The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) PVS Pathway is a continuous process aiming to sustainably improve the compliance of a country’s Aquatic Animal Health Services with the relevant standards of the Aquatic Animal Health Code (Aquatic Code). The ability of Aquatic Animal Health Services to deliver appropriate services, monitor and control aquatic animal diseases (based on Member Countries’ aquatic animal health legislation and regulations) can be measured through an evaluation whose general principles are described in Articles 3.1.3. and 3.1.4. of the Aquatic Code.

For the evaluation of the Aquatic Animal Health Services of a Member Country, OIE approved experts use the OIE Performance of Veterinary Services and/or Aquatic Animal Health Services (OIE PVS Tool: Aquatic). The structure of the OIE PVS Tool: Aquatic uses a specific methodology developed on the basis of evaluating performance against the international standards published in the Aquatic Code.

The PVS Pathway, i.e. PVS Evaluation (‘the diagnosis’), PVS Gap Analysis (‘the prescription’), specific activities (‘the treatment’) and Follow-up PVS Evaluation will also be briefly described.