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***OIE* Twining Project on Animal Welfare  
ENMV Sidi Thabet (Vet School), Tunisia**

**&**

**IZSAM Teramo, Italy**

# Partners

- A Twinning project in the field of Animal Welfare will be implemented between

- **Parent Institute:** Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise «G.Caporale» (IZSAM) Teramo, Italy
- **Candidate institute of Tunisia:** the National School of Veterinary Medicine (ENMV) Sidi Thabet



# The main goal

- ✓ Improve the technical knowledge and skills of ENMV staff,
- ✓ Support the ENMV in the process that will eventually lead to acquire the status of OIE Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare.





# Animal welfare initiatives

- Basic courses
  - Animal welfare principles, behavior, pain management, animal care
  - Integrated AW Course
  - Internship
- Animal Welfare Session (1<sup>st</sup> congress of EVMV, 24-27 march 2017)
- International Course on Ethics and AE: CIEA ENMV/ICLAS
- Training for official Vets



# Guidelines for the Establishment and Functioning of Animal Ethics Committees [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees] in Africa.

Pan African Network AECs  
ENMV, 4-8 March 2019



# Justification of implementing the project

- In **May 2012 the Resolution N° 22** was approved by the World Assembly of OIE delegates reiterating the mandate of the OIE in improving animal health and welfare worldwide whilst recognising that animal welfare is a complex issue with important scientific, ethical, cultural and economic dimensions.
- In the same Resolution, the OIE encourages identifying **“twinning” opportunities** in accordance with OIE policy and that further applications to be recognised as Collaborating Centres for animal welfare by the OIE.

# Justification

- In **May 2017**, all OIE Member Countries adopted the first Global Animal Welfare Strategy, which had been presented at the [4th Global Conference on Animal Welfare](#). The strategy focuses on the [development of international standards on animal welfare](#), in consultation with Member Countries and key international stakeholders, [developing the capacity of Veterinary Services](#), improving [communication with governments](#) and raising awareness around the issue, and, finally, supporting Member Countries in the [implementation of these standards](#).

This will be done by continuing to promote the use of twinning with a focus on improving good governance of veterinary services.



# AW Gap Analysis (Tunisia)

- The report of the PVS evaluation monitoring mission (**January 2013**) also reports the weaknesses to be addressed and notes, particularly in Chapter II, on technical authorities and capacities and the **absence of texts specific to animal welfare** (section II. 12)

# Veterinary Strategy: 2019- 2030

- The strategy of the Veterinary Services in Tunisia 2019-2030 elaborated by the General Direction of the Veterinary Service (DGSV) supported by the United Nations Organization for Agriculture (FAO) constitutes a roadmap towards perfection in the realization of the missions of the veterinary services based on a clear vision and assessment of the current situation.
- This vision is based on several points: **the application of international standards, the "One Health" concept and respect for animal welfare.**

# Gap analysis

- The DGSV intends to foster a dynamic AW status and set the priorities of the Veterinary Services.
- After consultation, a meeting was held between the ENMV and the DGSV on June 18, 2019
  - to define the relevant and **priority themes** to be included in the Italian-Tunisian twinning project between the ENMV (Tunisia) and IZSAM, Teramo (Italy).

# Topics selected

- Animal welfare at slaughter,
- Animal welfare during the killing of animals for disease control purposes,
- Animal welfare during transport,
- Animal welfare during stray dog population control.



# Objectives (1/3)

- The twinning project aims to train colleagues (DGSV, ENMV, Official Vets..) in the following activities:
  - Animal Welfare **principles applied** to different production and veterinary public health sectors
  - OIE TAHC standards on the **slaughter** of animals, the **killing** for disease control purposes, the **transport** of animals by land and **stray dog population** control;
  - Drafting of **animal welfare legislation** in accordance with the OIE standards.

# Objectives (2/3)

- **Build the capacity and expertise** of the ENMV to train and conduct research in the area of animal welfare;
- **Improve networking**, particularly in the UMA Region to provide and develop the appropriated expertise at regional level;

# Objectives (3/3)

- Provide the **appropriate tools for the Region to participate in the drafting** and the revision of the OIE Standards on animal welfare, and for the **development of regional AW strategies**;
- **Improve the capacity** for the Candidate Institute – at the end of the project –to become an OIE Collaborating Centre on animal welfare and establish a network of partners in the UMA Region.

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Édifices de Tunis montrant  
des éléments architecturaux  
caractéristiques du  
style *liberty italien*.



Vue du fort génois  
de Tabarka