. Emergency response plan, 3. Emergency response plan
2. Positive points: 1. Emergency response plan, 2. Emergency response plan, 3. Emergency response plan
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CONCLUSIONS
Three out of four participating countries (Bulgaria, Romania and North Macedonia) developed their ADP. Further activities are planned for the next year to support the development of the VSEP members in building disaster plans and the coordination with other national emergency services and stakeholders. These responses for natural disaster management and coordination with local authorities and partners or setting of the National Emergency Plan, regarding the development and implementation of the National Disaster Management and the National Emergency Plan and the coordination of the national and international disaster response, established as well.

WHAT'S NEXT?
Following the pilot project on natural disaster preparedness in the Balkans, the WOAH Platform on animal welfare for Europe is working on a regional level agreement involving the Veterinary Services emergency and disaster response, emergency response and preparedness, response and prevention, when it comes to zoonotic emergencies, requires comprehensive and integrated to prepare, prevent and respond to emergencies and disasters. The WOAH Platform on animal welfare is based on a pilot plan for the WOAH Platform on animal welfare in Europe, in collaboration with IZS, through a set of pilot projects with the aim of building the VSEP members in emergency a culture of disaster preparedness and response. The WOAH Platform on animal welfare is a culture of disaster preparedness and response, to be working further work on building and/or improving their Countries Plan for animal welfare during natural disasters, in the WOAH Platform on animal welfare and the Italian Civil Protection.

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Identification of the regional needs:

- Survey on WOAH Members capacity to deal with animal welfare emergencies during natural disasters in Europe
- online Stakeholders' Consultation

Disaster Management and Risk Reduction Workshop 14 WOAH Members from Europe and North Africa

WOAH at European Civil Protection Forum 2024 Awareness and collaboration with stakeholders

4th Action Plan for 2024–2026

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

2024



Regional multi hazard workshop
on contingency planning
for animal welfare in natural disasters for
europe

2025 - 2026



THEMATIC MEETINGS

2026



Simulation exercise for the testing of
selected countries contingency plans
for animal welfare in natural disasters
in europe

Working Equids

**from raising awareness
on welfare of working equids**

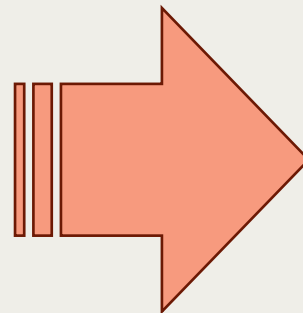


Regional Awareness Day (2017)



Baseline Survey on Working Equids (2019)

**towards a plan build with targeted Members and
stakeholders adapted to Member needs**



Online event September 2023
raise awareness on WOAH standards
share existing tools and resources
initiate building a new action plan

1st step: workshop in June 2024
capacity building needs and working on
development of adapted programs





4th Action Plan for 2024 – 2026

Working equids

2024

2025

2026

Workshop on working equids
back to back to NFP AW meeting

Seminars on working equids

a type of seminar will be defined according to members needs and available resources)

Workshop on working equids
back to back to NFP AW meeting (tbc)

Thematic online meetings on working equids



Governance

- *Steering Group*
(Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Ireland, Portugal)
- *Regional Commission for Europe*

Stakeholders and partners

- *annual coordination meetings*
Next one – 19th June Brussels

Communication

- *developing communication strategy*
- *website updates*
- *annual newsletters*
- *Russian translations*

Monitoring and evaluation

- *tools within each priority topic*
- *overall indicators*
- *external consultant – review*

Communication



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Improving animal health in Europe, thereby ensuring a better future for all

39 Following 1,527 Retweets

ANTHIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE: A ONE HEALTH CHALLENGE

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ACTIVITIES ACTIVITIES IN 2022-2023

IMPENDING CONCERNS

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Global Animal Welfare Strategy

... ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE
ONGOING
DEVELOPMENT, EVOLUTION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF
REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE
STRATEGIES (RAWS)...

STRATEGIC PILLARS





Thank you

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