



First OIE regional workshop on the role of Veterinary Services on
animal welfare in natural disasters for Balkan countries
26-28 November 2018, Teramo, Italy

Main conclusions



- *Animal welfare in disaster management contingency planning is a new topic for most of us*
 - *OIE platform for AW*
 - *Many of you*

- *How to address this new topic led to a lot of discussions on the different components:*
 - *Technical*
 - *Legislation and administrative*
 - *Communication...*



■ *Positive points*

- *Interest for the topic and active participation of the delegations*
- *A lot of experience already with past events*
- *There is solid knowledge in Veterinary services - competent authorities **and private veterinarians** - on contingency planning*
- *Veterinary services are responsive in case of emergency situations, including natural disasters*
- *plans already exist in animal health sector.*
- *OIE guidelines are out there and can help*



- *Topics where further reflection appears to be needed*
 - *Articulation / coordination with Civil Protection in order 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*
 - *Possible mutual assistance agreements within country and with neighbouring countries*



■ *Next steps*

- *Survey on present state of implementation of the OIE guidelines*
 - *Will serve as a more precise base line for the region*
 - *Will help you better identify the gaps*
 - *April or May 2019*
- *A template presentation could be sent at the end of Spring*
- *Next session to share on your first draft contingency plans*
 - *Exchange on structure, difficulties, good ideas...*
 - *October or November 2019 (TBC)*
 - *Location?*
- *Last session with a possible simulation exercise*
 - *October or November 2020 (TBC)*



- *Final objective*

- *You have a Veterinary Services Contingency Plan with regards to animal welfare in case of a flood event*

- *What we expect from you*

- *Remain committed!*
- *Participation of the same people in the next sessions, if possible*
- *Also engage your colleagues at home*
- *Start engaging with Civil Protection*
- *Prepare a draft Veterinary Services Contingency Plan with regards to animal welfare in case of a flood event*

Proposed indicators for the next session:

- *each delegation includes a colleague from Civil Protection*
- *You have an initial draft of CP*



- *What you can expect from us - OIE platform secretariat and OIE CC Teramo*
 - *We remain committed!*
 - *Dedication and support*



Thank you for your attention!