



Regional approach to the implementation and enforcement of Regulation 1099/2009
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OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe – focus on slaughter activities –

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OIE objectives on Animal Welfare

Contributing to the improvement of animal welfare globally via:

- ❖ development of science based standards
- ❖ support and technical advice to OIE Members to assist them implementing the OIE standards

The main actors involved in OIE standard setting process

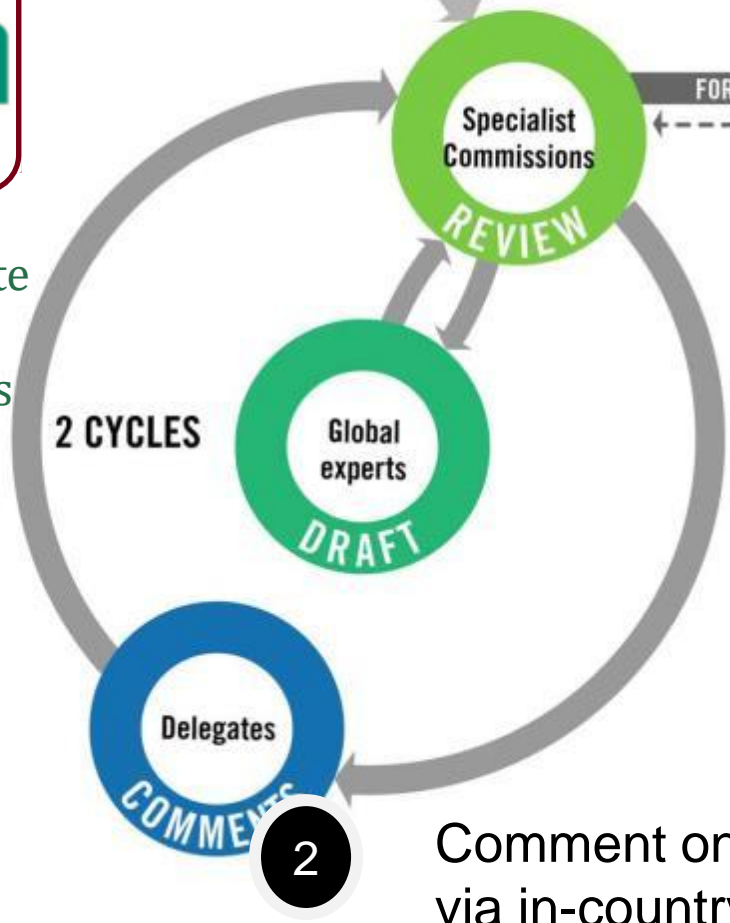
- ❖ The OIE Specialist Commissions :
 - Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission
 - Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases
 - Aquatic Animals Health Standards Commission
 - Biological Standards Commission
- ❖ The OIE Working Groups (AW) and Ad Hoc Groups
- ❖ The Delegates (and their National Focal Points)
- ❖ (other national, regional and international organizations)



OIE Delegate + National Focal Points



Propose
* amendments to existing text
* new text



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Comment on the draft chapters via in-country consultation



