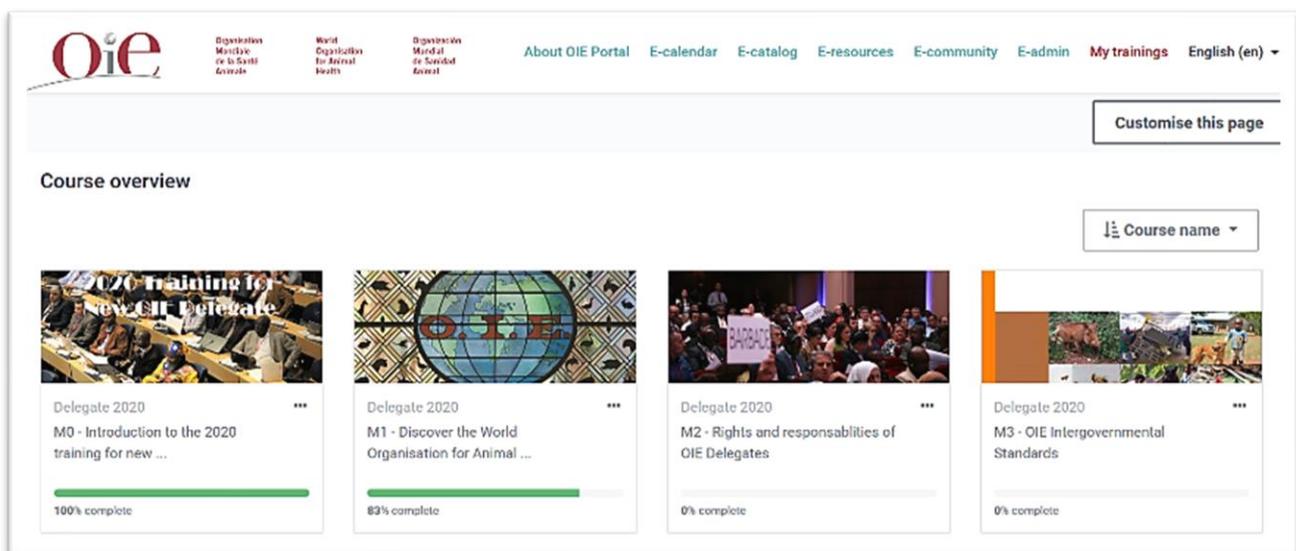


Supporting our new Delegates to better fulfil their functions

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Since 2019, newly appointed OIE Delegates have been invited to follow an online training session of technical e-modules, which complement the one-day face-to-face workshop that takes place the day before the OIE General Session opens. This year, due to the exceptional circumstances of COVID-19, the workshop will be replaced by a webinar. The training aims to inform new Delegates on the OIE’s mandate, missions and main activities, while emphasising Delegate rights and responsibilities throughout the year and during the General Session. This training is designed to give our new Delegates the knowledge, values, competences, perspectives and tools required to implement their functions according to OIE international standards and guidelines so that their countries are well represented and can actively contribute to and benefit from OIE activities.

Content customised to our new Delegates’ needs



This year, six technical e-modules (and one introductory e-module) will be made available over six weeks to 49 new OIE Delegates. The e-modules have been developed in collaboration with the OIE Collaborating Centres for Training and Education and relevant OIE Departments, and with direction from the OIE Training Secretariat and the support of the OIE Regional Activities Department. The e-modules are composed of key information and practical exercises covering OIE structure and governance, disease status and notification, OIE standards, Veterinary Services, the OIE PVS Pathway and the specific rights and responsibilities of OIE Delegates. In addition, a dedicated online forum accompanies the training so the new Delegates can share their experiences or raise any questions related to the OIE or their future responsibilities.

Modernising the OIE training system, adapting to global challenges

This year's training for new OIE Delegates was seized as the occasion to launch and test the new [OIE Training Portal](#). This portal is the tool by which all future OIE training activities will be organised, monitored and evaluated, whether in person or online.

While taking full advantage of the ongoing digitalisation and technological transformation taking place at the OIE, it signals the beginning of a new era of training for Members. As specified in the OIE's 7th Strategic Plan, future OIE training activities will be more demand-driven, oriented to countries' needs and tailored to the Veterinary Services' roles and responsibilities, current and future.

The OIE is confident that this pilot phase will mark the beginning of the modernisation of its training system to ensure the most efficient training and support methods are used. Strong connections between the Training Portal and PVS Pathway activities, as well as to the Observatory for the implementation of OIE standards will be strengthened in the future. Additionally, the current uncertainty faced worldwide due to the COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the necessity to facilitate more distance-learning and virtual meetings, making the launch of the OIE Training Portal more relevant and even more timely.

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