

GF-TADs

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



Standing Group of Experts on ASF in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region under the GF-TADs umbrella

6th meeting of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee
(RSC6)

Brussels, Belgium, 30 September – 1 October 2015

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1. Progression

Progression - objectives - kick-off meeting

ASF situation 2014

Estonia /
ASF / wild
boars
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08/09/2014

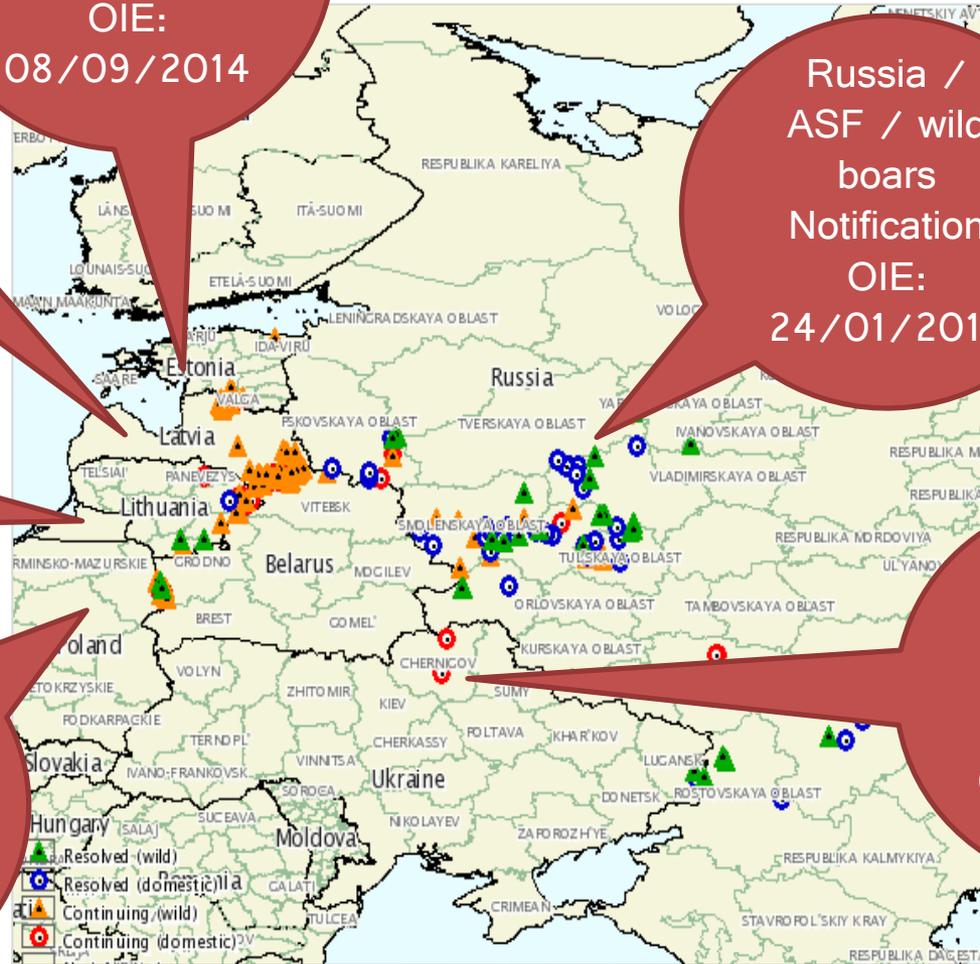
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ASF / Dom
+ wild boars
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OIE:
24/01/2014

Ukraine /
ASF / Dom
+ wild boars
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Poland /
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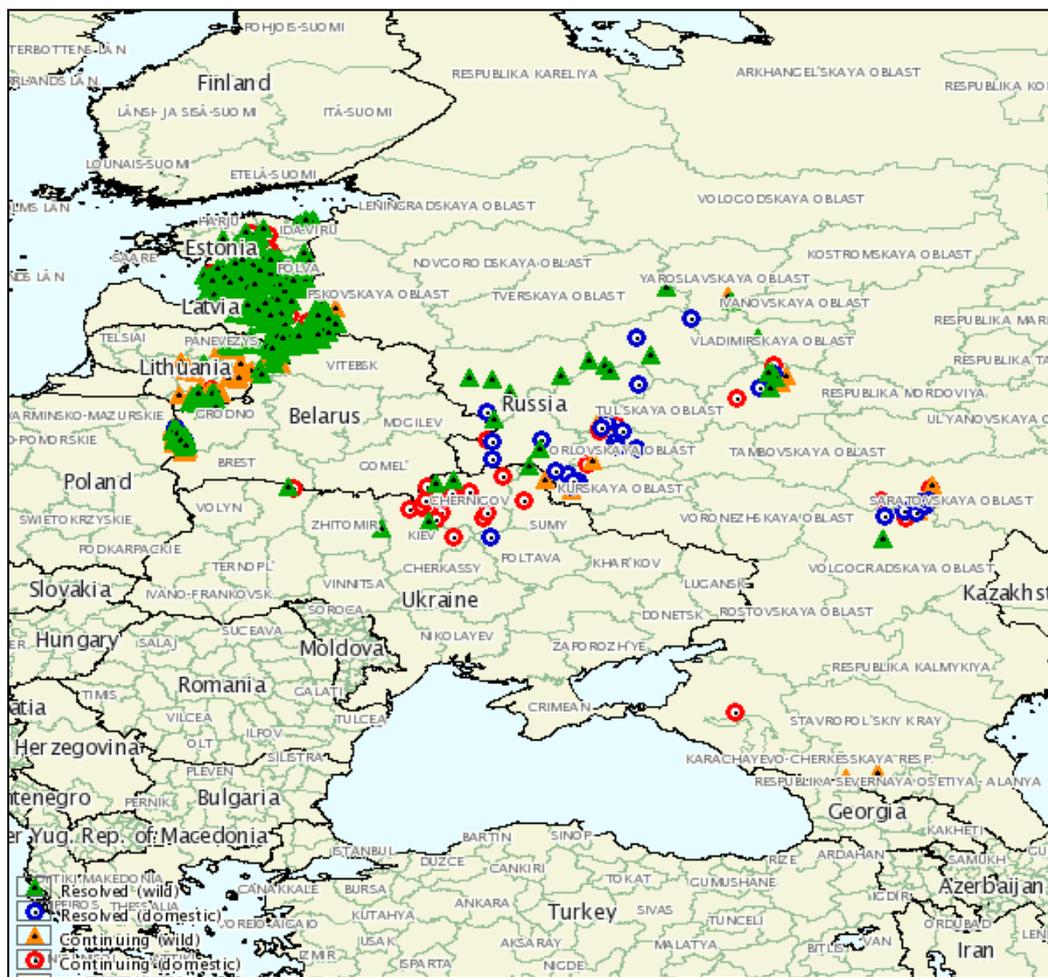


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ASF situation:

2015 (disease outbreak map)

- New events in UA
- Continuing events in EE, LT, LV, PL, RU and UA
- No cases reported in BY since 2013





1. Reminder (situation – objectives – kick-off meeting)

Need for a Standing Group of Experts on ASF in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region

Objective: strengthening mid-term regional cooperation on ASF control through:

- exchange of information on the ASF situation and control measures applied, both in domestic pigs and in wild boars
- review of national control strategies by internationally renowned experts based on science
- collaboration on laboratory diagnostics
- collaboration on awareness raising campaigns (in affected countries)



1. Reminder (situation – objectives – kick-off meeting)

Mechanism:

Umbrellas:

- GF-TADs Europe
- Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed



1. Reminder (situation – objectives – kick-off meeting)

Participants

- **Chair:** President of the GF-TADs for Europe
- **Countries:** Countries concerned by ASF (**BY, EE, LT, LV, PL, RF, UA**)
- **Other participants:**
 - OIE and FAO
 - Experts:
 - ASF
 - Wild boar biology
 - Laboratory

Secretariat: GF-TADs for Europe Secretariat



1. Reminder (situation – objectives – kick-off meeting)

Kick-off meeting: 22 September 2014,
Bern, Switzerland



- All countries attended except Belarus
- Objective: to set up the Standing Group, provide a first update of the situation in each country (tour de table), and agree on mechanism, agenda, date and venue of first meeting.

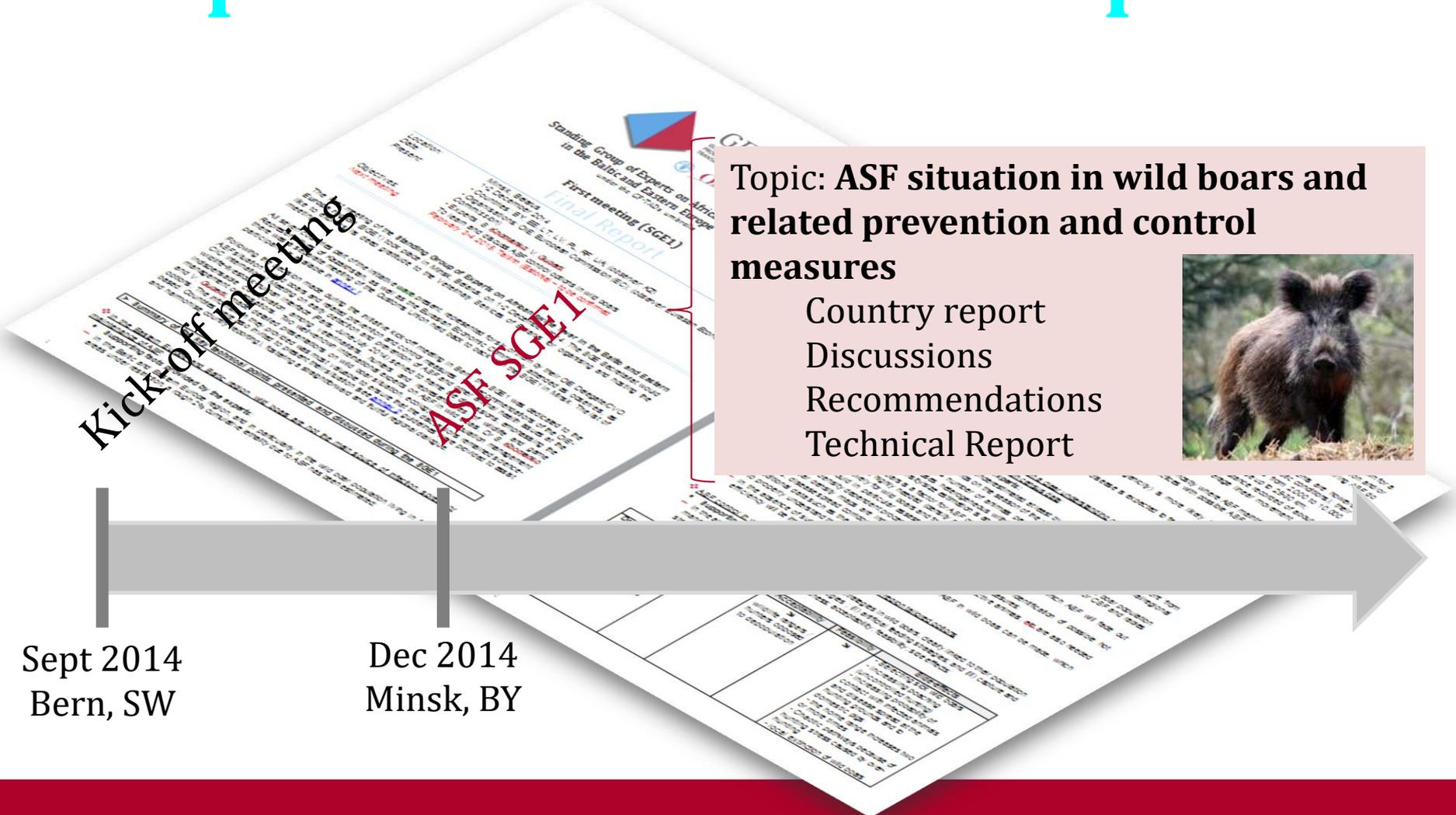


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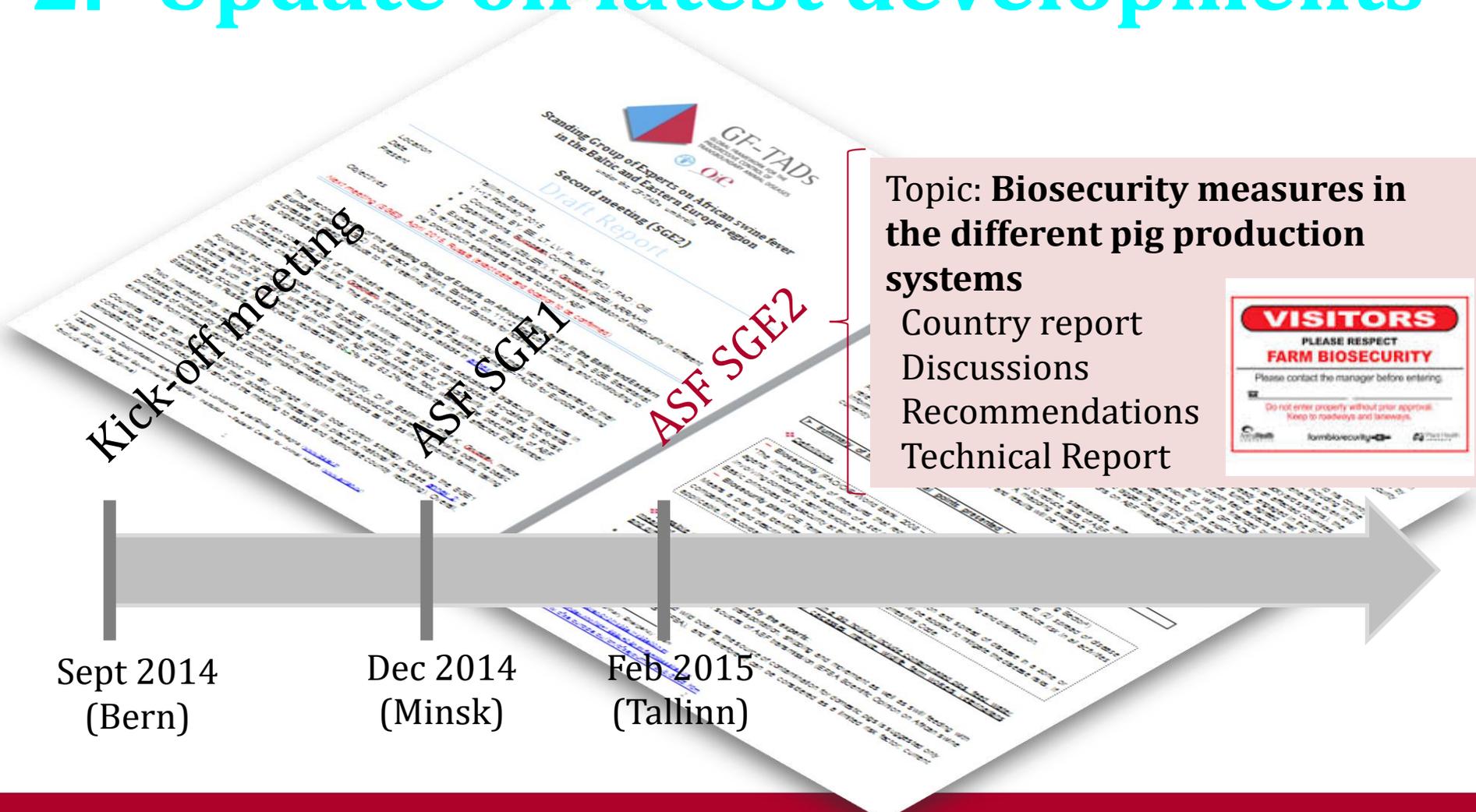
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Conclusions SGE1

- Constructive discussions stimulated by the contribution of the top experts constitute a very positive output of this meeting
- Cooperation relies on trust based on **full transparency**
- ASF eradication in the interface between wild boars/pigs should be based on science based on evidence and not on the exceptions or on non-proved hypothesis
- Management of wild boars needs **strong cooperation among hunters, environmental authorities and Veterinary Services**
- Hunting should be conducted in a manner that **avoids movement of wild boars**
- Management of wild boars should be clearly defined **depending on the ecological, environmental and social situation in the region**. Drastic reduction of the wild boars population (so-called depopulation) could be a management option when the threshold density of wild boar unable to sustain infection is known and it is reachable and feasible
- **Feeding of wild boars** should in general be avoided or limited stringently
- Management of **biosecurity** and backyards farms is a key topic that deserves specific attention. Continuity for this SG GF-TADS is highly desirable and for next SG the topic of backyards/biosecurity could be addressed



2. Update on latest developments





2. Update on latest developments

Conclusions SGE2

- 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
- 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



2. Update on latest developments

Conclusions SGE2 (con't)

- *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 :*



S. Bellini
(IZLER)



K. Depner
(FLI)



V. Guberti
(ISPRA)



K. Gruzdev
(ARRIAH)



S. Khomenko
(FAO)



2. Update on latest developments

Conclusions SGE2 (con't)

- *With the purpose of carrying out a series of field visits to all seven participating countries;*
- *With the following order of visits LT, BY, PL, RF, LV, UA, EE;*

→ Proposed calendar and status of implementation

Countries	Dates
Lithuania	30 March - 3 April
Belarus	13 - 17 April
Latvia	18-21 May
Russia	13 - 17 July
Ukraine	14 - 18 September
Estonia	28 September - 2 October
Poland	12 - 16 October
<i>GF-TADs SGE3 in Russia</i>	

Implementation
Completed
Confirmed
Confirmed
To be confirmed



2. Update on latest developments

Conclusions SGE2 (con't)

- *Aiming at gathering information and identifying best practices focusing on wild boar and backyard management, biosecurity, etc.;*

→ Expert mission Terms of Reference

Main objectives:

To determine

- If ASF is occurring in domestic pigs (both in commercial sector and back yard sector) and extent of the areas of occurrence.
- If ASF is occurring in wild boar and geographical distribution of ASF in wild boar.

To formulate hypothesis on the drivers of ASF occurrence for domestic pigs and back yards.

To propose measures intended for ASF control and eradication under local conditions, in line with the OIE International Standards.



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.



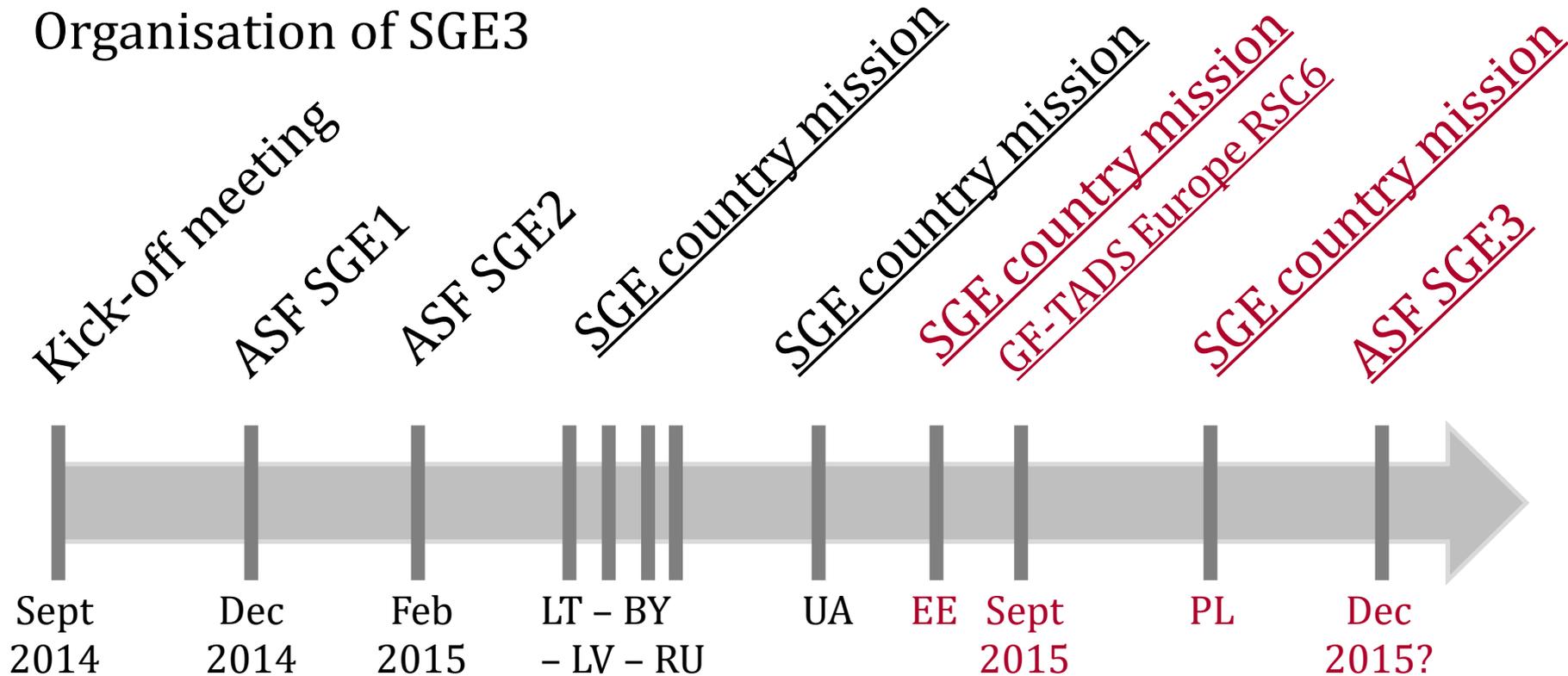
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3. Next steps

- Completion of SGE country missions
- Organisation of SGE3





3. Next steps

Organisation of SGE3

Russia – Early 2016

Main objectives:

- Report of SGE country missions by Experts
- Discussions
- Possible regional capacity building activities?
 - *(Surveillance)*

LITHUANIA

BELARUS

Report on
Expert mission on African swine fever in Belarus operating under the Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltics and Eastern Europe Region – GF-TADs

Period: 30 March
The Team: Silvia
ARRIAH, Russia
unfortunately could

Period: 12 – 17 April 2015
Standing Group of Experts (SGE)
Klaus Depner (team leader, FU, Germany); Silvia Bellini (IZSLER, Italy); Konstantine Goudekov (FGBU, ARRIAH, Russia)

Places visited during the mission:
a) Pilevitskiy
Veterinary
b) ~~Kashino~~
part of the
CD 2015
c) ~~Agosha~~
listed in
d) ~~Agosha~~
the 'book
2015/2016

Time schedule and places visited during the mission:

- 12 April: Arrival in Minsk
- 13 April: Opening meeting at the Department of Veterinary and Food Surveillance, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Minsk
- 14 April: Visit of the ~~Agosha~~ District in the ~~Agosha~~ province
Visit of the district veterinary office, commercial farm, backyard farm, hunting ground
- 15 April: Visit of the district veterinary office in ~~Lida~~ District, ~~Agosha~~ province
Visit of the backyard holding where the first outbreak of ASF occurred in 2013
- 16 April: Final meeting at the Department of Veterinary and Food Surveillance, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Minsk
- 17 April: Departure

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Details concerning the agenda, the ToRs and the persons who were met during the mission are given in the Annex.

Terms of reference

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All information (reports, recs, country presentations) are available online at:

<http://web.oie.int/RR-Europe>

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Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region under the GF-TADs umbrella

Presentation / objectives

A new initiative called **Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region** (hereafter referred to 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.

Members:

- countries: BY - EE - LT - LV - PL - RF - UA
- organisations: EC - OIE - FAO

Secretariat: OIE sub-regional Representation in Brussels (rsr.bruxelles@oie.int)

Kick-off meeting

SGE1 (Minsk, December 2014)

SGE2 (Tallinn, February 2015)

SGE3 (Russia, dates tbc)



Recommendations welcome during the RSC6

Thank you