Adopt the new /amended chapters



Monitor national legislation to ensure its alignment with OIE standards

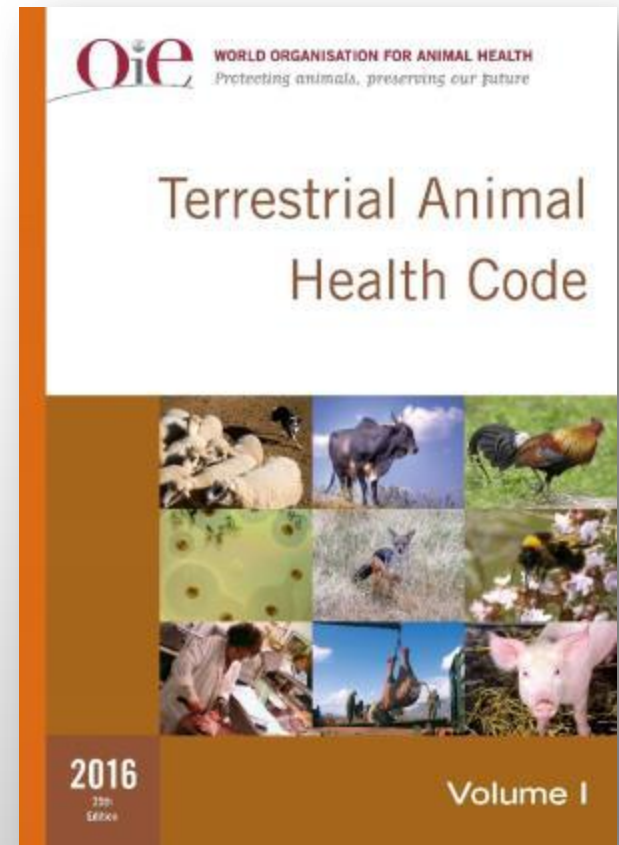
FOR ADOPTION

Animal Welfare in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2016)

SECTION 7. ANIMAL WELFARE

- 7.1. **Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare**
- 7.2. Transport of animals by sea
- 7.3. **Transport of animals by land**
- 7.4. Transport of animals by air
- 7.5. **Slaughter of animals**
- 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes
- 7.7. Stray dog population control
- 7.8. Use of animals in research and education
- 7.9. Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems
- 7.10. Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems
- 7.11. Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems
- 7.12. Welfare of working equids

<http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>



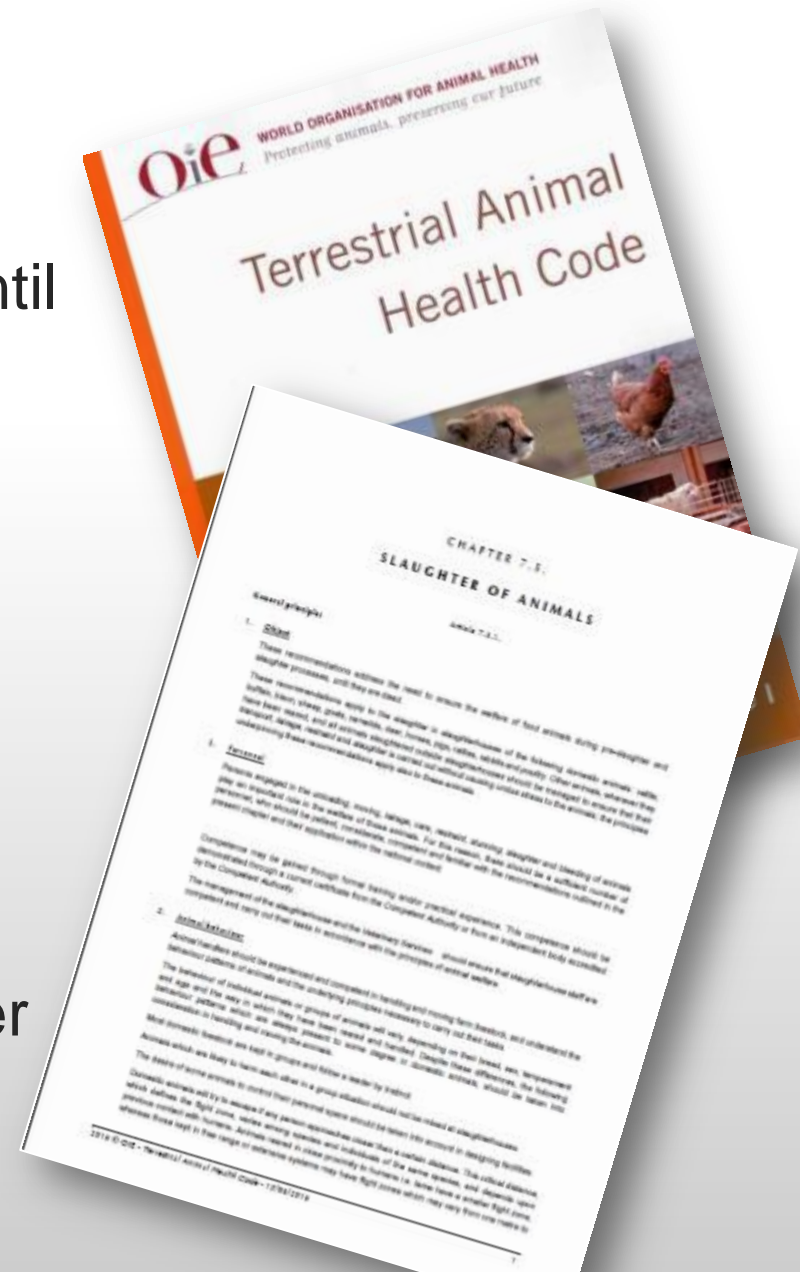
Chapter 7.1. - Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare

- ❖ Guiding principles for animal welfare
- ❖ Scientific basis
- ❖ General principles for animal welfare of animals in livestock production systems



Chapter 7.5. - Slaughter of animals

- ❖ General principles to ensure the welfare of food animals during pre-slaughter and slaughter process, until they are dead
 - personnel
 - animal behaviour
 - distraction management
 - moving and handling of animals
 - lairage design and construction
 - Handling and restraining methods
 - Stunning and slaughtering methods etc
- ❖ Framework for understanding of basics of animal welfare to slaughter





OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Objective

Improve AW in Europe by empowering Veterinary Services to take action on animal welfare in compliance with OIE standards.





OIE Platform
on Animal Welfare
for Europe

Priorities of the 1st action plan 2014-2016

- ❖ Stray dog population management
 - ❖ Transport of animals by land
 - ❖ **Slaughter of animals**
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- ❖ More than 15 activities to implement.

OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Three years in Review



100%
of the 1st Action
Plan completed

20
activities
conducted



More
600 K€
funds
disbursed

2nd AP
under
preparation

ANIMAL WELFARE PROFILE IS RAISED ALREADY IN EUROPE LETS PURSUE EFFORTS ALL TOGETHER



M. Esit, OIE Director General

I am very proud to announce that 100% of the activities scheduled under the first Action Plan of the OIE Platform on animal welfare for Europe have been implemented, with some great success including a certain coordinating effect of OIE animal welfare partners in Europe. In light of these conclusive results, donors have decided to renew their trust and support a second Action Plan. It is currently being designed as the logical continuation of the first one, in line with the OIE Sixth Strategic Plan; it will also allow the implementation of the recommendations recently adopted in Guadalajara by the participants of the 4th OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare.

I invite all of you to join us in continuing raising the profile of animal welfare, which is more and more at the heart of what makes European society tick.

Overview – State of activity implementation



• ToT Workshop on transport and slaughter (2)	(12)
• ToT Workshop on long distance transport , including modules elaboration	(13)
• Regional stray dog Roadmap for Balkan countries – including an Awareness Campaign	(1, 2, 3)
• Regional stray dog Roadmap for West Eurasia	(12, 3)
• Steering Committee meetings (7)	(1, 2, 3)
• Newsletters and Advocacy documents	(1, 3)
• Platform website	(1, 2, 3)
• Translation in Russian	(1, 2, 3)

FIRST ACTION PLAN – LOGICAL FRAMEWORK APPROACH

Goal
Improving animal welfare in Europe

Purpose
Empowering Veterinary Services to take action on animal welfare in compliance with OIE standards

Outputs

1. Awareness is raised and a high level of understanding of animal welfare is achieved
2. Implementation of OIE animal welfare standards is progressively improved
3. Participation of Countries in the OIE's standard setting procedure is encouraged

Activities
A set of 20 activities will be implemented

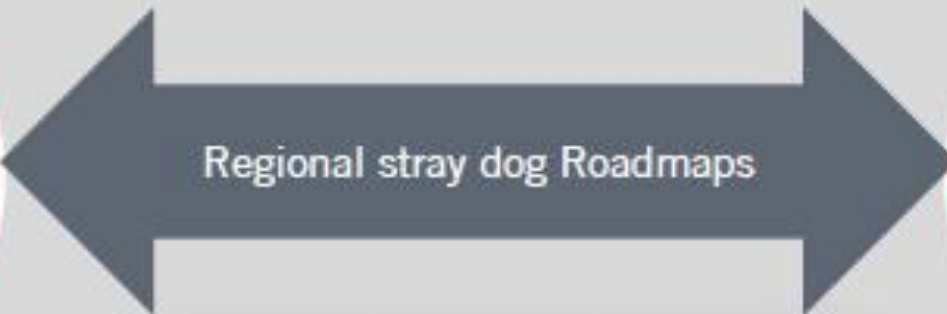
BALKANS
(11 countries)

WEST EURASIA
(8 countries)

I. Stray dog population control

to become compliant with OIE standard 7.7 by
2025

to become compliant with OIE standard 7.7 by
2030



- Self-assessment (2015)
- Regional Workshops (2014; 2016)
- National Reports
- Regional Report
- OIE Awareness Campaign on stray dogs in the Balkans

