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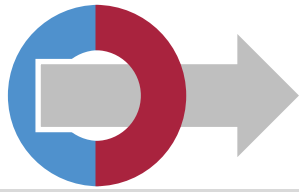
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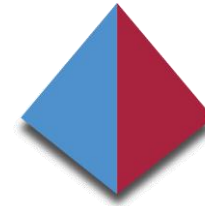
SGE1 and SGE2 outcomes and ASF SGE Missions Terms of Reference

Third meeting of the Standard Group of Experts on ASF in the Baltic and Eastern Europe Region
Moscow, Russia – 15-16 March 2016

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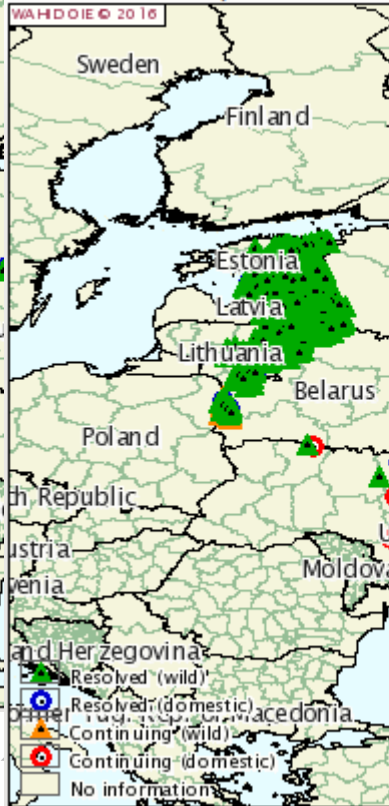
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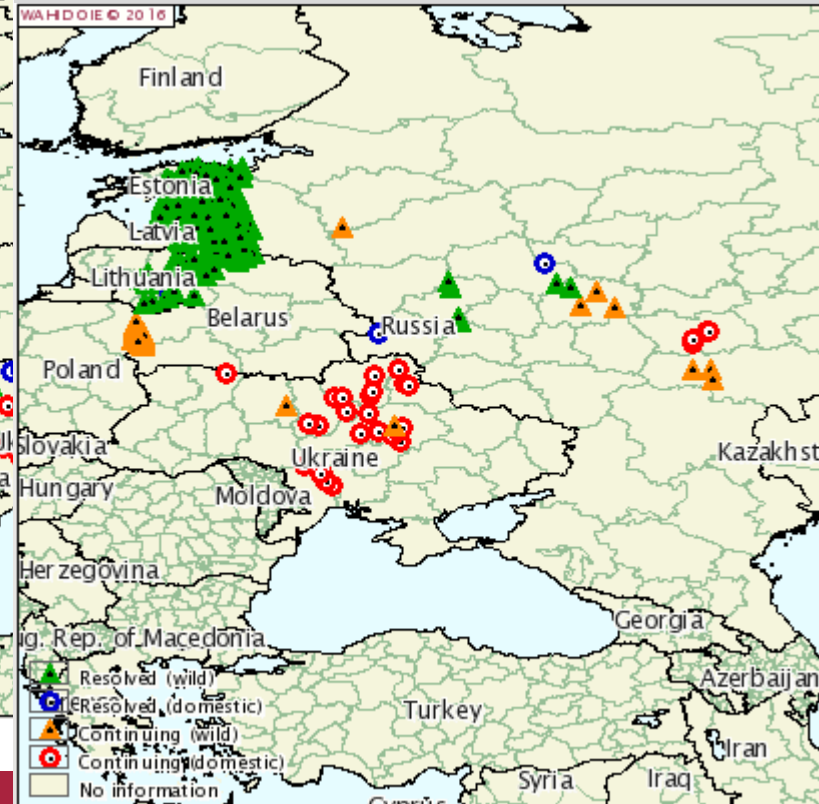
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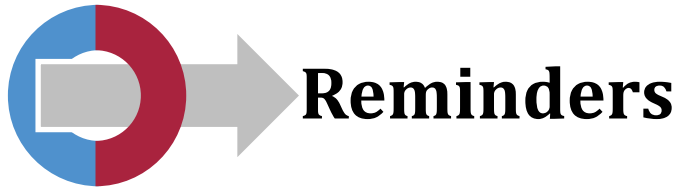


