OIE PLATFORM ON ANIMAL WELFARE FOR EUROPE

– UPDATE, AND PROMOTION OF ANIMAL WELFARE –

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Seventh meeting of the Regional Core Group of the OIE regional Commission for Europe RCG7 – Bern/Switzerland 17-18 December 2018
2018 UPDATE – ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

First Whole Journey Scenario Workshop in Europe – 25-27 April 2018, Poland

Third OIE Regional Workshop on stray dog population management for Balkan countries (SDB3) – 13-15 June 2018, Serbia

First OIE regional workshop on the role of Veterinary Services on animal welfare disasters for Balkan countries

Survey on the cascading activities conducted in Balkan countries following OIE ToT Workshop on slaughter Oct – Dec 2017 - positive results!
to help countries improve animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport with focus on the responsibilities of the Competent Authorities involving all countries along the specific selected route.

Example of the legal case (ruling C 424, April 2015) of the European Court of Justice
Follow up actions:

- OIE Contact Points
- ‘Route Leaflet’
- follow-up workshops and ‘route’ meetings

**First OIE ‘Whole Journey Scenario’ Workshop in Europe**
25-27 April 2018, Zaborek, Poland

Country 1
- Directory of staff
- List of Border Post (with working hours)
- List of resting points
OIE Regional stray dog Roadmap for Balkans

Third OIE Regional Workshop on Stray Dog population management for Balkan countries (SDB 3)
Belgrade, Serbia – 13-15 June 2018

workshop objectives

▪ to discuss national and regional situation stray dog population control - progress towards agreed vision remaining challenges - 2nd countries self-assessment
▪ to advance in preparation of national dog population control programmes with the proposed template
▪ to discuss implementation and evaluation of the OIE Awareness Campaign
▪ to discuss the dog population control programme as part dog mediated rabies control programme
Animal welfare in disasters

Pilot Approach on natural disaster preparedness

to assist the European OIE Member Countries in promoting a culture of preparedness among Veterinary Services and relevant stakeholders, to ensure appropriate livestock, wildlife and companion animal’s welfare during and after natural disasters

STEP 1  
OIE WORKSHOP #1  
This workshop will aim at presenting the content of a VS-CP

STEP 2  
DRAFTING OF THE PLAN  
Each country will be asked to draft their VS-CP (flooding), associating the relevant stakeholders and competent authorities

STEP 3  
OIE WORKSHOP #2  
This workshop will aim at reviewing collegially countries’ VS-CP and propose recommendation for improvement, as relevant

STEP 4  
CONSOLIDATION OF THE PLAN  
Each country will be asked to revised their VS-CP according to the feedback received in Workshop #2

STEP 5  
OIE WORKSHOP #3  
This workshop will aim at testing the VS-CPs (one will be selected) in field conditions, using a desktop and simulation exercise
First OIE Regional workshop on the role of Veterinary Services on animal welfare disasters for Balkan countries
26-28 November 2018, Teramo Italy

Participants:
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Macedonia (FYR of)
- Greece
- Kosovo
- Montenegro
- Romania
- Serbia

Speaker and observers:
- OIE
- OIE CC IZSAM Teramo
- OIE CC CENSA Cuba
- OIE CC IIAD, Texas
- Italian Civil Protection Service
- Agro-food chain representative
- Animal welfare NGOs

Agenda:
- technical plenary lectures
- country presentations on VS preparedness
- sharing countries experience (flooding)
- group exercises
- panel discussions

with significant collaboration and support
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Main conclusions:

✓ Animal welfare in disaster management contingency planning is a new topic
✓ Different components (technical, legislation and administrative, communication…) 
Existing experience already with past events and solid knowledge in Veterinary services on contingency planning for animal health emergencies
✓ Areas for further consideration:
  • coordination with Civil Protection to better define the role of veterinary services
  • role and place in the system of private veterinarians and paraprofessionals, farmers, business operators and other stakeholders including NGOs
  • specific education, training, simulation exercises
  • Communication on all levels
  • possible mutual assistance agreements within country and with neighbouring countries
ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2019

- External Evaluation of OIE Platform activities
- Awareness Campaign on Working equids - first step baseline survey for West Eurasia countries in collaboration with ICWE
- Third OIE Regional Workshop on stray dog population management for West Eurasia countries (SDWE3)(September 2019)
- Second OIE regional workshop on the role of Veterinary Services on animal welfare disasters for Balkan countries (November 2018)
Calls for evaluation throughout 2017 and 2018:
- steering group SG10, Berlin May 2018
- OIE regional commission for Europe, Tbilisi September 2018
- Request from the European Commission for the possible next contribution (2019/2020)

Revised ToR

Scope: activities of the 1st action plan and of the 2nd action plan to date

Objectives of the evaluation of the platform:
- to assess its effectiveness - based on the general and specific objectives of the platform
- to assess its efficiency - measured in relation to time delivery and cost efficiency.
- to provide recommendations for the preparation of the third Action Plan

Procurement launched on 7 November 2018
Experts interviews December 2018
Draft report expected March - April 2019
OIE REGIONAL STRAY DOG ROADMAP FOR WEST EURASIA

