Introduction to the new WOAH Self-Assessment and Monitoring (SAM4DPM) System

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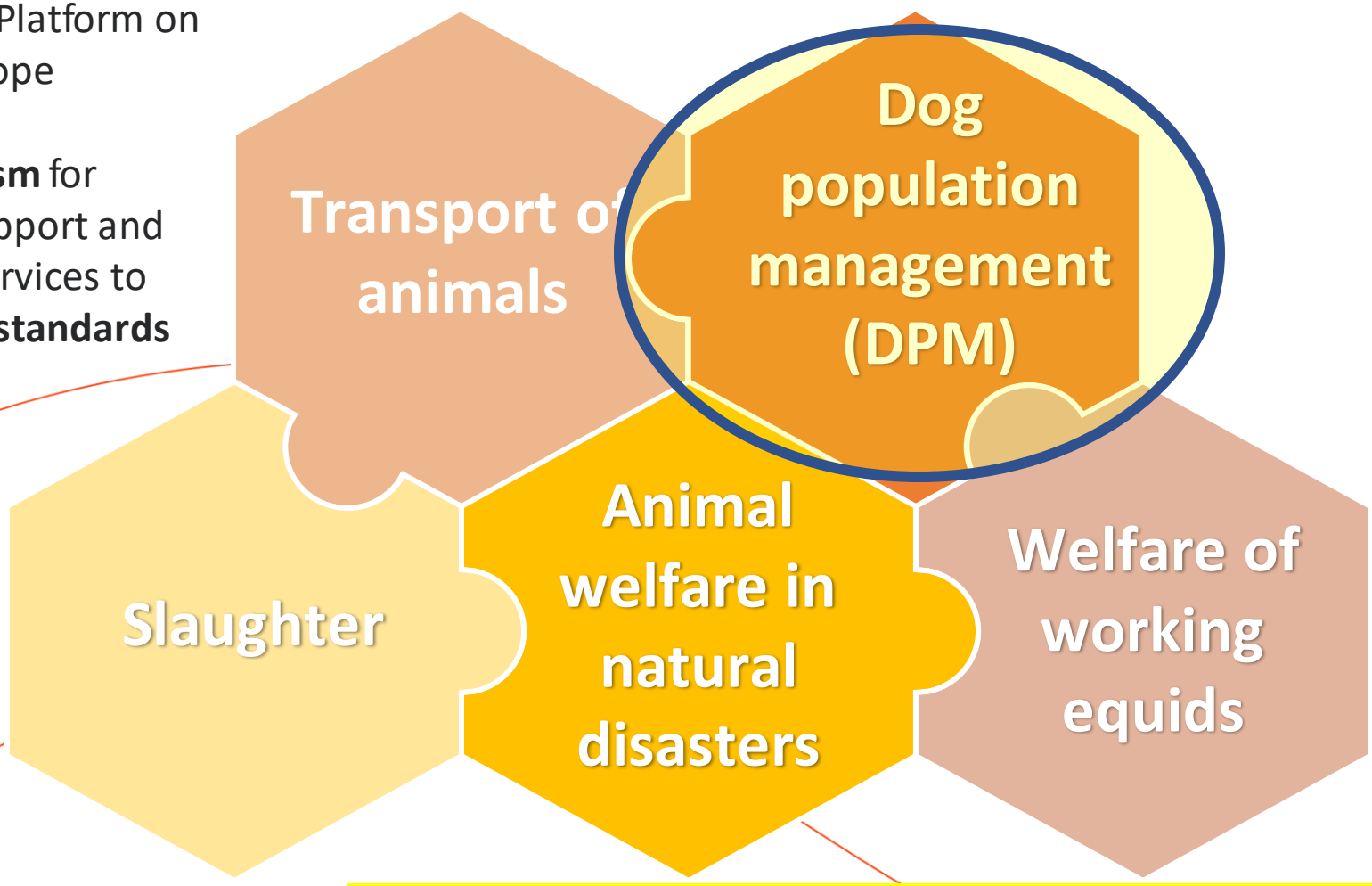
Since 2013, the WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe provides a **sustainable collaboration mechanism** for regional activities to support and empower Veterinary Services to **implement the WOAH standards on animal welfare**.