- Self-assessment (2016)
- Regional Workshops (2015)



Rabies dimension taken into account in the Regional stray dog Roadmaps



OIE Campaign official launching:
13 May 2016







FYROM



KOSOVO

II. Slaughter of production animals



First ToT workshop on slaughter
Tbilisi/Georgia, March 2015

OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program methodology (3 sessions back to back)

Stage 1 (First Session)

- Best practices in humane handling, transport and slaughtering: interviews with field visits and practical training sessions.
- 4 days

Breaks: 3-4 weeks (Distance Learning, independent consultations)

Stage 2 (Second Session)

- Recapitulation of the first session
- One-on-one (trainer to trainee), consultations on the development of training sessions followed by delivery of presentations.
- 5 days

Breaks: 4-5 weeks (Development of Training Sessions)

Stage 3 (Last Session)

- Workshop on animal welfare in a long distance transport for stakeholders delivered by the new set of trainers.
- 2 days

- First ToT Workshop on slaughter, Tbilisi / Georgia, First semester 2015 (5 countries, 10 trainers formed)
- Second ToT Workshop on slaughter, Bryansk and Moscow / Russia, First semester 2016 (7 countries, 14 trainers formed)

Post Workshop evaluation (on the basis of a questionnaire) indicated that countries have cascaded the training at national level in most cases. Kazakhstan used the training material to revise their veterinary core curriculum



Cattle
Pigs
Sheep
Horse
Poultry

- First ToT Workshop on long distance transport, for Kazakhstan and Ukraine (10 trainers formed), in Astana / Kazakhstan:

Session 1: 13-15 December 2016 (3 days)

Session 2: 16-20 January 2017 (4,5 days)

Session 3: 22-23 February (1,5 day)

- Many long distance activities to be carried out under the Second Action Plan (see later)

III. Long distance transport

Elaboration of training modules – content:

- Animal behaviour
- Planning and preparations for the journey
- Loading and transport
- Unloading and resting and the resting points
- Training of drivers - theory, practice, legislation, examination
- Animal welfare in transport and meat quality

KEY COMPONENTS OF GOOD WELFARE IN LAND TRANSPORT



(14)

Animal Welfare during transport and slaughter activities - Training schedule

Stage 1 (First Session) 4 days

- Best practices in humane handling,
- Transport and slaughtering (when applicable)
- Field visits and practical training sessions

Breaks: 3-4 weeks (Distance Learning: reading and consultations)

Stage 2 (Second Session) 5 days

- Recapitulation of the First Session
- One-on-one (Trainer to trainees),
- Followed by delivery of presentations

Breaks: 4-5 weeks (Development of Training Sessions)

Stage 3 (Last Session) 2 days

- Workshop on animal welfare in pre-slaughter and slaughter
- For industry partners and other stakeholders
- Delivered by the new set of trainees