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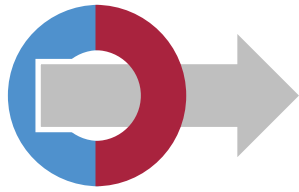


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Launch of SGE



- **Standing Group of Experts on ASF** in the Baltic and Eastern Europe Region under the GF-TADs (7 countries + OIE + FAO + EC + *ad hoc* experts)
- **Objective: strengthening mid-term regional cooperation on ASF control through:**
 - exchange of information on the ASF situation in domestic pigs and wild boar
 - review of national control strategies and control measures applied
 - collaboration on laboratory diagnostics
 - collaboration on awareness raising campaigns (in affected countries)
- **Launched in September 2014 in Bern, Switzerland**



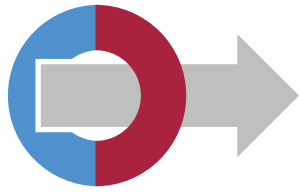
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- SGE1 (Minsk, December 2014) → ASF situation in wild boars and related prevention and control measures

Outcomes:

- Country situation reports
- Discussions
- Recommendations
- Technical Report
(in EN and RU)





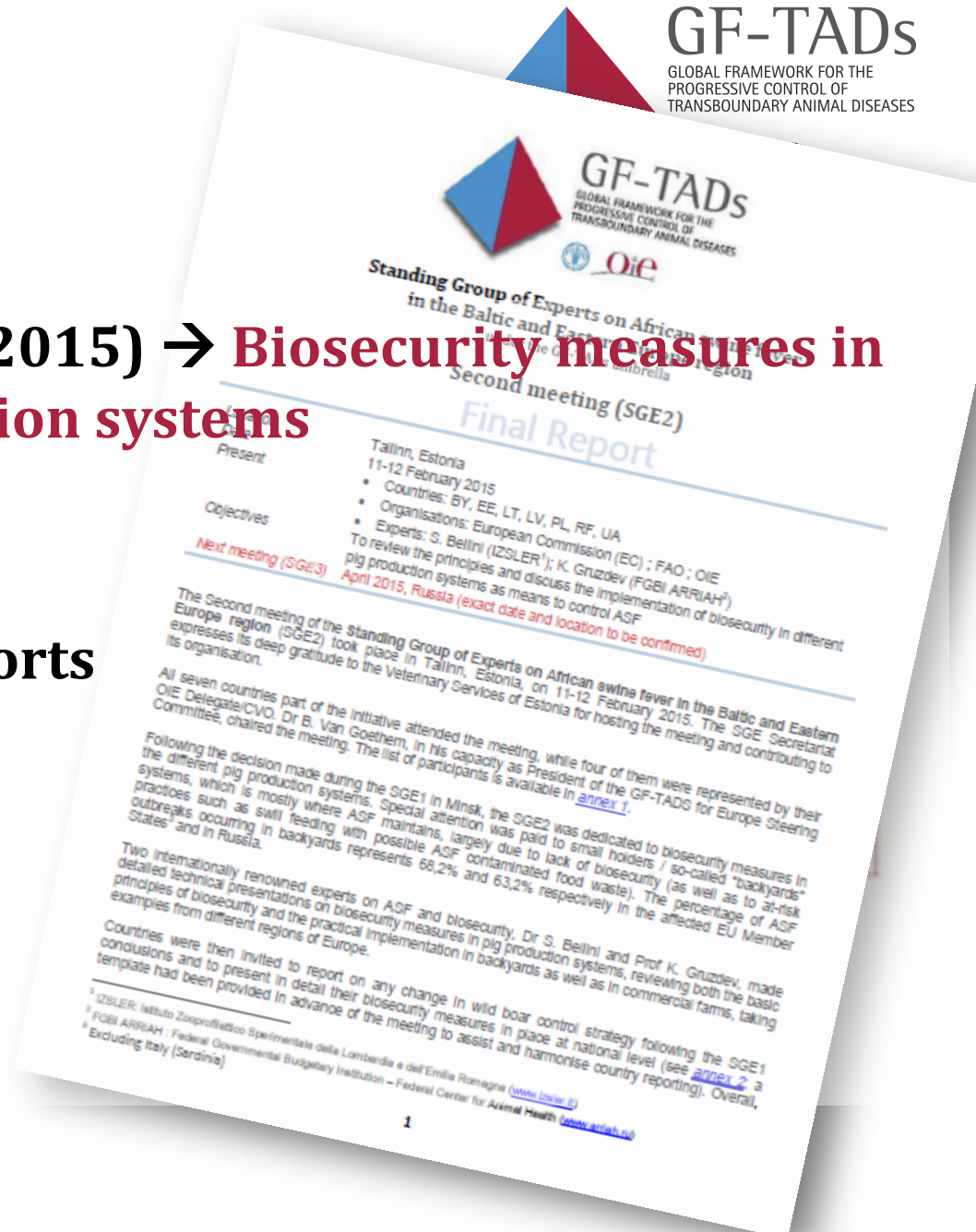
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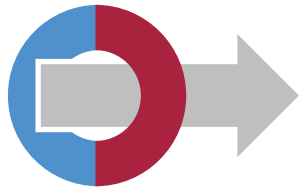
- SGE2 (Tallinn, February 2015) → **Biosecurity measures in the different pig production systems**

