



# **ASF Preparedness in the Balkans**

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# Background

- Countries with no ASF are generally not familiar with it.
- Introduction of ASF causes considerable economic losses.
- High risk of an imminent incursion into the Balkans
- Great difficulty in controlling the disease once established



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# Project's main objectives

- Enhancing legal, regulatory preparedness and coordination for ASF at national level;
- Enhancing capacities of national veterinary services for ASF detection, prevention and control;
- Strengthening disease intelligence capacities for ASF, i.e. risk analysis and cost-benefit analysis;



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- Increased awareness for veterinarians, farmers, hunters and academia;
- Strengthening regional coordination.



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# Inception workshop

- Belgrade, Serbia, 18-21 February
- Participants: 3 per country/region (one from vet services, one from hunter association, one from forestry agency)
- Objectives of the workshop: Define activities
  - Who, where and when?
  - Each country has different needs
  - Not all activities in each country
  - Limited budget – Need to prioritize
  - Need to adapt to each country's context







# Inception workshop

- ASF Preparedness checklist for each country

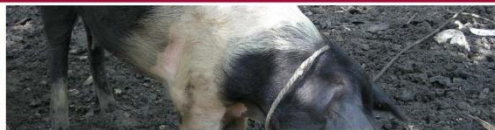
Emergency Preparedness Checklist for African swine fever

For each statement, indicate the status: Yes (green), In progress (yellow), No (red), Unknown (white)

Use the gaps, the necessary actions to undertake, the responsible officials to follow in the action and provide a deadline for completion.

	Status	Gaps	Actions	Responsible official(s)	Deadline
1	Green				
2	Green				
3	Green				
4	Green				
5	Yellow	No written SOP			
6	Green				
7	Green				
8	Green				
9	Green				
10	Green				
11	Green				
12	Green				
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16	Green				
17	Green				
18	Yellow	No written SOPs with transport of biological permits and clearance. If so - please indicate the facility.			
19	Green				
20	Green				

21	Green				
22	White	No plan prepared, stakeholders identified but not yet equally addressed			
23	Green				
24	Green				
25	Green				
26	Yellow				
27	Green				
28	Green				
29	Green				
30	Green				
31	Green				
32	Green				February 2016, November 2016
33	Green				February 2016
34	Red				10, 2016, 11, 2016
35	Green				
36	Green				
37	Green				2015
38	Green				2015, 2016
39	Green				
40	Green				
41	Red				



# Inception workshop

- ASF risk assessment (identification of main introduction pathways) for each country

Risk Score Albania.xlsx - Excel

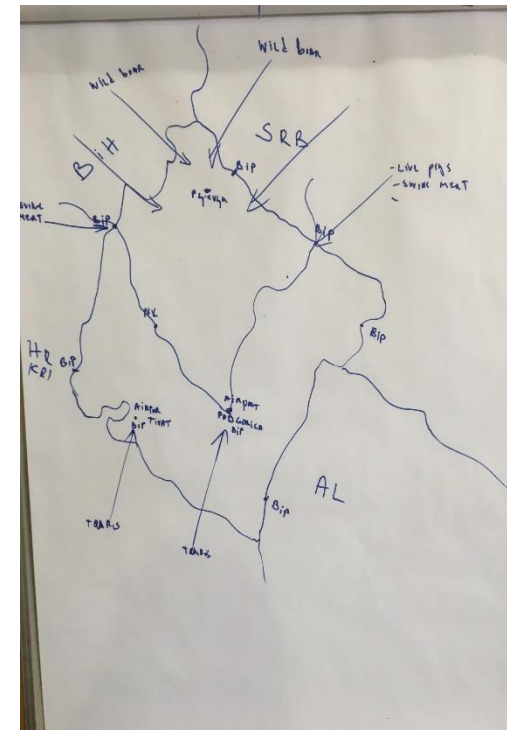
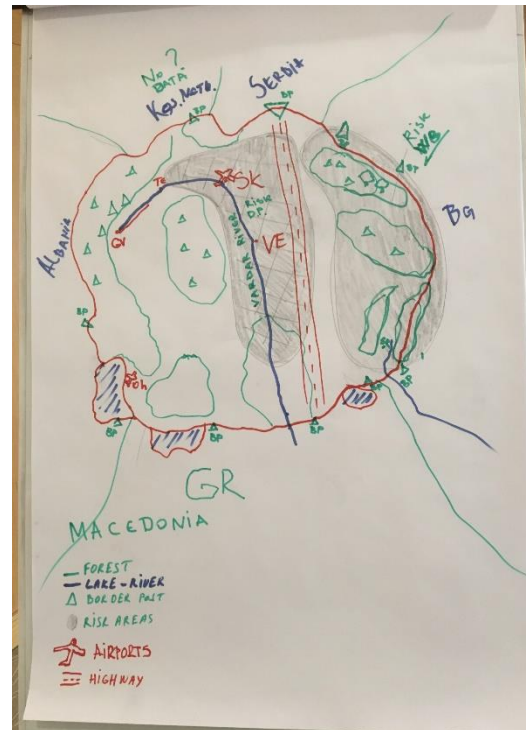
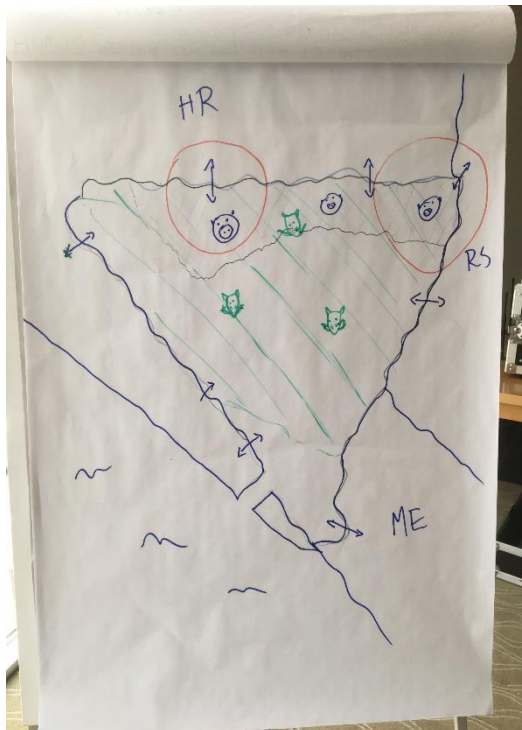
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No	Questions	Weight	Criteria	Answer	Risk level	Official
1	Does your country officially import live pigs or live wild boar from currently infected countries?	1	Yes = 1 No = 0	0	Low	
2	Is there a value chain of live pigs study/available? (this question will not be considered for risk profiling)		Yes No	unsure		
3	How many pigs or wild boar have been officially imported during the past year from the infected countries? (this question will not be considered for risk profiling)		Value	unknown		
4	Is the health status of the source farms/imported pigs known and acceptable?	1	Yes = 0 No = 1	0		
5	Which quarantine measures are applied in your country for imported pigs? - A. No quarantine - B. Quarantine < 7 days	1	A = 1 B = 0.5 C = 0	B		



