WOAH Observatory
Strategic evolution of the programme and next steps

Middle East Regional Conference

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☑ Objectives, roadmap and achievements so far

◎ Strategic adjustments of the Observatory programme

⬚ What can you expect in the coming months and years

1. Objectives, roadmap and achievements so far

Main objectives of the Observatory

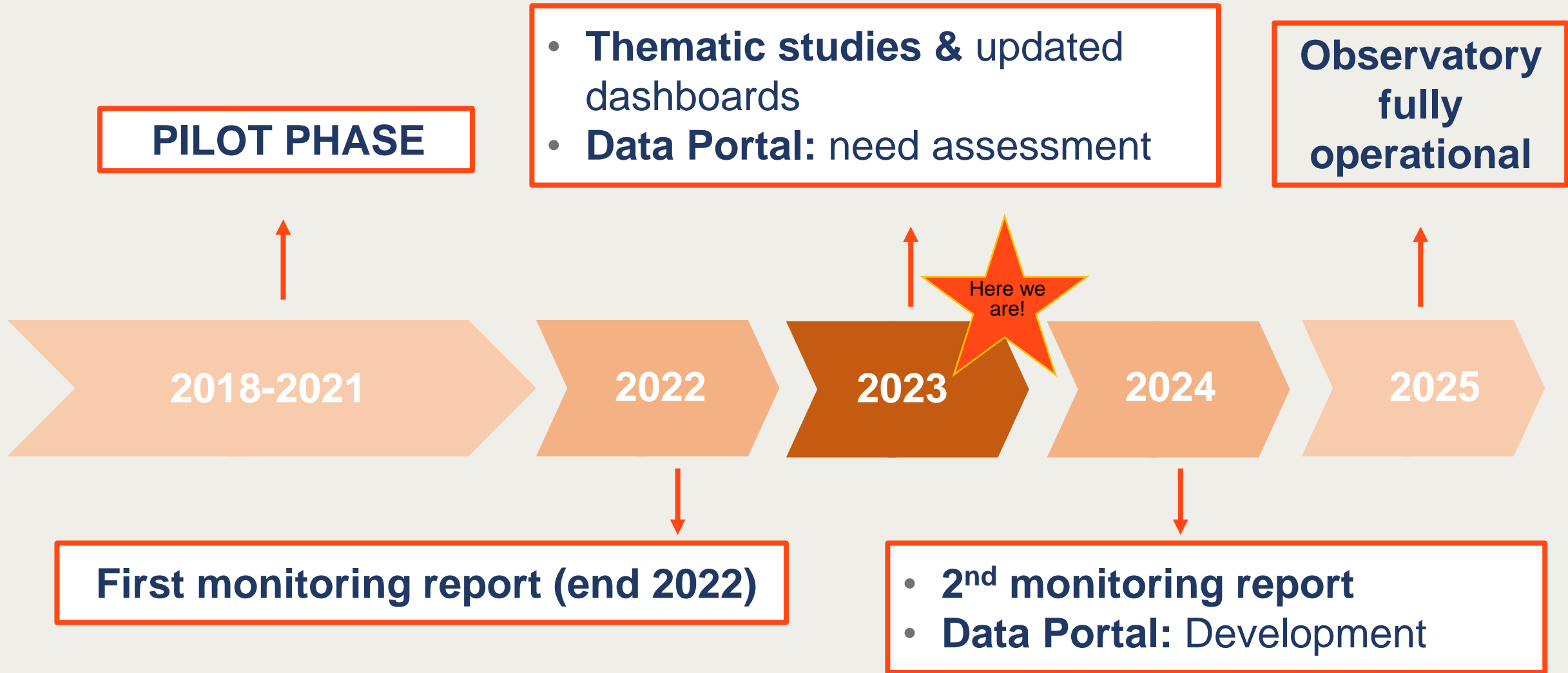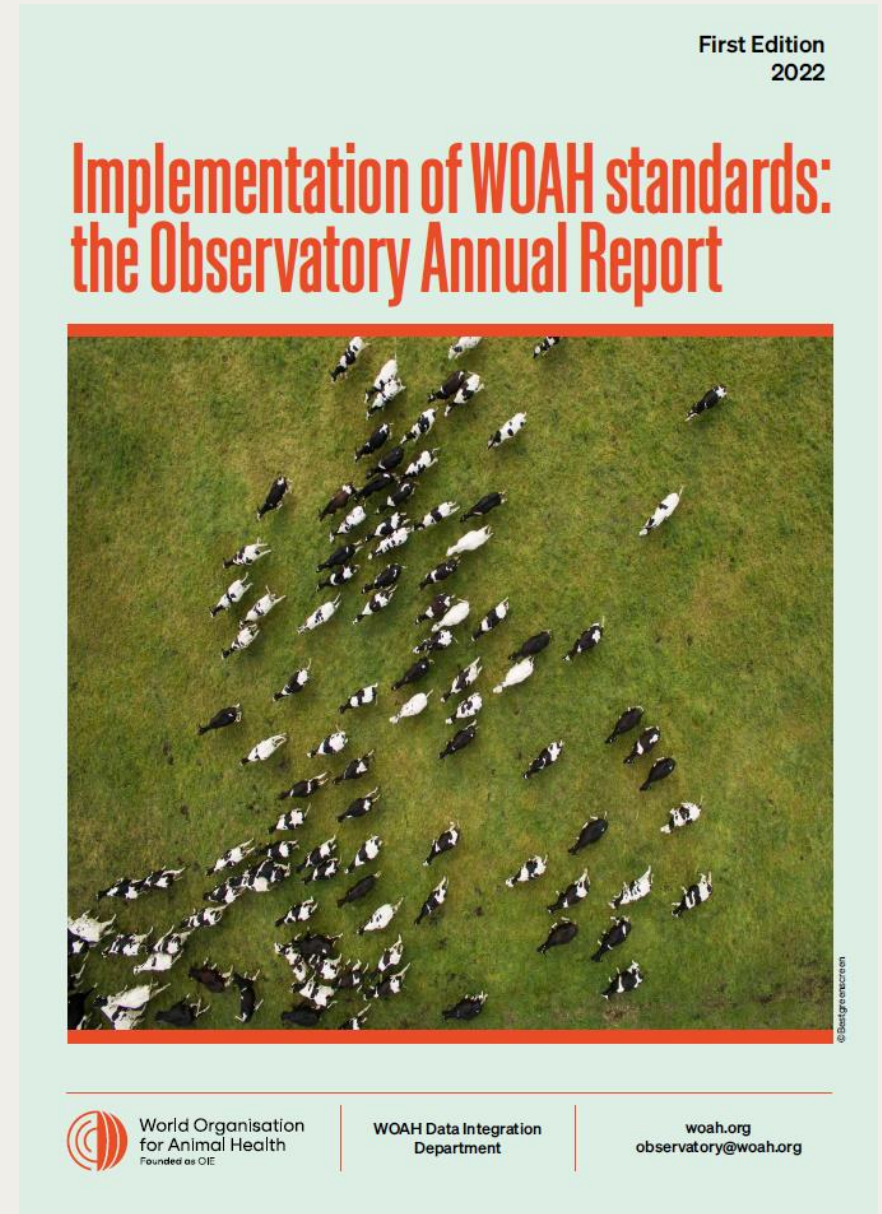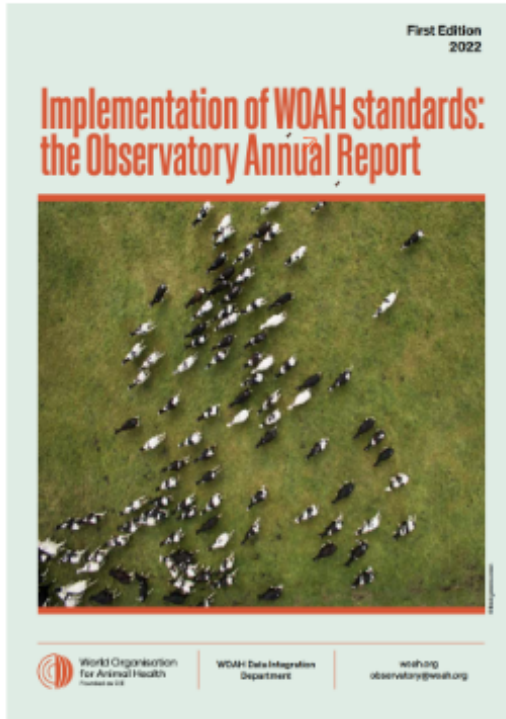| **Gather data and insights regarding the implementation of WOAH standards**	**Identify areas where the implementation of WOAH standards falls short**	**Dissemination of information, preserving confidentiality**