Animal Welfare during transport and slaughter activities – Expected outcomes

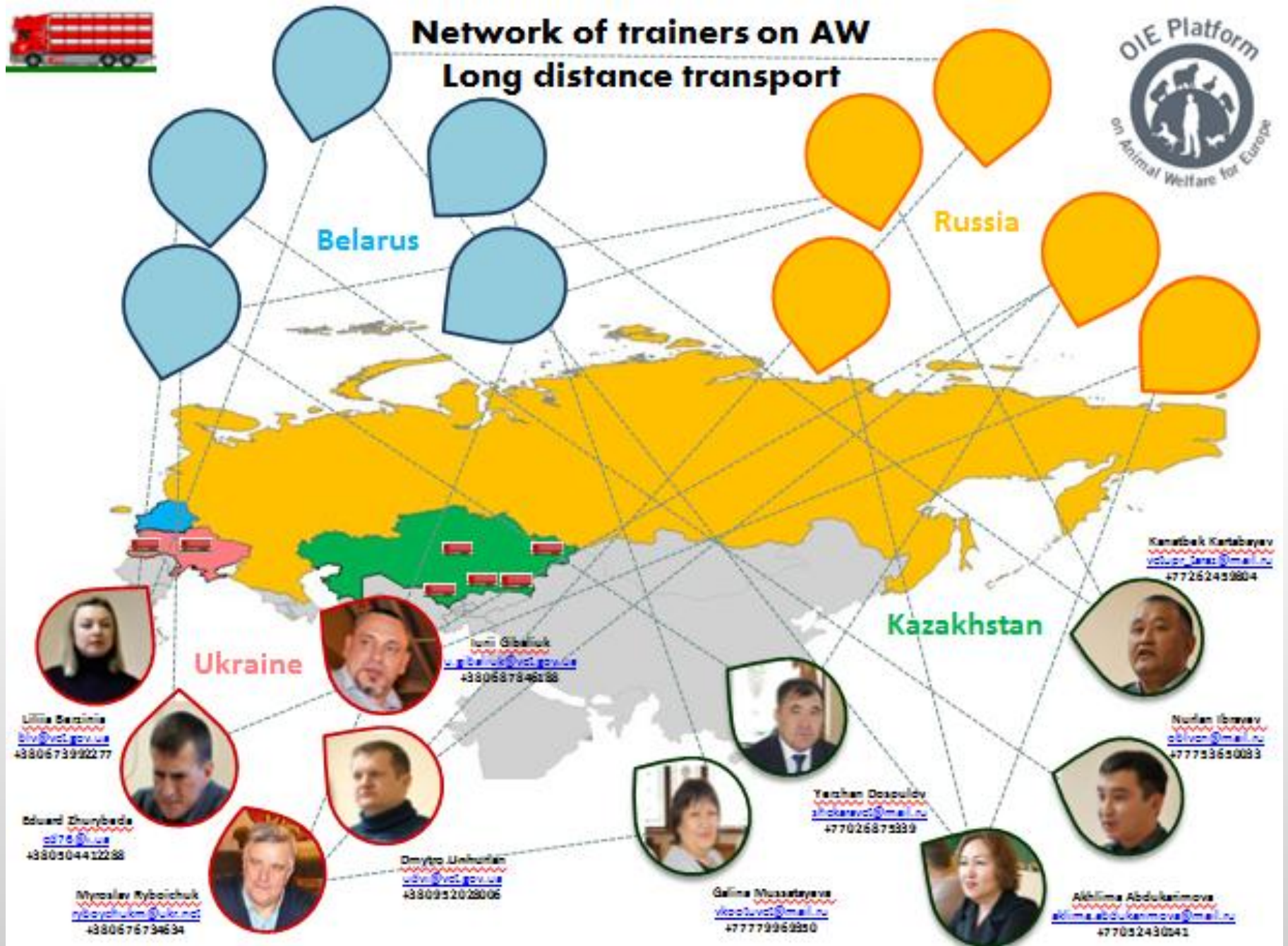
- The implementation of **workshops for veterinary inspectors** at national, provincial and district levels, and the sustainable integration of this topic in the national programme of **continuing education**;
- The update of the national **veterinary legislation** (if needed), to ensure that it provides a basis for actions to address the provisions of Chapter 7.5 of the OIE Terrestrial animal health Code, and contains the necessary penalties in case of neglects; .
- The reinforcement of **initial education** through the update of the **national veterinary core curriculum** (if needed), to ensure that the new generations of veterinarians are well aware of the issue;
- The **sensitisation** of the private business operators on their obligations;
- A **network of regional experts** on slaughter