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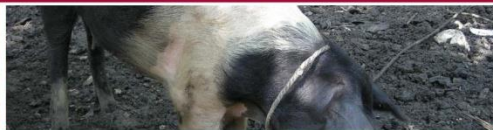
- Mapping of risk areas based on identified risk factors







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## **OUTPUT 1: Enhanced legal, regulatory preparedness and coordination for ASF at national level**

- **Strengths and weaknesses of the national veterinary and diagnostic services are assessed**
  - Assessments of contingency plans, wild boar management strategies, surveillance strategies (April 2019)
- 2,5 days ASF simulation exercises to test contingency plans
- Compilation of existing materials, plus some field surveys on pig sector and wild boar hunting are prepared



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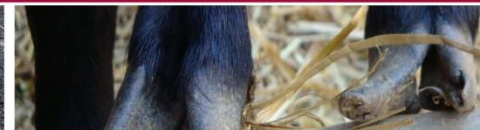
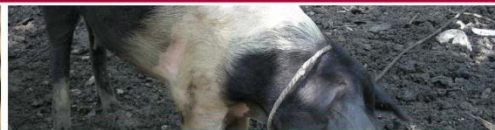


## **OUTPUT 2: National veterinary service personnel trained in ASF detection, prevention & control**

- **Train-of-trainer programs for field veterinarians on ASF recognition**
- **Workshops on wild boar management and hunting biosecurity are organized**
  - 2.5-day National workshop on common action plan on wild boar management (i.e. report, sampling, disposal, coordination) with all stakeholders (vet services, hunters, rangers, forestry authorities, etc.)



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## OUTPUT 2: Other trainings/workshops

- National Workshop on improving biosecurity (backyard-focused) program/activities in respect on ASF
- Mass depopulation & carcass disposal
- Regional workshop on wild boar management



## Regional workshop on wild boar management (Czech-funded)

- Belgrade , 20-22 May (tentative still)
- 3 days (2 theoretical and 1 practical)
- English/Serbian interpretation.
- **Participants:** 3 per country/region (one from vet services, one from hunter association and one from forestry agency)
- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro & Serbia.
- Plus some additional vet services from the region and beyond.





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## OUTPUT 3: Strengthened disease intelligence capacities for ASF

- Assessing the risk on entry, spread and establishment of ASF is assessed
  - Close coordination with EFSA
  - Mapping of wild boar and pigs in different production systems (i.e. commercial and backyard)
- Performing cost-benefit analysis of control measures
  - Template currently under development



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## OUTPUT 4: ASF awareness among all stakeholder levels created

- Developing national awareness strategy, targeting the most relevant stakeholders
- Translating & disseminating awareness and technical materials developed, adapted for different stakeholder,
  - FAO manuals and leaflets existing, plus materials for hunters
- Organizing stakeholder workshops organized & distributing awareness raising materials
  - Targeting farmers and hunters? Also butchers, middlemen?



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**Adapt activities in the event of  
a change in the epi situation**



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