• **Purpose**: Assess the level of implementation of WOAH standards
 	
• **Methods**: Data gathering (existing datasets) and collection of specific information via surveys, interviews, etc. Data analysis.
	• **Challenges**: Investigate obstacles to the implementation of standards
	
	• **Recommendations & call for actions**:
	   • Enhance implementation strategies and capacity building
	
	   • Feedback to the standards setting process if necessary
		• **Target audience**: Stakeholders who need to be informed
		
		• **Communication channels**: Effective methods for sharing information
		
		• **Confidentiality measures**: Safeguard sensitive data and maintain privacy

Overarching goal: Improve effectiveness and use of WOAH standards

The Observatory: Roadmap

PILOT PHASE

- **Thematic studies &** updated dashboards
- **Data Portal:** need assessment

Observatory fully operational

Here we are!

2018-2021 **2022** **2023** **2024** **2025**

First monitoring report (end 2022)

- **2nd monitoring report**
- **Data Portal:** Development

https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/observatory/implementation-of-standards-the-observatory-annual-report/

First Edition
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Observatory Annual Report. First Edition, 2022

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The following supporting documents are also available:

An indicator matrix describing the indicators in a standardised manner ⊕

A data catalogue, i.e. an organised record of data assets ⊕

FEEDBACK

The Observatory Report: The most downloaded WOAH document in Jan 2023!

7,000 unique views by 5 May (3 languages)

**Topics having reached more people in the social medias:
Disease surveillance and transparency**

ACTUALIDAD   ACTUALIDAD VETERINARIA   10 Enero 2023

La Organización Mundial de Sanidad Animal lanza el primer informe anual de su Observatorio

El documento ofrece una amplia visión sobre la implementació[n]
internaciones de sanidad y bienestar animal por parte de los [miembros de la]
OMSA.

Un rapport de l'OMSA alerte sur le manque de vétérinaires

Michaella Igoho-Moradel

| 26.01.2023 à 15:01:00 |

NEWS & REPORTS

WOAH begins annual benchmarking report

By Josh Loeb

THE World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE) has for the first time published a report attempting to analyse the extent to which its members comply with its standards.

Although the exercise is fraught with complexity (not least because much data on countries' performance come from their own self-declarations in response to survey questions), the report is noteworthy as it marks

important' for human health to promote growth in livestock. The report reveals that 10 countries engaged in this are in the Americas, with five in the Asia Pacific region and four in Africa.
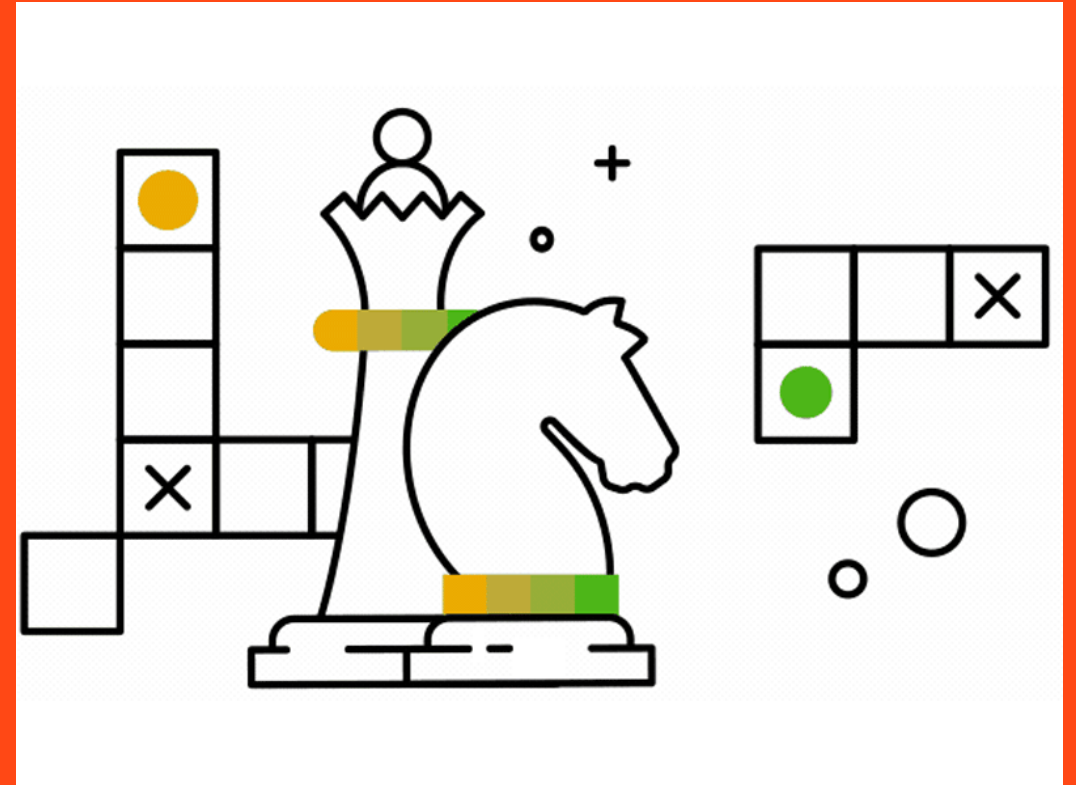
The WOAH has called on its members to urgently cease the use of antimicrobials in this way. Funding from the UK's Fleming Fund is helping the organisation direct targeted support towards countries where particular problems are identified.