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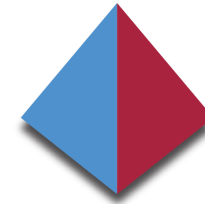
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Outcomes of SGE2



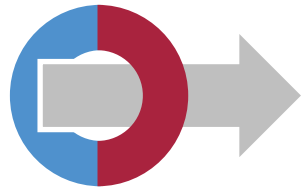
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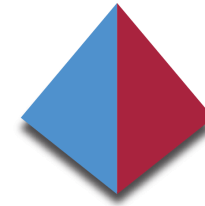
➤ Conclusions / outcomes of SGE1

The Standing Group concludes:

- It is essential to ensure **transparency** and **full compliance with reporting to OIE**. The Standing Group reiterates that trust and cooperation can only be built when full access to the relevant information is provided;
- Biosecurity is of crucial importance to prevent the entry and spread of ASF in pig holdings, both in the commercial and so called backyard pig sectors. There are **minimum biosecurity measures** that need to be and can easily be implemented even by smallholder pig owners, such as restricting access to visitors, preventing contact between domestic pigs and wild boar, using separate shoes and clothes when entering the pig house, and having disinfectants ready on site. Precondition to achieve this is for the Veterinary Services to provide basic information to pig holders by way of appropriate communication campaigns;
- **Backyard holdings with low bio-security** in place are currently playing an important role in the spread of ASF. Given the economic relevance of these holdings in certain areas, the control and biosecurity measures to be applied in such production systems need to be carefully evaluated ([see below](#));
- There are different ways/strategies to strengthen and promote biosecurity measures, including **positive stimulus** for compliant holdings, that should be applied taking into account the different levels of risks of each type of holding, area/zone and in peace/emergency/endemic situation. Failure to comply may entail enforcement measures including administrative sanctions or other actions.



Outcomes of SGE2



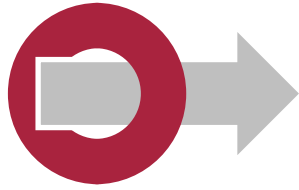
➤ Conclusions / outcomes of SGE2

The Standing Group recommends:

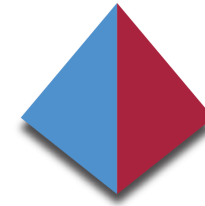
- **Setting an expert team** composed primarily of experts that have participated in previous meetings in Minsk and Tallinn and other well renowned experts with experience in ASF in the region (Drs S. Bellini, K. Depner, K. Gruzdev, V. Guberti, S. Khomenko);
- With the purpose of carrying out a series of **field visits** to all seven participating countries;
- Aiming at gathering information and identifying best practices focusing on wild boar and backyard management, biosecurity, etc.;
- With the following order of visits LT, BY, PL, RF, LV, UA, EE;
- Starting in March and due to end by end of May;
- The expert group will exclusively report to the next meetings of this GF-TADs Standing Group that should take place in April in Russia (SGE3) and in June in Poland (SGE4).