Third OIE Regional Workshop on stray dog population management for West Eurasia countries (SDWE3) (September 2019) (location to be confirm)

to review progresses made by the Member Countries over the past two years in achieving the agreed Regional Vision and to provide additional technical guidance in stray dog population and rabies control, in order to improve their compliance with OIE standards

Preparatory steps:

• Consultation on country needs
• 2nd countries self - assessment and analysis of results
• World Rabies Day

OIE REGIONAL STRAY DOG ROADMAP FOR EASTERN EUROPE

Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine
AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON WORKING EQUIDS
FIRST STEP BASELINE SURVEY FOR WEST EURASIA COUNTRIES

• Following the Awareness Day on the Welfare of Working Equids for West Eurasia countries, 27 September 2017, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

• OIE Platform Secretariat and Intranational Collation for Working equids (ICWE) are developing a baseline survey to collect additional data from the West Eurasia countries on the welfare of working equids

• OIE Platform Secretariat and ICWE to organise a webinar with the 8 West Eurasian countries and to Conduct a survey (January/February 2019)

• Collect and analyse the answers of the survey (February/March 2019)

• OIE Platform Secretariat on the basis of the baseline survey results, to develop the ‘Campaign Essentials’ April/May 2019
PILOT APPROACH ON NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR BALKAN COUNTRIES

**STEP 2**
- **OIE Planform and IZSAM Teramo** to conduct survey on present state of implementation of the OIE guidelines as base line situation for the region
- **countries to draft Veterinary Services Contingency Plans (VS CP)** for flooding with association with relevant stakeholders and competent authorities

**STEP 3**
Second OIE regional workshop on the role of Veterinary Services on animal welfare disasters for Balkan countries (November 2018) to review and discuss countries’ draft VS - CPs
FUNDING

Donors for planned activities in 2019

• EU main donor - evaluation requested for further funding
• Ireland, France, Switzerland
• RSPCA, IFAW and Four Paws
2018 UPDATE – GOVERNANCE / TRANSVERSAL ASPECTS

- Presentation of OIE Planform Activities at 28th CONFERENCE of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe in Tbilisi, Georgia in September 2018

- Steering Group meetings
  - SG10 (3 - 4 May 2018, Berlin / Germany)
  - SG11 (4 – 5 December 2018, Horsham / United Kingdom)

- Annual stakeholder meeting
  - 22nd June 2018 Brussels (link)

- OIE Platform website
  - regularly updated

- External evaluation of the OIE Platform activities

- Development of 3rd Action Plan for (2020 – 2022) and revision of the Concept Note.
PROMOTION OF ANIMAL WELFARE IN EUROPE

• Goals:
  • Improvement of implementation of OIE animal welfare standards
  • Better usage of resources (financial, human, …)

• Areas:
  • European
  • Sub-Regional
  • National level

• Tools:
  • Events: AW to be included in agendas, press realise, promotion materials (leaflets, brochures), speeches
  • Promotion via official web-pages and social networks (OIE, national VS, stakeholders…)
  • CVOs to use specific opportunities (national meetings, events, public appearance…)
  • Awareness campaigns (objectives, areas, budget…)

• Best practice:
BEST PRACTICE (REGIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN)

Stray dog awareness campaign in the Balkans

- Launched on May 13, 2016 by Monique Eloit, DG
- Followed by promotion of CVOs/Delegates of Balkan countries and territories
- Aim: progressive decreasing of dog abandonment on the streets
- Sustainable dog population management in whole region
BEST PRACTICE (REGIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN)

Stray dog awareness campaign in the Balkans

• Material developed (in collaboration with the Communication Agency)
  • In English
  • In local languages
• ‘Be his hero’ slogan
• http://rpawe.oie.int
BEST PRACTICE (REGIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN)

Stray dog awareness campaign in the Balkans

- Guidance how to run campaign
  - structural guidelines for preparing,
  - deploying and
  - evaluating national campaigns

- Countries/territories
  - Albania,
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina,
  - Bulgaria,
  - Croatia,
  - Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
  - Greece,
  - Montenegro,
  - Romania,
  - Turkey
  - Serbia and Kosovo*,
BEST PRACTICE (REGIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN)

Stray dog awareness campaign in the Balkans

• Dedicated Awareness Campaign Package:
  1. the campaign logo,
  2. poster,
  3. leaflet,
  4. questionnaire for responsible dog acquisition,
  5. web banner,
  6. template Facebook page,
  7. sample scripts for radio spots,
  8. press release, and a
  9. special kit for schools (stickers, game book for children, and a PPT for teachers)
Stray dog awareness campaign in the Balkans

- Campaign leaders
  - OIE Delegates
  - OIE Focal Point for Animal Welfare
  - OIE Focal Point for Communication

- Stakeholders
  - local authorities,
  - private veterinarians,
  - pet shops,
  - schools,
  - non-governmental organisations and
  - journalists
DISCUSSION

• Comments
• Ideas
• Objectives
• Follow up activities
• …