Overview of African swine fever situation in EU

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ASF: Mar 2007 to Apr 2007

- Wild boar
- Domestic pigs

Sources: ADNS OIE-FAO
Current situation of ASF in Europe: 2017-2018

Latest spread
Belgium
13/9/2018
• **Etalle** region (Luxembourg province): ASF confirmed in 2 wild boar on 13/09/2018

• **EUVET** mission on the spot: 14-17 September 2018

• Up to 03/10/2018 - **12 ADNS notifications** (24 wild boar)
ASF in Bulgaria: from 31/08/2018

- Province of Varna
- 1 backyard farm on 31/08/2018
ASF in Romania: in 2018

- 988 outbreaks in domestic pigs
- 56 cases in wild boar
### ASF in 2018: EU

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EU Veterinary Emergency Team
EUVET missions on ASF in 2018

• Hungary: 24-25 April 2018 (wild boar)
• Romania: 5-9 June 2018 (wild boar)
• Romania: 2-4 July 2018 (domestic pigs)
• Bulgaria: 1-3 August 2018 (preparedness)
• Bulgaria: 4-7 September 2018 (domestic pigs)
• Belgium: 14-17 September 2018 (wild boar)

Next:
• 11-12 October 2018 (BE, follow-up),
• November 2018 (SI, wild boar management)
Audits, fact finding missions:
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• Audits on **implementation of border controls** against ASF in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland done in 2013. In 2014 follow-up audits on implementation of border controls against ASF in Latvia and Estonia (**6 audits**).


• Two series of **fact finding mission** (**16 missions**): carried out by the Commission in 2016 and in 2017 in Finland, Estonia Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia.
EU international cooperation: GF-TADs (FAO/ OIE):

• 11 meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on ASF in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region since 2014:
  
  • Bern (22/09/14) - Kick-off
  • Minsk (1-2/12/14) – Wild boar management
  • Tallinn (11-12/02/15) – backyard holding management
  • Moscow (15-16/03/16) - reviewing the outcome of the ASF filed visits
  • Lisbon (19/09/16) - ASF situation and planning actions
  • Vilnius (28-29/11/16) - ASF situation and planning actions
  • Paris (23/05/17) - ASF situation and planning actions
  • Moldova (20-21/09/17) – awareness and communication
  • Kiev (22-23/03/2018) - cross border cooperation addressing (legal and) irregular movements of pigs and their products
  • Paris (22/05/18) - ASF situation and planning actions
  • Warsaw (September 2018) - ASF epidemiology in wild boar population and in the environment

• 10 Field visits by GFTADs experts in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, the Czech Republic and Romania.
Wild boar management in ASF free areas (1)

- Efforts in ASF free areas should be undertaken to partially reduce the growth of wild boar populations:
  - **hunting** management
  - **ban of** supplementary **feeding**
  - **agricultural practises**

Link to recommendations:
Wild boar management in ASF free areas (2)

- The risk and the consequences of any new invasion of ASF in a ASF-free wild boar population should be effectively minimised through preventive and long term management of wild boar population aimed at reducing wild boar density and size in ASF-free areas.

- This long term management requires coordination with forestry management bodies and hunters.
Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in Europe
under the GF-TADs umbrella

Eleventh meeting (SCE ASF11)
Warsaw, Poland, 24-25 September 2018

Recommendations

• Next meeting: March 2019 in Prague

• Practical field management of ASF and stakeholders' coordination

Handbook on African Swine Fever in wild boar
and biosecurity during hunting
EU international cooperation on ASF: Ministerial meetings

• 6 High level Ministerial meetings on ASF:
  • Vilnius – 17/05/15
  • Tallinn – 26/02/16
  • Warsaw – 28/10/16
  • Riga – 02/06/17
  • Prague – 08/11/17
  • Warsaw – 26/03/2018

• High-level conference on transboundary diseases
  • Brussels – 06/09/2018
EU Strategic approach to the management of ASF in the EU

- Harmonised approach towards ASF in the EU
- **next Revision 10**
- More emphasis on **preparedness of free MS with a focus on wild boar management**
- Annex of concrete **recommended measures**, for ex.:
  - Fencing of parking places on international highways
  - Limited access to the waste bins on the highways
  - Rendering of collected waste
EU ASF regionalisation measures

- Clearly defined roles for Member States and Commission
- Rapid flow of information
- Urgent adoption of emergency measures
- Agreed with Member States
- Immediately applicable
- Decisions published in the Official Journal of the European Union in 23 languages

- Next revision: PAFF on 17 October 2018
OVERVIEW OF EFSA’S PAST ASSESSMENTS ON ASF

Scientific opinion (published in July 2018):
- Wild boar density and threshold for ASF transmission
- Wild boar depopulation methods
- Fencing methods
- Surveillance strategy

Epidemiological assessment
- Autumn 2018
EU Financial support

• **EU Member countries:** in 2013-2018 support (59.2M€ in total) has been provided to prevent or eradicate the disease using two different tools: emergency measures (10.9 M€) and eradication programmes (48.3 M€).

• **Non EU Member countries:**
  
  – **For 2017:** for **Ukraine:** 225 000 EUR allocated for surveillance and collection of dead wild boars; for **Moldova:** 150 000 EUR allocated to purchase of material to control the disease

  – **For 2018:** 345 000 EUR for **Ukraine** - 121 000 EUR for **Moldova** allocated for (i) testing; (ii) collection of wild boar carcasses; and (iii) awareness campaigns.
Ongoing initiatives

- **Review of the current ASF legislation and EU Strategy:** simplification, certain flexibility, science and experience

- **Prohibition of dispatch of wild boar to other MS and third countries (except local movement)** - Commission Implementing Decision 2018/834 of 4 June 2018

- **No derogation for the registration of 1 pig holding** - voted in PAFF on 13 of June 2018.

- **Launching research for development of ASF vaccine** - under Horizon 2020, at least 25 million euros are committed/planned for research on the control of ASF, from which 10 million will be devoted to the development of a vaccine

- **Total financial allocation to MS for ASF in 2013-2018:** 59.2 M€
  - eradication programmes (48.3 M€) and emergency measures (10.9 M€).
Key actions

• Public awareness campaigns for targeted groups

• Coordinated actions between farmers, hunters, other stakeholders and official services

• Small non-commercial (also small commercial) farmers need to be involved in the fight against this disease

• Human factor - increased checks at EU external borders (personal consignments, unauthorised goods, smuggling of commodities etc.)

• Farmers and hunters need to upgrade their practices to be ready for African swine fever: biosecurity is a key
Next steps

- **AGRI FISH** - 15 October 2018 (ASF preparedness!)
- **Cooperation with environmental institutions** (letter to be sent)
- **Ministerial conference** on 19 December
- **Common event of ASF with FACE** – January 2019
Thank you!

CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN INITIATIVE TAKEN OR SUPPORTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION: