



# **Outcomes of the Ministerial Conference December 2019: *"the long term management of wild boar populations"***

12th Meeting of the Standing  
Group on ASF in Europe  
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# Ministerial meeting on ASF

## 19 December 2018 in Brussels

Eradication of African swine fever in the EU and the long-term management of wild boar populations



## Why a Ministerial meeting on ASF?

- **The main goal of the event was to offer an opportunity to perform a common strategic reflection on the issue from the environmental and agriculture perspective and to seek for even more effective preparedness in EU ASF free areas.**
- **The event was attended by 130 participants: Member States' representatives for agriculture and environment, in total : (i) 10 Ministers; (ii) 4 Deputy Ministers; (iii) 14 CVOs and (iv) 55 officials of representations and ministries/governments.**

## Why a Ministerial meeting on ASF?

- One of the most important issues for the prevention, control and eradication of ASF is the long-term management of wild boar.
- In a scientific opinion published by EFSA in July, experts highlighted measures to reduce the risk of outbreaks in ASF free areas. These include intensive hunting and not feeding wild boar.
- In September, in Warsaw, we focused our SGE ASF 11<sup>th</sup> meeting on disease epidemiology in wild boar.
- The lessons learned in recent years clearly show that one of the most important risk factors is an unmanaged wild boar population.
- While it is clear that there is no safe level at which the risk of ASF spreading can be eliminated, it is also clear that the existing situation of certain areas where the number of wild boar is often completely out of control creates the precondition for a serious increase of the existing risk.

# Ministerial meeting on ASF: Main outcomes

Specific recommendations for Member States:

- **Enhanced coordination and cooperation** (including awareness raising) **between agricultural and environmental side** (veterinary services, farmers, forestry management bodies, hunters and etc.) to regulate wild boar populations with the objective of both to efficiently control and prevent the spreading of ASF;
- **A long-term EU management strategy of wild boar population**, including its appropriate reduction. This should be determined after an impact assessment, specific objectives, measures and joint programs of cooperation between the agriculture and environmental sector (hunting management, ban of supplementary feeding, agricultural practices) tailored to the particular situation of the Member States;

## Ministerial meeting on ASF: Main outcomes

### Specific recommendations for Member States:

- Particular attention should be paid to the **management of the wild boar populations minimizing wild boar dispersal** in the affected territories with ASF or in the zones at risk of spread;
- Proper **communication guidance and awareness campaigns** towards all stakeholders (professionals, travelers, hunters, consumers) and general public should be deployed on main transport routes and borders to prevent introduction and dissemination of ASF through the human factor;

## Ministerial meeting on ASF: Main outcomes

- The Commission will continue to advocate for the proper implementation of the ASF **OIE standards**, in particular the principle of **regionalization, differentiation of the disease situation in wild boar and domestic pigs**.
- A series of workshops will be launched in 2019 in the MS to promote technical cross border coordination to enhance the control of wild boar populations

## **Information and discussion at the AGRI Council meeting (December 2018)**

- Ministers pleaded the Commission initiative and recognized the importance of the conclusions to control and eradicate ASF;
- Further support to the Commission to continue in its work with a strategic approach;
- The measures taken in the framework of strategy will have to be compatible with EU environmental and veterinary legislation, including nature protection requirements and properly assessed in terms of scientific basis, impact and effectiveness.

## Coordination between French and Belgian Authorities (and Luxembourg and Germany)

In September 2018 ASF in Belgium.

- France and Luxembourg coordinated with Belgium to increase preparedness - task force established;
- France established zones adapted to the evolution of the Belgian situation,
- Measures include for instance:
  - **Enhancing passive surveillance**
  - **Reducing wild boar population**
  - **Increasing biosecurity in all farms**
  - **Meetings**
  - **Harmonization of the measures implemented**
  - **Exchange of information**
  - **Scientific and technical cooperation**



# European Commission/FACE Conference

## PREPARING EUROPEAN HUNTERS TO ERADICATE AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

Interpretation: EN-DE  
Livestream provided

# 1st conference with hunters dedicated to ASF - FACE/EC initiative

*Held on 30 January 2019 in Dortmund*

*Preparing European hunters to eradicate African swine fever*

*Participants: ~100 hunters + 20 officials from MS, EFSA, OIE, experts, the Commission, etc.*



# Don't bring

Diseases such as African carried in pigmeat, which

# Public awareness (1)

[http://web.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/Regprog/en\\_ASF\\_depository.htm#ASFcampaignmaterial](http://web.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/Regprog/en_ASF_depository.htm#ASFcampaignmaterial)

**EASY STEPS FOR PREVENTING SPREAD OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER**

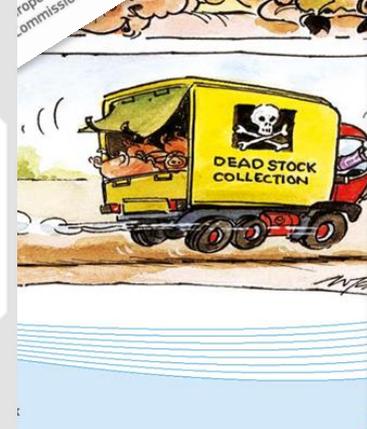
- X DO NOT leave food in areas accessible to wild boar**
- ✓ ENSURE leftover food is put in sealed waste container**
- X DO NOT bring meat or meat products back from non EU countries even for personal use**
- ✓ PAY ATTENTION to information on what can and what cannot be introduced when travelling**
- X DO NOT touch a dead or sick wild boar**
- ✓ NOTIFY competent authorities with any suspicious sightings or concerns**