Observatory work presented and acknowledged in several events organised by other international organisations.

2. Strategic adjustments of the Observatory programme

Purpose of this report: Analyse data and trends and provide elements and recommendations for decision-making

Context

- Most key findings and long-term data trends will not change year to year

- Many recommendations will take years to implement

- Data gaps for existing key data sources including SMR and WAHIS annual reports, unlikely to be filled soon

  Much of the content of the "Annual" report is unlikely to change year to year

- Developing the monitoring report is resource intensive

  Resources could be better used in developing thematic studies

Strategic adjustments of the Observatory programme

Indicators	**Annually**	• **Annually monitored** and displayed in updated dashboards
Comprehensive report	**5 years**	• **Synchronised with** the preparation of the WOAH Strategic Plans → next report to be published at the end for 2024 (and none in 2023)
Concise report	**3 years**	• Support the newly elected Specialist Commissions in formulating their work plan
Thematic studies	**Several per year**	• More time could be dedicated **to Thematic Studies (the year during which the report is not published)**

3. What can you expect in the coming months and years?

First thematic studies - to be conducted in 2023-2024

Thematic study	Expected consultation with Members	Expected publication
Zoning (AI, FMD, ASF)	June/Aug 2023	Jan 2024
Compartmentalisation (AI)	Late 2023 / Early 2024	2024
Animal welfare during transport	Questionnaire: 2023 Focus groups: 2024	2014 / 2025

No additional thematic study will be started in 2024, which will be dedicated to the next full report, expected in Jan 2025.

Survey on zoning

| Use,
Challenges,
Impact,
Recognition of zoning | avian influenza,
African swine fever,
foot and mouth disease | from 2018 to 2022 |

Target respondents: Veterinary Services in WOAH Members – survey sent to Delegates
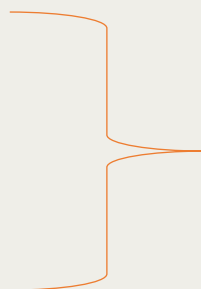
Survey open from 30 May to 4 September 2023

Response rates: 119 Members (65%) completed at least one of the three questionnaires and 86 Members (47%) completed all three questionnaires.

In Middle East, **8** Members (67%) completed the questionnaire on AI;

7 Members (58%) on FMD.

Deliverables:

- Descriptive report

- Factsheet

- Dashboard

- Scientific paper

In the three official languages

January 2024
(for the 100-year anniversary)

Outreach campaign

Compartmentalisation study

Use, challenges and benefits of avian influenza compartments

- **Target respondents:**

  1. Veterinary Services in WOAH Members
  2. Private sector
     - Private companies in the egg and poultry industries
     - National and regional egg and poultry industry associations

- **For (2), collaboration with the International Egg Commission (IEC) and International Poultry Council (IPC)**

- **Data collection via online questionnaires and focus group discussions**

- **Private sector questionnaires to be launched late 2023**

Animal welfare study

Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAH standards and challenges faced

Objectives & methods

- Assess to what extent the standards related to transport of live animals are implemented in WOAH Members → **Survey**

- Seek for feedback on Members' overall experience with these standards (what factors facilitate their implementation versus what barriers prevent their implementation) → **Focus group discussions**

→ **Inform standard revision process of the Code commission.**

Background:

- Concept of a data portal identified and validated in the early design phase of the Observatory

- In line with the objectives of the 7th Strategic Plan and WOAH's digital transformation and key element of data integration

Initial objective: design a Two-way web Portal to allow Members to access and submit data to the Observatory

Re-focused objective: design a data Portal to share Observatory data and meet Members' needs for efficient and user-friendly data access
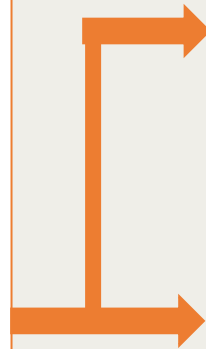
1st semester of 2023

Activity 1.1. Review of the existing situation, both internal and external

Activity 1.2. Internal needs assessment

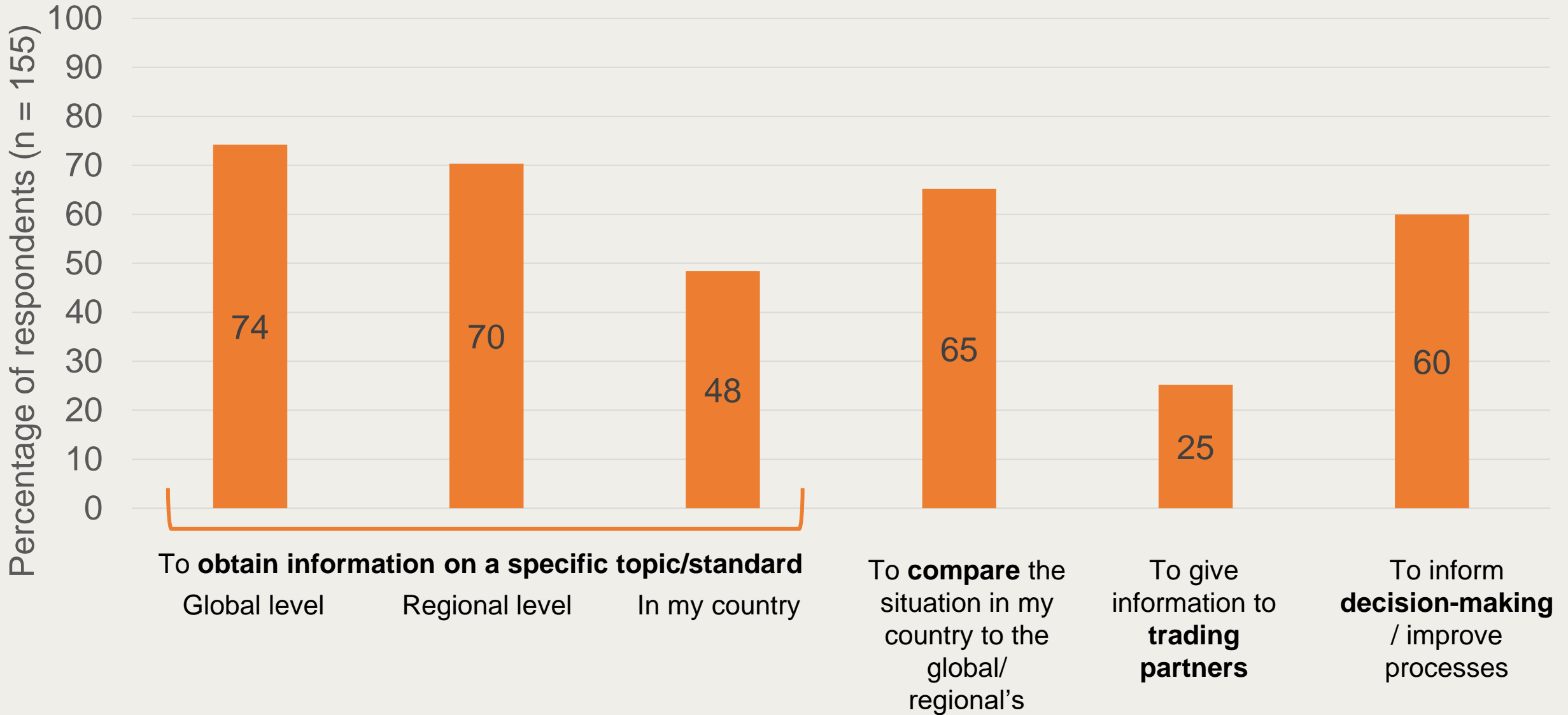**Activity 1.3. External needs assessment**