Key outcomes: to conduct ASF SGE Missions in all 7 countries



Terms of reference

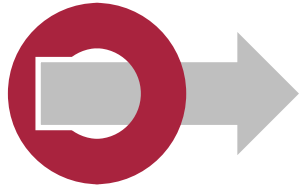


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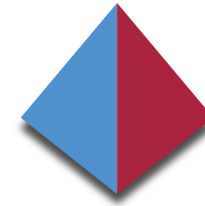


Terms of Reference of the SGE¹ Expert Missions to Lithuania – Belarus – Poland – Russian Federation – Latvia - Ukraine – Estonia

1. The experts should perform on the **spot visits** (as detailed in the Annex) in order to gather data and be in a position to formulate recommendations on disease management.
2. The experts should work with the Veterinary Services in order to determine the following aspects:
 - a. If African swine fever (ASF) is occurring in domestic pigs (both in commercial sector and the so called back yard sector) and extent of the areas of occurrence.
 - b. If ASF is occurring in wild boar and geographical distribution of ASF in wild boar.
 - c. Formulate hypothesis on the drivers of ASF occurrence for domestic pigs and back yards.
3. Propose measures intended for the control and eradication of ASF under local conditions, in line with the OIE International Standards.
4. The experts should report to the Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltics and Eastern Europe under the OIE/FAO GF-TADs and to the Veterinary Services of the country being visited. A written report should be produced for each mission.



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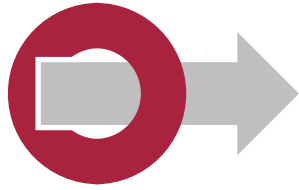


Template for on the spot visits in Lithuania – Belarus – Poland – Russian Federation – Latvia - Ukraine – Estonia

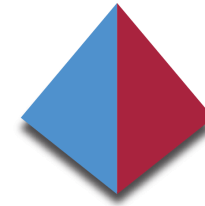
The visit should include at least two separate field visits in two separate locations. In each of these locations the following aspects should be covered:

- Visit a local veterinary office dealing with field work for a discussion with the official veterinarians dealing with the pig sector. Figures should be provided to the experts on local pig production on both industrial and backyard farms together with biosecurity practices and an overview of activities by the veterinary services.
- Visit of 2 or 3 medium to large pig farms (without entering the premises, so just seeing the farm from the outside for biosecurity reasons) and discussion with the farm owner/manager outside the farm or in the administrative premises.
- Visit to 1 or 2 hunting grounds in the infected area and discussion with forestry management officials as well as one or two representatives from local hunting associations.

In addition to the above, a short opening and closing meeting with the central veterinary services should be foreseen so to allow discussing national practices and recommendations. Data should be provided to the experts on national biosecurity measures, population estimates, regionalisation, and surveillance being carried out in both domestic and wild boar.



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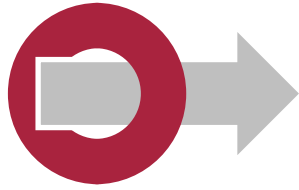


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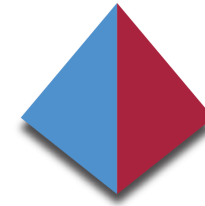


In order to facilitate the mission, the following information should be provided to the experts, possibly one week before the mission:

- Domestic pig data:
 - Pig population and its structure
 - ASF situation
 - What kind of surveillance is applied, and results
 - Control measures adopted to mitigate the risk of spread (domestic and backyards), and results.
- Wild boar management in the country:
 - A map of the hunting grounds
 - ASF in wild boars eradication/control strategy applied for 2014/2015 and what will be planned for 2015/2016
 - Efficiency of surveillance
 - Country self-evaluation of the strategy applied
 - Problems encountered
- Wild boar data for specific hunting grounds:
 - Applied biosecurity measures when hunting;
 - Sampling procedures
 - Wild boar estimates and hunting bag planning and achievement (how many in reality have been shot)



ASF SGE Missions

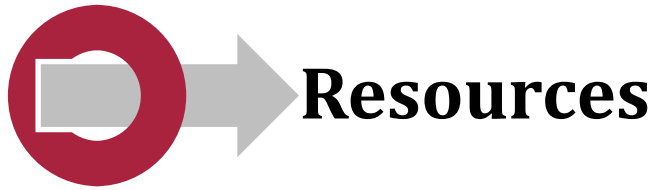


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Countries	Dates (2015)	Experts
Lithuania	30 March - 3 April	<u>SB</u> - VG
Belarus	12 - 17 April	<u>KD</u> - SB - KG
Latvia	18-21 May	<u>SB</u> - KD - KG - VG - SK
Russia	13-17 July	<u>KD</u> - SB - KG - VG
Ukraine	14-18 September	<u>KD</u> - SB - SK - VG
Estonia	28 September - 2 October	<u>KD</u> - KG - SK - VG
Poland	12 - 16 October	<u>SB</u> - KG - SK

7 SGE ASF Mission Reports were produced



http://web.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/Regprog/en_GF_TADS_Standing_Group_ASF.htm



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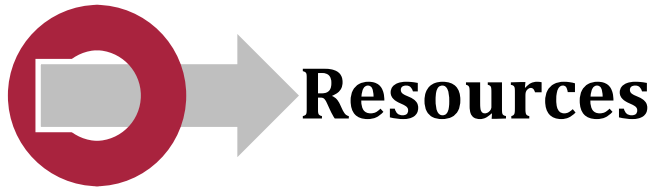
Presentation / objectives

A new initiative called **Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region** (hereafter referred as 'SGE') was set up under the GF-TADs umbrella to build up a closer cooperation among countries affected by African swine fever (ASF) and thereby, address the disease in a more collaborative and harmonised manner across the Baltic and Eastern Europe sub-region.

The Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region is a unique opportunity to engage affected countries into a fruitful regional dialogue and increased transparency. The GF-TADs offers the ideal framework to discuss common / harmonized mitigation measures based on scientific and technical grounds only.

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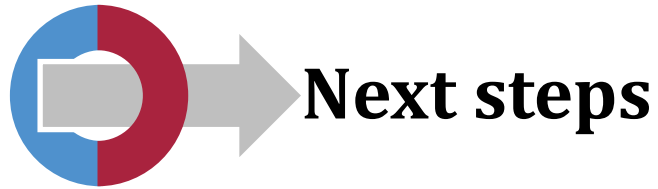
On this page, you will find the following resources:

- 1- ASF Outbreak map (2014 / WAHIS) and ASF Distribution map (2014 / WAHIS) in Europe
- 2- ASF Technical Card and Summary (OIE)
- 3- OIE International Standard on ASF
- 4- ASF Diagnosis:
- 5- ASF Contingency Plans
- 6- ASF Control Strategy
- 7- ASF simulation exercises (reported to the OIE)
- 8- ASF Recommendations (GF-TADs events; OIE events)
- 9- ASF Scientific and Technical Papers (EFSA; FAO; etc)
- 10- ASF projects in Europe
- 11- CMC-AH Missions on ASF
- 12- ASF Tools
- 13- ASF...

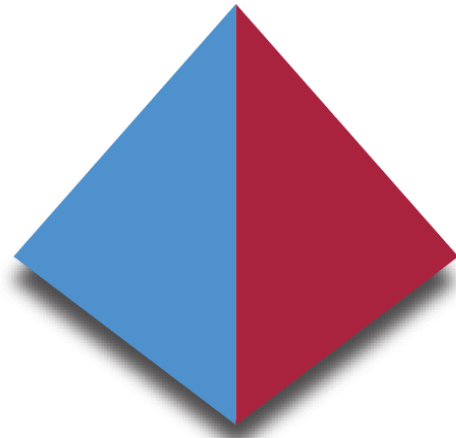
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- Third meeting of the SGE (SGE3, Moscow/Russia, 15-16 March 2016)
 - Presentation, discussion and validation of the 7 mission Reports
- Capacity building activities under the GF-TADs to fill regional gaps in 2016
- Continuation of SGE meetings on a regular basis



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Thank you

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