#Food\_EU #AfricanSwineFever  
[https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-diseases/control-measures/asf\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-diseases/control-measures/asf_en)

**Voorkom Afrikaanse varkenspest**

**Achtung! Wildschweine**

Das Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft der Bundesrepublik Deutschland informiert Sie über die afrikanische Schweinepest (ASF). Die afrikanische Schweinepest ist eine hoch ansteckende Tiererkrankung, die für Menschen ungefährlich ist, aber für Schweine tödlich verläuft. Die afrikanische Schweinepest wird durch Wildschweine übertragen. Bitte vermeiden Sie den Kontakt mit Wildschweinen und deren Fleisch. Bitte vermeiden Sie den Kontakt mit Wildschweinen und deren Fleisch. Bitte vermeiden Sie den Kontakt mit Wildschweinen und deren Fleisch.



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For more information consult ASF topic page and story map on EFSA website <https://goo.gl/oU3EdD>

**African Swine Fever: how to stay one step ahead**

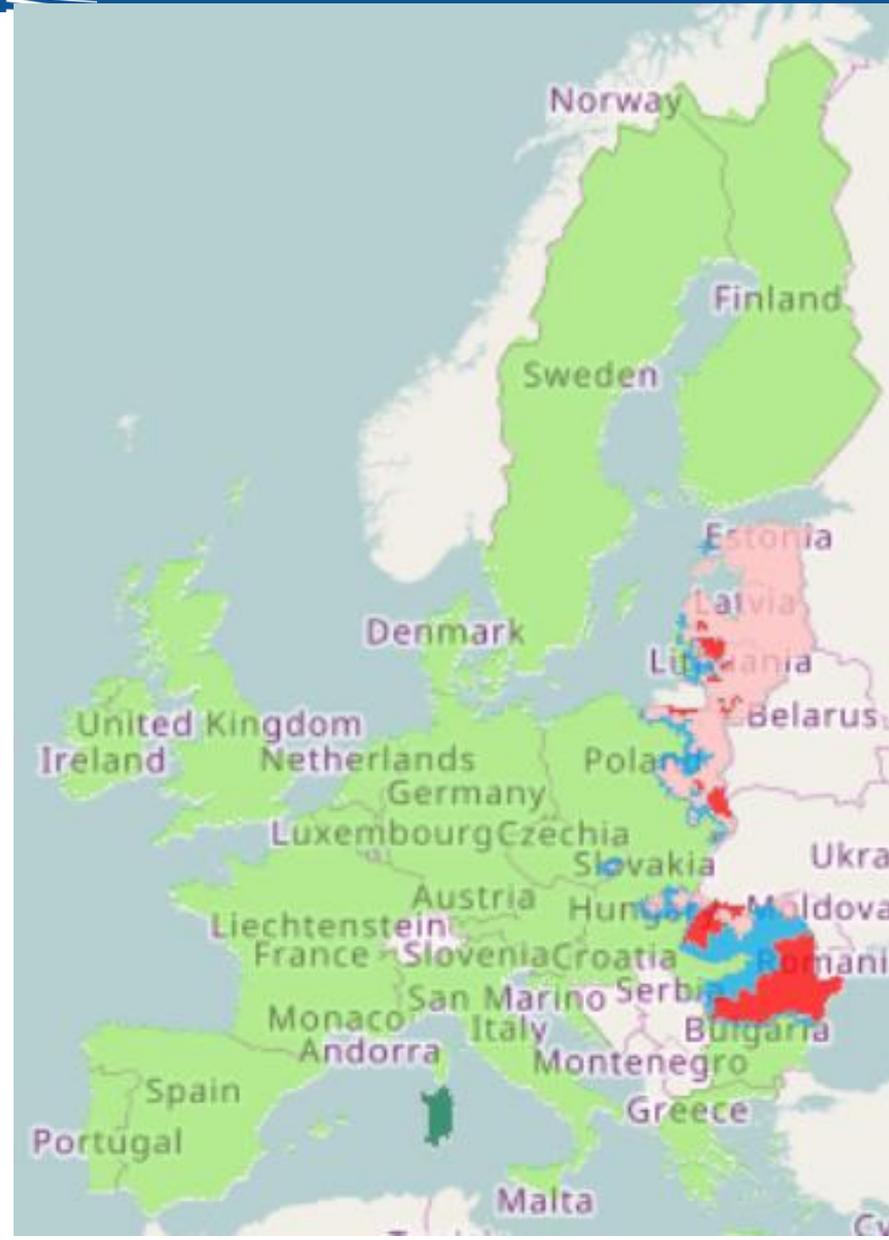
Информация Федерального министерства продовольствия и сельского хозяйства Федеративной Республики Германия:

С 2014 года в Европе распространяется очень заразная африканская чума свиней, представляющая угрозу для миллионов домашних и диких свиней. Это не опасное для человека заболевание может передаваться через продукты питания. Поэтому просим Вас выбрасывать остатки пищи только в закрытые мусорные контейнеры!

## Online interactive map on ASF regionalization:

<https://eu-commission.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3db65168d4ad4d829a38560d7f868ace>

Interactive tools already developed to support management activities and to share information between stakeholders and competent authorities but future efforts are still needed to better profit of new technologies and digital developments!



# Thank you!

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

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/ad-control\\_measures-asf-chronology\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/ad-control_measures-asf-chronology_en.pdf)