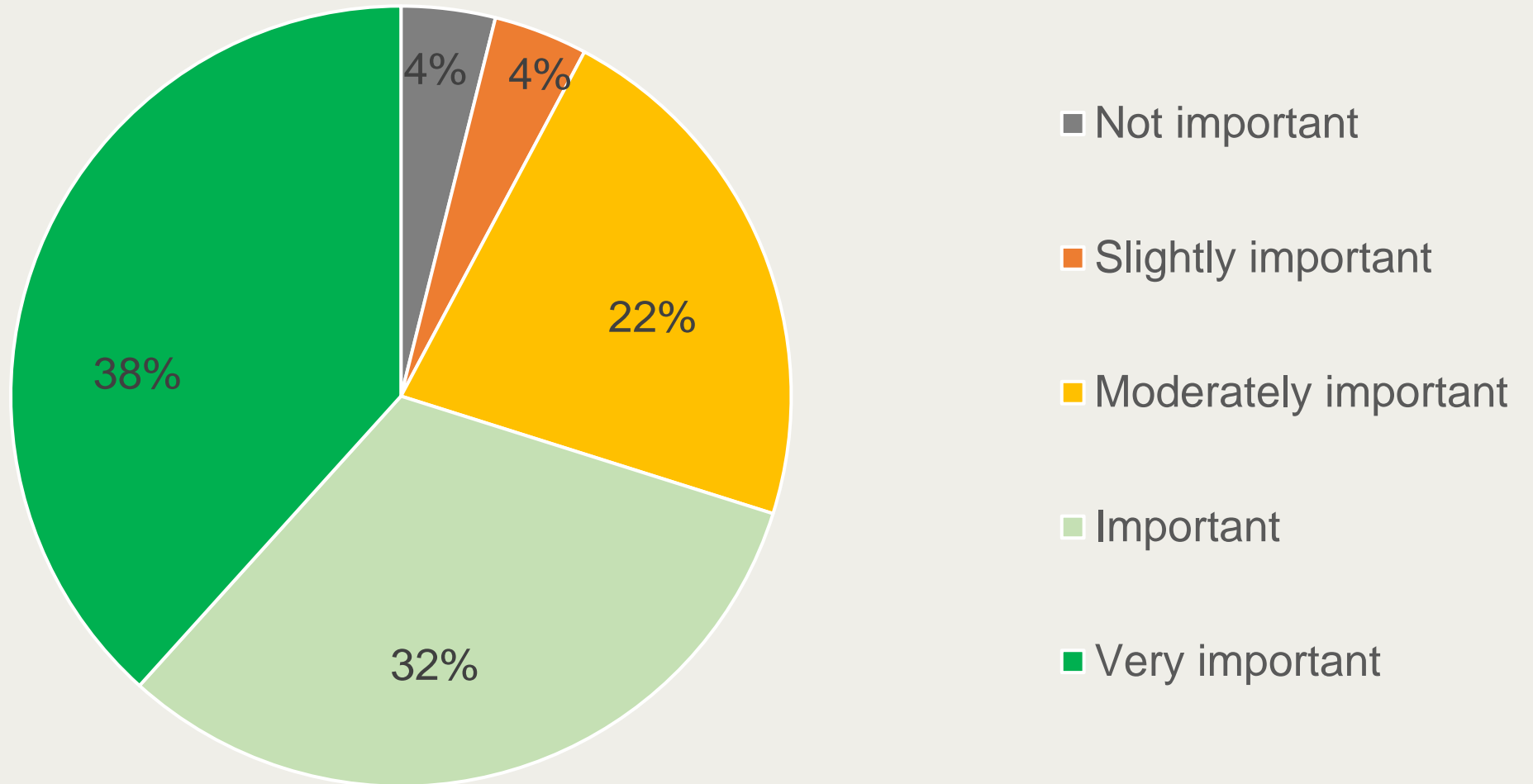**Consultation and expert groups**

Interested users

- Four webinars organised in March to present the 1st Observatory (Annual) Report