Since 2014, Dog Population Management (DPM) was identified as **a priority topic**

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Within this context, the **Regional Roadmap for the Balkans (11 countries)** - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Rep. of North Macedonia, Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Turkey) and the **Regional Roadmap for West Eurasia (8 countries)** - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) were launched

with the objective to support the WOAH Members in achieving the full compliance with WOAH standards on DPM

by 2025 (now 2026) for the Balkans and by 2030 for West Eurasia

Later on, in 2019 four Eastern Europe (Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine) expressed the interest to join the Platform

These Roadmaps are aligned to the FAO/WOAH/WHO "Zero by 30" Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030

The WOAH Self-Assessment and Monitoring Tool (SAM Tool 1.0)

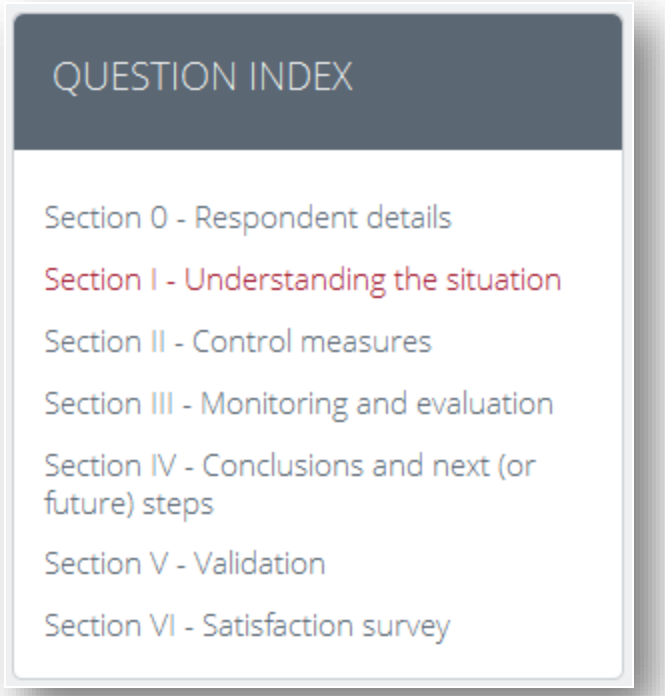
At this aim, the WOAH and the IZSAM/WOAH CC jointly prepared a **Self-Assessment and Monitoring Tool (SAM Tool 1.0).**

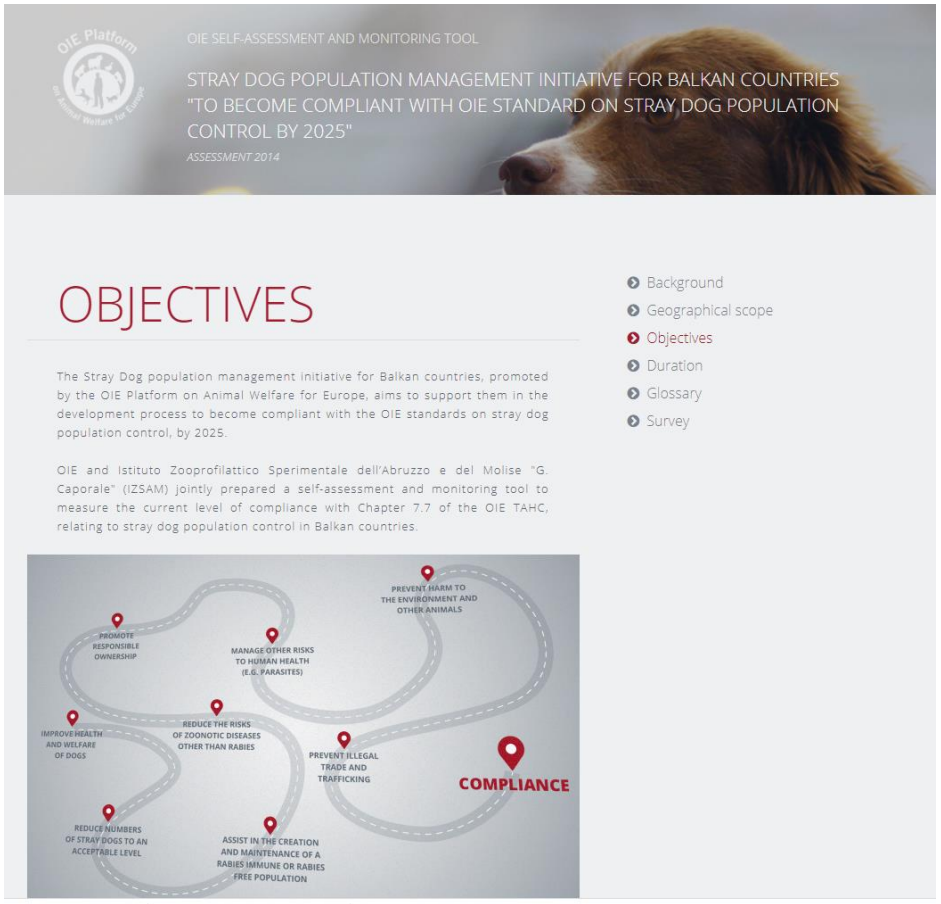
An e-questionnaire distributed in the occasion of **periodic self-assessment rounds**, the data and information collected through the SAM Tool 1.0 allowed to:

- ✓ **set a baseline on the national level of implementation** of the TAHC Chap.7.7;
- ✓ **measure** the level of **progress overtime**;
- ✓ **identify possible gaps** in the Member's capacities to implement the TAHC Chap.7.7 measures;
- ✓ **plan a series of capacity building activities**, focusing on both the welfare of dogs as well as public health aspects, including the rabies dimension.

SAM Tool 1.0

Implemented in 2015, with a rabies section added in 2017.





The questionnaire that fed the SAM Tool 1.0 has been reviewed after the adoption of the new TACH Chap. 7.7 on DPM(2022) , in order to maintain the original structure and contents, and to ensure the comparability of the data to be collected over the time.

The updating process has entailed the comparative analysis of “old” and “new” TAHC Chap. 7.7 standards, resulting in:

- linguistic revision of the questionnaire, to update, with the terminology of the new standards
- revision of the contents of the questionnaire, by integrating the data already collected with the additional information required by the new standards

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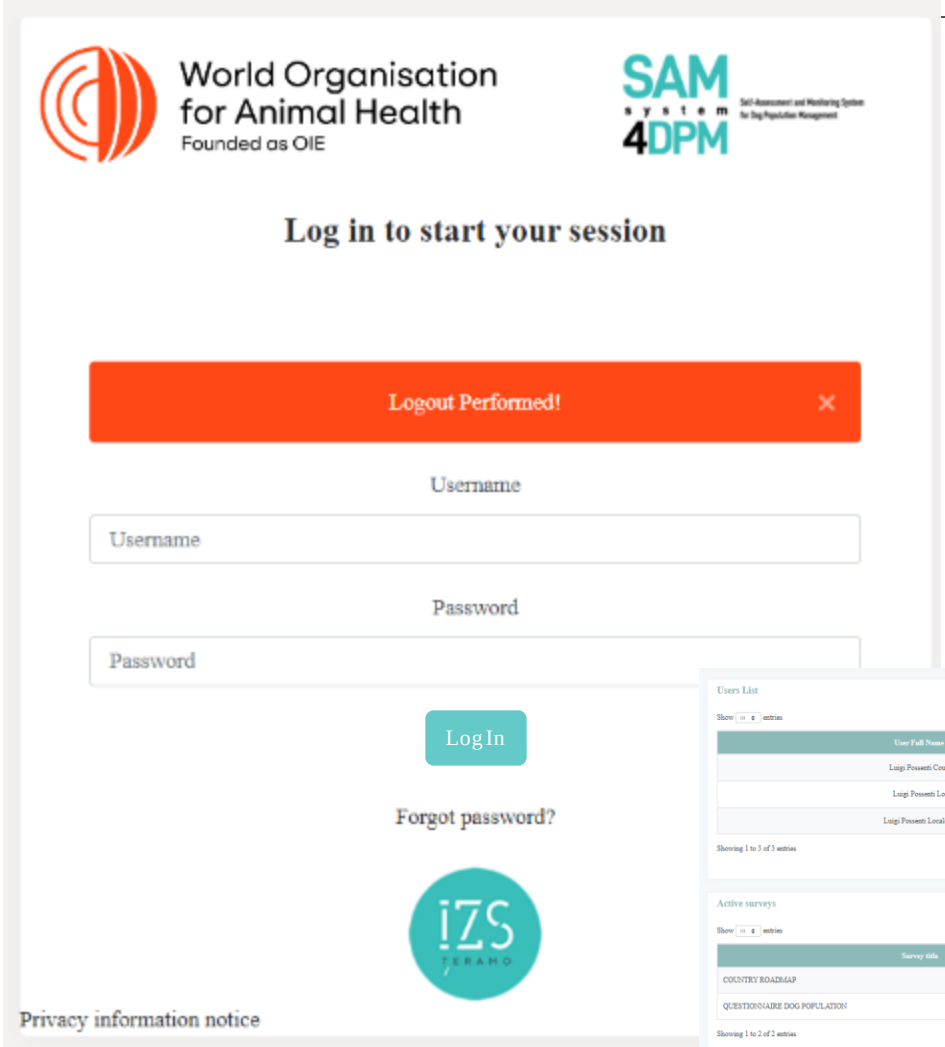
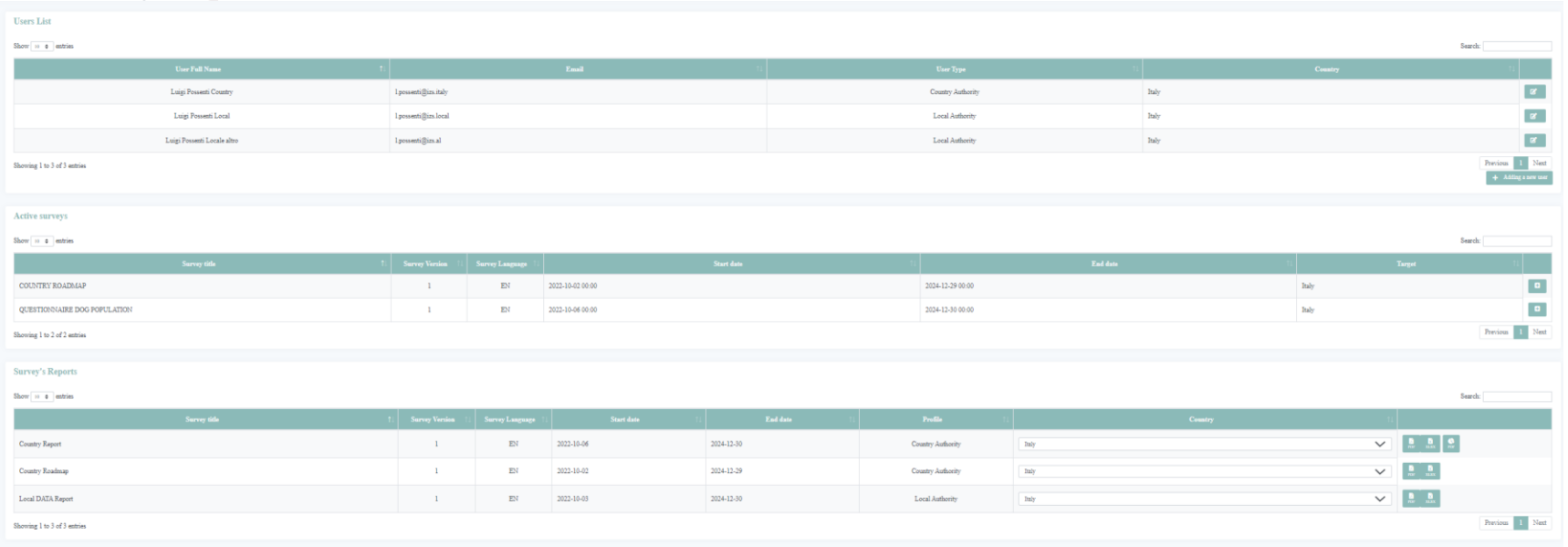
The web application

https://samsystem.izs.it

Three different users' profile

- Country Authority
- Local Authority(ies)
- Administrator





MAIN DATASET to be collected at CENTRAL LEVEL

- **Respondent details** (country /respondent)