Network of trainers on slaughter



Network of trainers on AW Long distance transport



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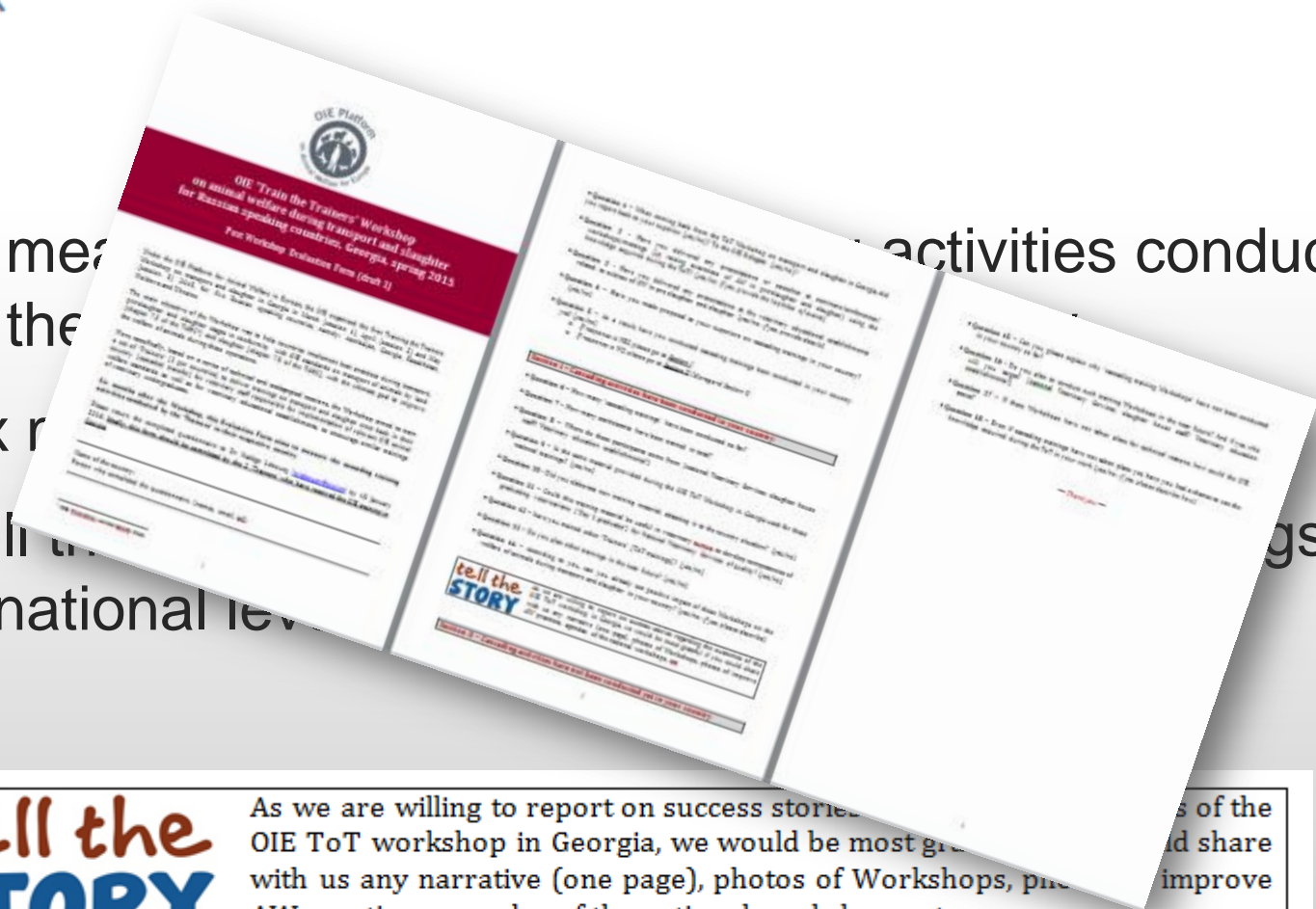
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Animal Welfare during transport and slaughter activities

Post training evaluation

- ❖ To measure the impact of the activities conducted by the trainers
- ❖ Six national workshops were held in Georgia
- ❖ ‘Tell the Story’ campaign at national level



tell the STORY

As we are willing to report on success stories of the OIE ToT workshop in Georgia, we would be most grateful if you could share with us any narrative (one page), photos of Workshops, presentations to improve AW practices, agendas of the national workshops, etc



Animal Welfare during transport and slaughter activities

Cascading training at national level

First Workshop evaluation

(Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Ukraine)



Lessons learnt to be taken into the next Action Plan

IV. Governance activities

Steering Group meetings

Composition of the Steering Group (SG)

- Country representatives (Ireland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Turkey)
- European Commission
- OIE (Headquarters and region)
- IZSAM Teramo (OIE Collaborating Center on AW)
- Permanent observer: World Animal Protection
- Other participants invited on an ad hoc basis

The objectives of the SG meetings are to report on the implementation of the Platform activities carried out over the past 6 months (since the previous SG meeting) and present and discuss a draft programme for the next 6 months to come,

Steering Group meetings

SG1	Paris, December 2013
SG2	Moscow, April 2014
SG3	Brussels, December 2014
SG4	Belgrade, May 2015
SG5	Dublin, November 2015
SG6	Teramo, April 2016
SG7	Madrid, November 2016

7 Steering Group meeting
(Madrid, Spain - November 2016)

Stakeholder engagement

The OIE engages with a large range of AW stakeholders at international and regional level, to conduct or promote the Platform activities (workshops, support to countries, etc.). A Stakeholder consultation meeting is organised every year to exchange on respective AW activities in Europe and create synergies and complementarities.