- Six questions

- 155 respondents from 63 different Members

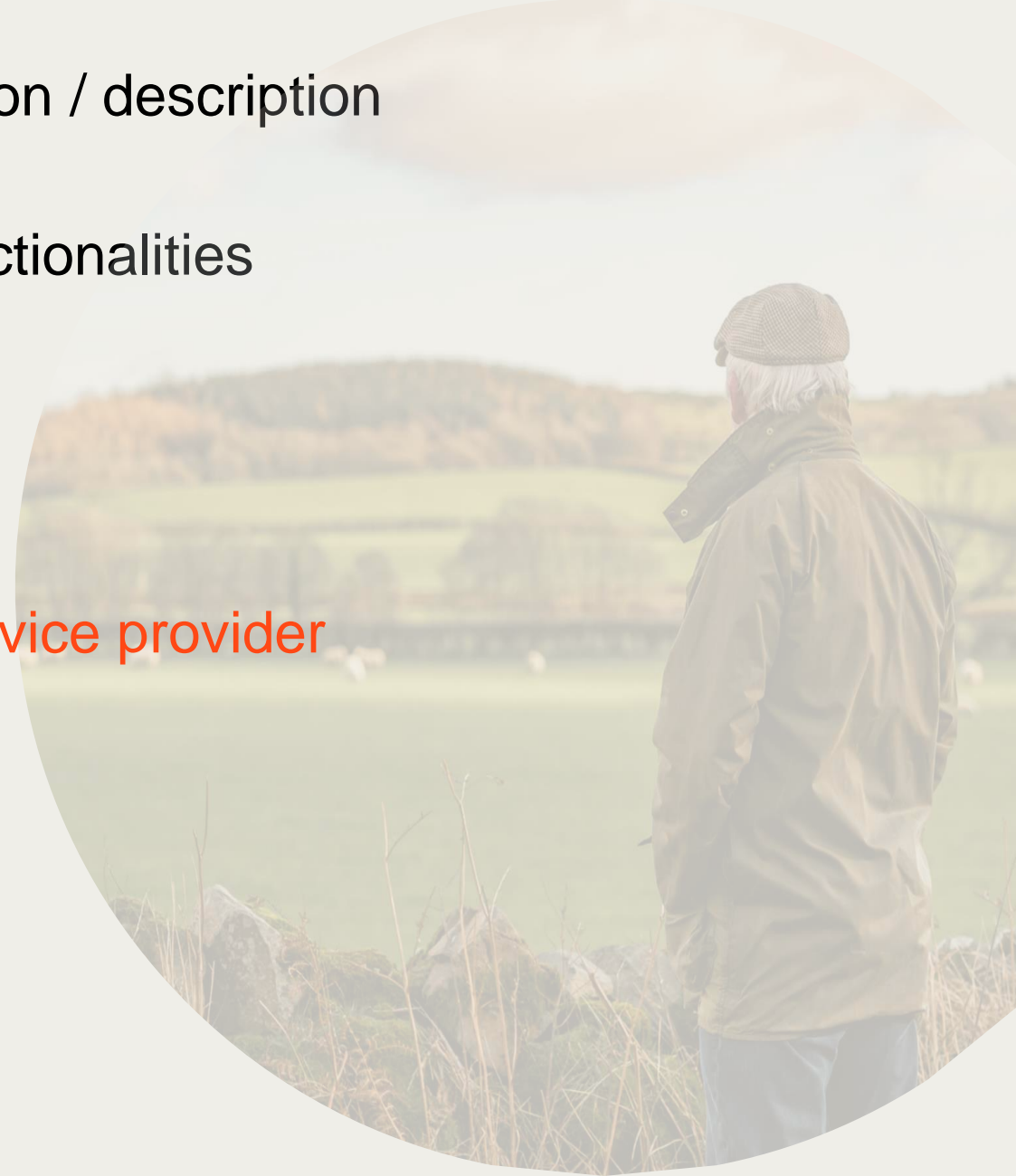For what purpose(s) would you use our data platform?

External survey

How important would it be for you to be able to access a private section of the platform where you could find data specifically related to your country?
(in percentage)

- Not important
- Slightly important
- Moderately important
- Important
- Very important

4% 4% 22% 32% 38%

Observatory Portal: Next steps

1. Finalise business needs collection / evaluation / description and translation into user stories

2. Define, prioritise and implement product functionalities

3. Develop the product

4. Release to users and provide support

New staff (PPO recruitment in process) and service provider

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Any questions?