- **Section I** - Understanding the situation on DPM

  Sub-Section I-bis - Understanding the situation on rabies
- **Section II** - Control measures
- **Section III** - Monitoring and evaluation (M&E)
- **Section IV** - Conclusions and next steps
- **Section V -** Validation
- **Section VI -** Satisfaction survey

Country Authority view

List of users

Users List

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Luigi Possenti Country	l.possenti@izs.italy	Country Authority	Italy	
Luigi Possenti Local	l.possenti@izs.local	Local Authority	Italy	
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List of active surveys

Active surveys

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COUNTRY ROADMAP	1	EN	2022-10-02 00:00	2024-12-29 00:00	Italy	
QUESTIONNAIRE DOG POPULATION	1	EN	2022-10-06 00:00	2024-12-30 00:00	Italy	

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List of available reports

Survey's Reports

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Country Report	1	EN	2022-10-06	2024-12-30	Country Authority	Italy	PDF XLSX PDF
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Local/Regional Questionnaire Dog Population Management (DPM)	1	EN	2022-10-03 00:00	2024-12-30 00:00	Italy	

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Survey fill out

Introduction | Section 0 | Section I | Section II | Section III | Section IV | Section V | Section VI

Section I - Understanding the situation

2.1) Do you estimate the number of owned dogs?