The OIE also encourages the OIE Delegate to consult Stakeholders present at national level. Countries are notably invited to establish a stray dog multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (or a national stakeholder framework) as stated in article 7.7.5. of the OIE TAHC.



Second Stakeholder consultation meeting (Brussels, June 2016)



Donor support

The OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund is the main Platform financial mechanism that receives funds from third parties (from the public and private sectors) for the purpose of implementing the Platform Action Plans.

The OIE wishes to deeply thank all donors who contributed in cash or in-kind

Donors Advocacy document (2013)

- European Commission
- France
- Germany
- Switzerland
- World Animal Protection
- IZSAM Teramo
- RSPCA
- Regional Animal Welfare Center for the Balkans (RAWC), with the support of RSPCA
- Hosting countries (Romania; Russia; Belgium; Georgia ; Serbia; Kyrgyzstan; Ireland; Albania; Spain



Communication

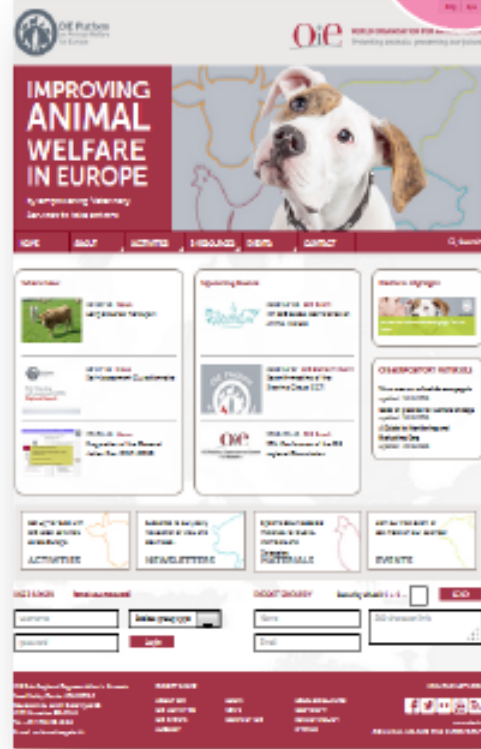
Communication activities

- Newsletters
- New Platform website
- Presentation of the Platform activities in various audiences

www.rpawe.oie.int



2014 Newsletter



The new Platform website has interesting functionalities to support the future activities of the Platform, such as e-forum, webinars, e-survey, e-calendar, e-library (to post best practices), etc. Separate secured spaces are also provisioned, respectively for the Members of the Platform Steering Group, and for the OIE Delegates and national Focal Points. The new website will be available in English and Russian.



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Priorities of the 2nd action plan 2017-2019

- ❖ Stray dog population management
- ❖ Transport of animals by land
- ❖ **Slaughter of animals**

- ❖ Disaster management
- ❖ Welfare of equids
- ❖ Others?



2nd Action Plan

Slaughter activities?

- ❖ Self-assessment Tool (questionnaire on the basis of OIE chapter 7.5) [*gaps ; needs ; progress*]
- ❖ ToT workshops on red meat species (cattle; sheep; pigs)
 - Refreshing courses in some Russian-speaking countries?
 - **ToT workshops for Balkan countries?**
- ❖ ToT workshops on poultry:
 - ToT workshops for Russian speaking countries
 - **ToT workshops for Balkan countries?**
- ❖ Seminars on specific topics (with some partners)?

What are your needs in terms of slaughter activities?

- Proposals to be inserted in the second Action Plan
- [provided it is adopted – 85th OIE General Session, tbc]
- [provided funding is available]
- [provided we are not duplicating other activities in the region]

Long distance transport activities under the second Action Plan

- ToT Workshops on long distance transport (selected countries from the Balkans)
- Seminars on transport by land (selected countries from Balkans)
- Workshops ‘Whole Journey Scenario’:
 - New concept under development
 - All countries along the main routes involved
 - WCO involved (tbc)
 - Inter-regional activities
 - Test: case study from Germany to Kazakhstan (tbc)



Thank you

See you in Moldova (25-27 April 2017)



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