



**Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) workshop on long-distance
transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa**

13-15 January 2026, Amman, Jordan

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Arrivals: Monday 12th January 2026

Day 1: Tuesday 13th January		
Time	Topics	Speakers
8:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants	
Opening Session		
9:00 - 10:00	Welcome and opening remarks	WOAH Representative WOAH Director General (video message) Ministry of Agriculture - Jordan HRH Princess Basma bint Ali
	Group photo	
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break	
Session 1: Setting the scene (chairman:)		
10:30 - 10:45	WOAH global animal welfare strategy and activities related to transport of animals.	Leopoldo Stuardo (WOAH Standard Department)
10:45 – 11:00	WOAH ad hoc Group on transport of animals (revision of TAHC Chapter 7.2 and 7.3)	Maria Correia (Portugal)
11:00 – 11:15	WOAH animal welfare regional platform and strategies and activities related to transport of animals.	WOAH SRR Brussels WOAH RR ME WOAH SRR NA
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion	
Session 2: Understanding country's situation and identifying key challenges (chairman:)		
11:30 -12:00	Export of live animals: Challenges and perspectives	Stanislav Ralchev (European Commission)
12:00 – 13:15	Countries presentations (10' per country) overview of state of play - legislation, main trading partners main challenges and Q&A	EU countries
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 – 16:00	Countries presentations (10' per country) overview of state of play - legislation, main trading partners main challenges and Q&A&Q&A	ME countries
	Countries presentations (10' per country) overview of state of play - legislation, main trading partners main challenges and Q&A	North Africa countries
	Countries presentations (10' per country) overview of state of play - legislation, main trading partners main challenges and Q&A	Americas

16:00 -16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:15-17:00	Discussion and conclusions.	
19.30	<i>Welcome Dinner</i>	

Day 2: Wednesday 14th January

Session 3: Addressing the challenges and best practises (chairman: tbc)

9:00 - 10:30	Working group exercises – case study - Presentation (15 min) - Group work (45 min) Reporting (10 min each group)	All (3 groups)
10:30 - 11:00	Discussion and conclusion	
11:00 - 11:30:	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30 - 12:15:	Animal welfare through a sea journey	Renee Willis
12:15 – 12:45	Transport company perspective	Sheraa Transport & Ship Management Co.
12:45 - 13:15	Q&A and discussion	
13:15 -14:15	Lunch time	
14:15 – 14:30	Business operator perspective - European Livestock and Meat Trading Union	Carolina Cucurella (UCBCVE)
14:30 - 14:45	NGO perspective Animals' Angels	Silvia Meriggi (Animals' Angels)
14:45 - 15:00	Animal Transport Guides	Nancy De Briyne (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
15:00 – 15:15	Update on EU activities on transport of animals	Stanislav Ralchev (European Commission)
15:30 – 16:00	Q&A, discussion	
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	

Session 4: Slaughter of animals (chairman: tbc)

16:15 – 16:30	WOAH TAHC Chapter 7.5	WOAH
16:30 - 16:45	Q&A and discussion	

Session 5: From Insights to Actions

16:45 – 17:15	<i>Panel expert discussion and interactive session</i> conclusions and next steps	WOAH
17:15 - 17:30	Closing remarks	

Day 3: Thursday 15th January

	Field visit (all day) – quarantine facilities	