Please choose only one of the following:

- Yes
- No

2.2) Which is the estimated number of owned dogs?

Please write your answer(s) here:

This year

1 year ago

2.22) Specify the circumstances that drive the owners to abandon their dogs

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

(1 is less frequent; 5 is very frequent)

	Less than 10%	10%									
Behavioural Problems											
Old age of the dog											
Dog growth to be too large											
Unexpected dog pregnancy											
Owners moving to a different place											
Landlords do not allow pets in the house											
Lack of financial resources to take care of a sick animal											
Lack of time to take care of a sick animal											
Owner's death or illness											
Increased cost of maintenance											
No longer profitable (breeding, competitions)											

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Section VI - Satisfaction survey

7.1) Please, rate the easiness to fill the questionnaire

Please choose only one of the following:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

7.2) Suggestions for improvement

Please write your answer here

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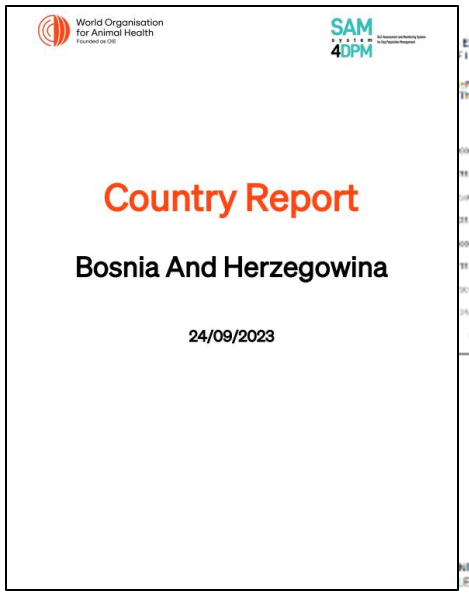
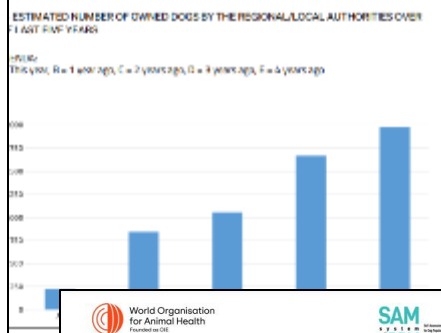
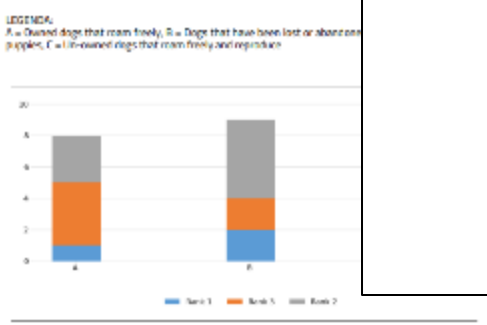
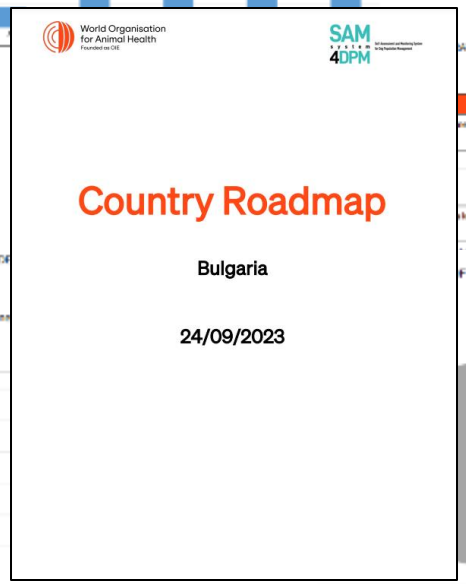
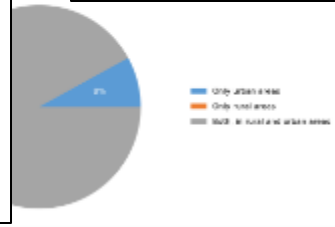
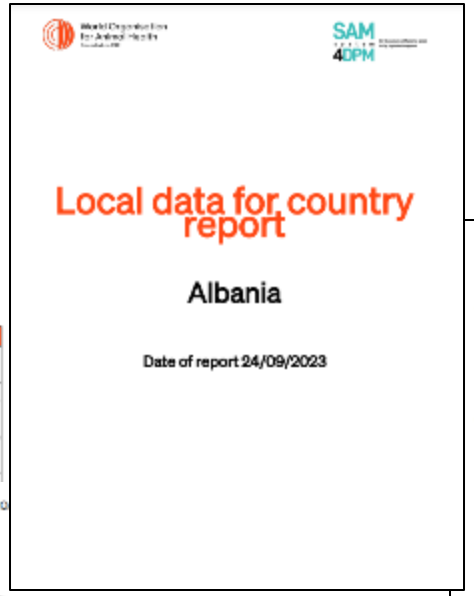


