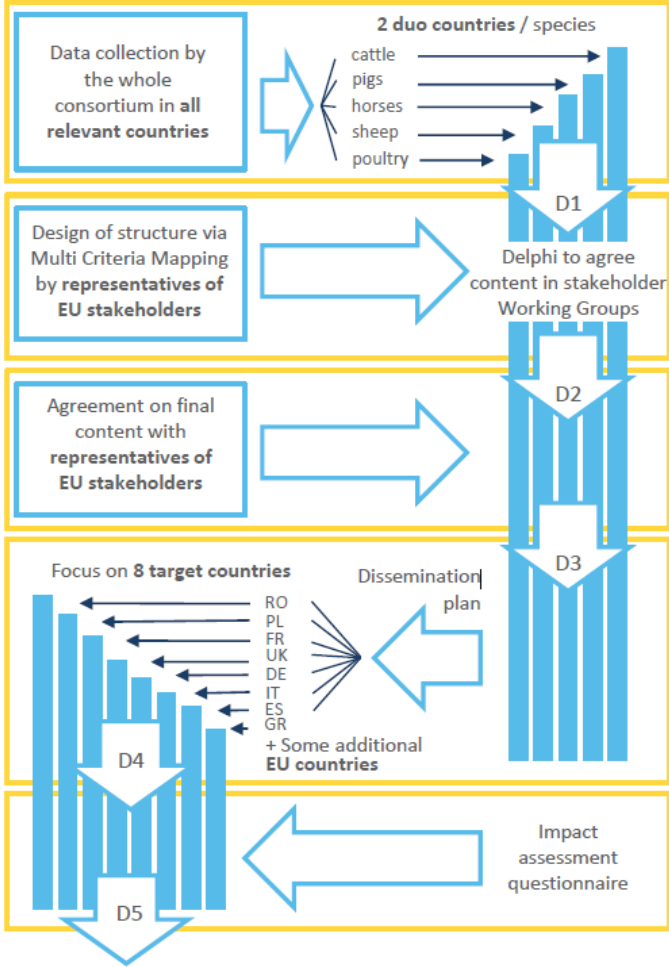


IO2.2. Best practices on zoonoses interventions.

Type of practice	EU DG SANTE project
Best practice title	Animal Transport Guidelines Project
Period of implementation	The project started in May 2015 and will finish by the end of 2018
Location	-
Geographical coverage	EU Member States
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Link	http://animaltransportguides.eu/
Target audience	Farmers, specialised transporters, traders, slaughterhouse operators, NGOs, competent authorities, drivers and veterinarians
Background and objectives	Thousands of animals are daily transported within Europe and to Third countries for slaughter, fattening and breeding. Transport conditions during these journeys vary a lot. To enhance a uniform level of implementation of the existing legislation, the project will develop and disseminate Guides to Good and Better Practice for animals transported within Europe and to Third countries for slaughter, fattening and breeding. Guides will be developed for cattle, horses, pigs, poultry and sheep transport.
Short description	The Transport Guides is a DG SANTE pilot project The project consortium is made of 16 members from 10 EU countries (academic and research bodies and stakeholders' organisations), all proactive in the area of livestock transport. The consortium: - is led by a Core Team of 5 partners (WLR, CRPA, FVE, IRU and Eurogroup for Animals) - receives support and advice from a Stakeholder Platform consisting of 10 stakeholder representatives at international level - cooperates with Working Groups of end-users at national level in 9 different EU Member States. The project consists of 5 phases over 3 years (2015–2018) 1. Collection & collation of appropriate good / best practices implemented and supported by scientific evidence ('Collection') 2-3. Development of practical guidelines for cattle, pigs, horses, sheep and poultry ('Development') 4. Dissemination of these guidelines through the networks of the main European stakeholder groups involved ('Dissemination')

	5. Verification of whether these new transport guidelines reached the end-users ('Verification')
Activities	 <p>TASK 1 Data collection</p> <p>Data collection by the whole consortium in all relevant countries</p> <p>2 duo countries / species</p> <p>cattle pigs horses sheep poultry</p> <p>TASK 2 Draft guides</p> <p>Design of structure via Multi Criteria Mapping by representatives of EU stakeholders</p> <p>Delphi to agree content in stakeholder Working Groups</p> <p>TASK 3 Final guides</p> <p>Agreement on final content with representatives of EU stakeholders</p> <p>TASK 4 Dissemination</p> <p>Focus on 8 target countries</p> <p>RO PL FR UK DE IT ES GR</p> <p>+ Some additional EU countries</p> <p>Dissemination plan</p> <p>TASK 5 Verification</p> <p>Impact assessment questionnaire</p>
Products	17 technical factsheets available in eight EU languages (English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Spanish), 5 extensive guides to good and better practices (only in English), 5 Videos, Website, Newsletters
Impact	The Guides and Factsheets help and give advice on the most critical aspects around transport such as loading and unloading, feeding and watering and transportation in extremely hot or cold temperatures. They represent an invaluable source of information for all involved in the transport of livestock. In fact, respecting the welfare of animals during transport is in the interest of all operators involved. Farmers' sending animals see their work respected, transporters save time and money, operators receiving animals get them in good shape, allowing better returns. The whole sector can be proud of respecting societal concerns. On the other hand, neglecting animals may lead to serious economic losses, penalties and administrative sanctions.
Key words	Animal transport, Animal welfare, Guides to Good and Better Practice