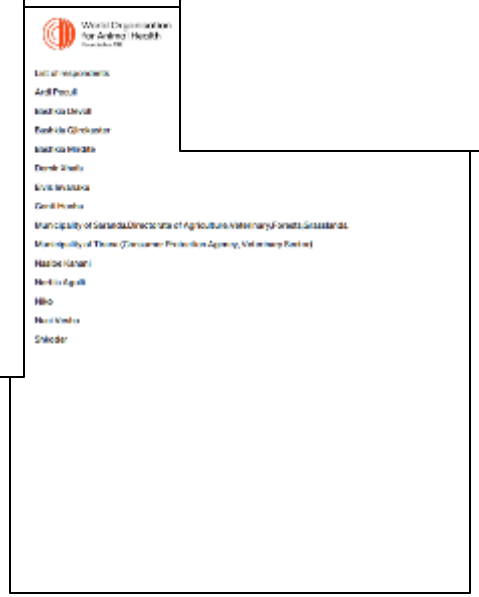


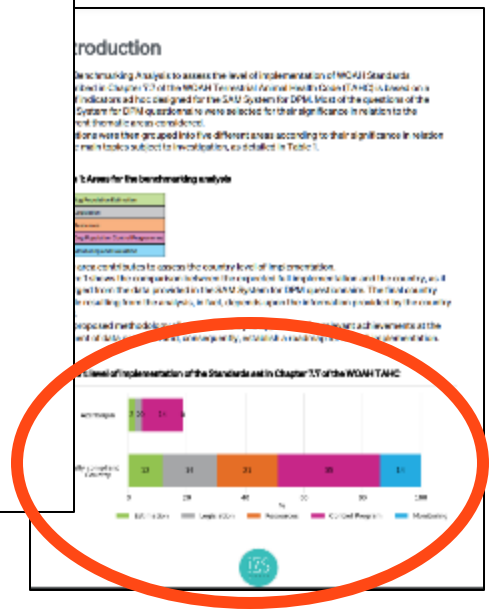










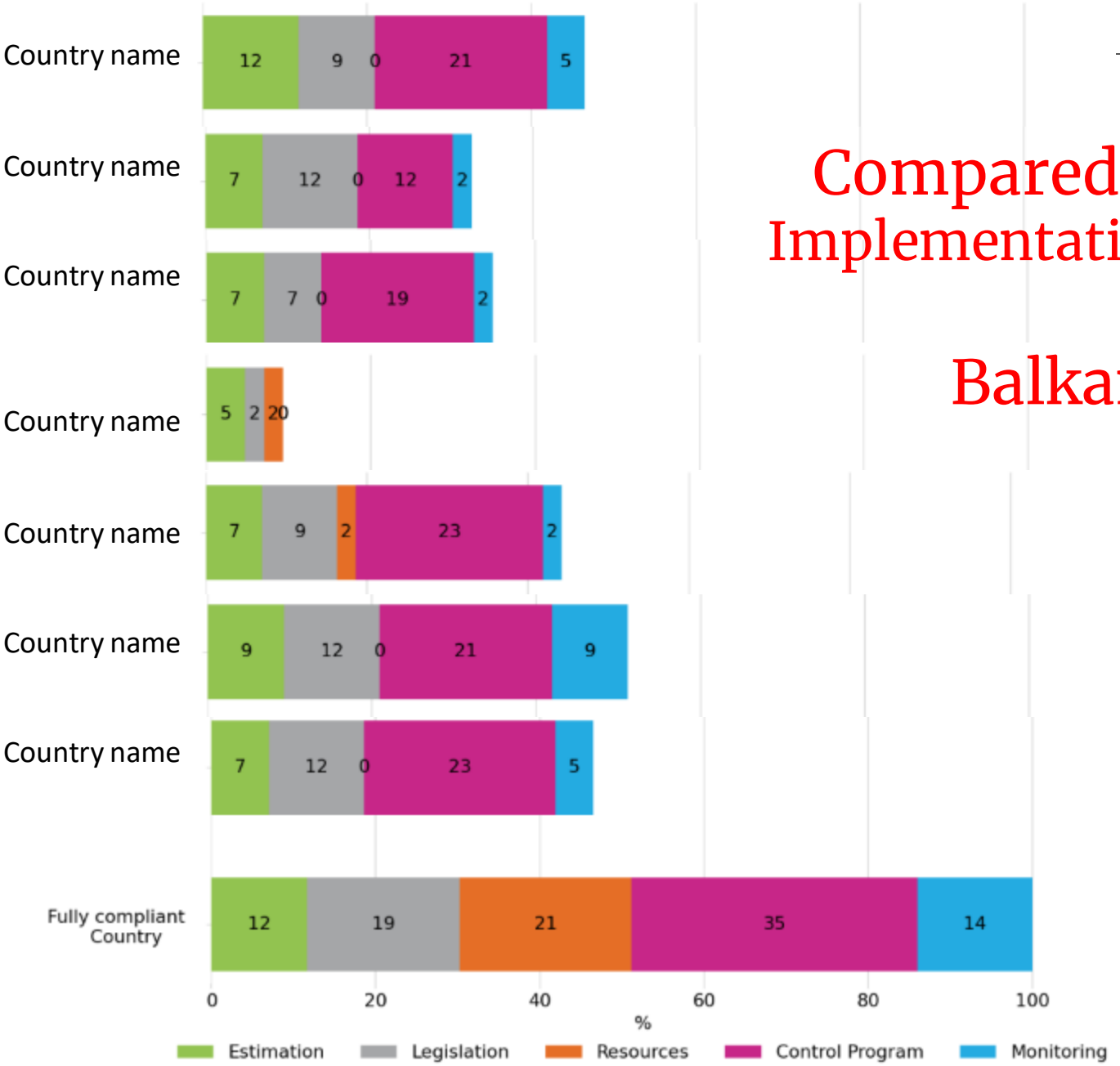


2	Key elements to help authorities establishing successful dog population control program(mes) [Environmental controls (e. g. abattoirs, waste management, dead stock facilities)]	
3	Do the Authorities in charge of Dog Population Management have the necessary/sufficient resources?	NI
4	Is rabies present in your country?	NI
4	Is there any Dog Population Management (DPM) Programmes in your country?	FI
4	Are the existing DPM programmes coordinated at national level?	FI
4	If DPM programmes are in place, are they individually tailored to local and national contexts?	FI
	Which of these objectives are included in your DPM Programmes?	

	CompetentAuthority; socialisation, enrichment and locomotory activity)	
4	Is control of dog movement in place in your country?	FI
4	Please indicate at which level [at international level]	
4	Please indicate at which level [at national level e. g. leash laws, roaming restrictions]	PI
4	Please indicate at which level [both]	
2	Is a regulation on commercial dog breeding and sale in place in your country?	FI
2	Please mark the requirements included in the legislation [Accommodation]	PI
2	Please mark the requirements included in the legislation [Provision of suitable food, drink and bedding]	

Compared Benchmark
Implementation of standards

Balkans Area



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Self-Assessment and Monitoring System for Dog Population Management

BALKANS – since 2014
- ✓ 5 meetings
- ✓ 4 self-assessment rounds

WESTERN EURASIA – since 2015
- ✓ 4 meetings
- ✓ 2 self-assessment rounds

Main achievement/impacts:

- **Strong countries commitment** and progressive wider interest of other Regions
- **Regular self-assessment & monitoring** in support to the progression of the Roadmaps
- **Data used for the WOAH Observatory** (2022 Annual Report)

Experience extended outside the Europe region: North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia) and Middle East (Kingdom of Bahrain)

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