



# **FAO activities on African swine fever in Europe**

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# Emergency Technical cooperation project in the Balkans

- **Target countries:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia
- Plus a parallel project with the same objectives in Kosovo\*
- **Objective:** Increase prevention and preparedness
- **Timeline:** Nov 2018 - Nov 2020 (24 months)
- **There is room for flexibility**

\* As per United Nations Security Council resolution 1244



# Inception workshop (Belgrade, 18-21 March 2019)

## Major objectives:

1. Present the project objectives, outputs and activities
2. Discuss and fine-tune activities and timeline, in synergy with ongoing activities
3. Provide training on ASF prevention, preparedness and control
4. Establish a baseline in terms of preparedness and risk pathways:
  - ASF preparedness checklist
  - Rough ASF risk assessment



**Emergency Preparedness Checklist for African swine fever**

For each statement, indicate the status: Yes (green), In progress (yellow), No (red), Unknown (white). List the gaps, the necessary actions to be taken, the responsible entities to follow up the action and provide a deadline for completion.

Statement	Status	Gaps	Actions	Responsible entities	Deadline
1. Do you currently have the following preparedness measures in place to manage the disease? Requirement for safer markets, ante/post mortem findings, and a clear transport approval code in place.	Yes			REGIONS GOVERNMENTS INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE	
2. Do you and farmers support such as a reporting mechanism for reporting suspected cases from the field to the CV or PIAC.	In progress			REGIONS GOVERNMENTS INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE	
4. Local animal health officers stationed throughout the country to respond to suspected cases in the field.	Yes			AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE	
4. Have people and structures for border trading in place.	Yes			AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE	
5. National surveillance and laboratory framework to collect and analyse samples for ASF in place.	Yes			AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE	
6. National incident management system and framework in place to support the stock and recovery teams, incident command, and support coordination through an animal health emergency operations center.	Yes			AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE	





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## 1.1: Assessment missions

Missions	Dates
Serbia	8 – 10 May 2019
Bosnia and Herzegovina	19 – 20 June 2019
Montenegro	10 – 11 September 2019
Kosovo*	18 September 2019
N. Macedonia	14 - 15 October 2019
Albania	TBD



- Assessing detection, prevention and preparedness of the competent authorities
- Risk assessment on entry and spread
- Recommendations for improvement (reports)



## 1.2. Simulation exercises

Missions	Dates
Bosnia and Herzegovina	TBD
Montenegro	Postponed from March 2020
<b>Kosovo*</b>	<b><u><a href="#">26-27 February 2020</a></u></b>
<b>N. Macedonia</b>	<b><u><a href="#">27-28 November 2019</a></u></b>
Albania	TBD

- Two-day simulation exercises covering:
  - day 1: suspicion visits to pig farms;
  - day 2: planning of stamping out of visited farms and reviewing measures for ASF in wild boars.
- Plans for a multi-country simulation exercise between: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia in joint organization with EuFMD in November 2020.





## 2.1. Lab training (Kosovo\*)

- 2 lab specialists National Reference Laboratory in Kosovo\*
- 1-week (25–29 November 2019) hands-on training at ASF Ref Lab (INIA-CISA) in Madrid, Spain
- Plus the following resource materials:
  - ASF reference standards, reference material and standardized protocols for the implementation, validation and internal verification of official ASF serological and virological diagnostic methods
  - lab practice results, SOPs, bibliography and relevant legislation.
  - <http://www.fao.org/europe/news/detail-news/en/c/1262741/>





## 2.3 Train-of-trainer (TOT) programs

Missions	Dates	Participants
Bosnia and Herzegovina	18 June 2019	Bosnia and Herzegovina (5), Serbia (3) and Montenegro (3)
Kosovo*	17 September 2019	Albania (3), Kosovo* (5) and North Macedonia (4)

- One day intensive training of Core Trainers (by FLI)
  - Course assessment
  - Materials handed out to participants in Serbian & Albanian
- Core trainers to replicate in their countries





## 2.2 On-line Training Course

- Material created by FAO & FLI
- [Pilot in November 2019](#) (250 participants)
- Collaboration with EuFMD to convert materials to on-line content
- Current [1<sup>st</sup> ASF in English for Europe](#) (500 participants; April-May 2020)
- NEXT:
  - Serbian for the Balkans during Summer
  - Russian after the Summer
  - Stand-alone module for hunters

### MODULES

Brief Introduction to ASF (Module 1)

The disease in domestic pigs and wild boar (Module 2)

Laboratory diagnosis (Module 3) followed by joint discussion

Epidemiology and epidemiological investigation (Module 4)

Prevention and biosecurity (Module 5)

Response and Control (Module 6)

ASF in wild boar (Module 7)

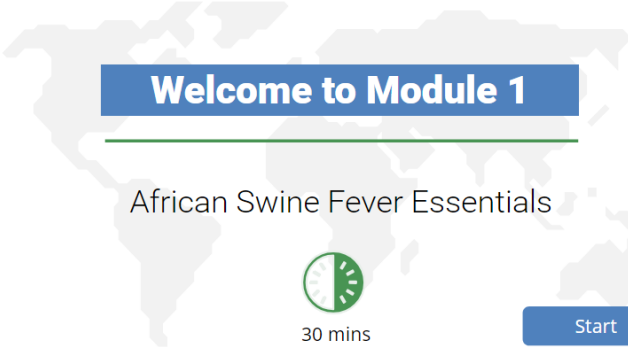




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## 2.2 On-line Training Course



### Welcome to Module 1

## African Swine Fever Essentials


30 mins

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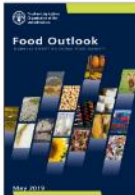
### The Impact of ASF

African swine fever has a severe impact both on global trade and local production, especially where the **pig sector** contributes significantly to the agriculture industry and where **pork meat** plays an important role in meat consumption.

African swine fever is already affecting the global food markets.

“ the world meat output is forecast to decline due to a fall in pig meat output, primarily in China...” ”

“ soybean output is forecast to come to a halt in 2018/19 – largely due to a decline in China’s soymeal uptake ”



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“ Feed use of maize in China has slowed considerably ”

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### ASF Key Facts

African swine fever (ASF) is a contagious viral hemorrhagic disease that affects wild and domestic pigs.

*Click on the images below to find out more:*

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The genotype II currently circulating in Europe and Asia is most often recognized in the acute form with an associated **mortality of up to 100 percent** and a case fatality of 90 percent.

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### The importance of pig and pork value chains

A clear understanding of a country’s pork value chain is the first step to guide prevention and control of ASF!

- There can be a high variability in the nature of pig and pork value chains. These value chains will adapt quickly to the appearance of disease.
- It is important to understand current levels of ASF awareness and biosecurity amongst all stakeholders. Not just pig owners but also middlemen, butchers and live animal market managers
- The backyard sector’s behaviour should to be clearly understood, including both financial and cultural aspects



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## 2.4 Workshops on wild boar and hunting biosecurity

Missions	Dates
Serbia	24 May 2019
Montenegro	19 - 20 September 2019
Kosovo*	26 - 27 September 2019
N. Macedonia	17 -18 October 2019
Bosnia and Herzegovina	TBD



- Strategic round table discussions with all stakeholders (vet services, competent authority on wild boar management/hunting, and hunters)
- Sharing experience managing ASF in wild boar
- Awareness raising for hunters & capacity building on hunting biosecurity
- Recommendations for improvement (reports)



# Regional ASF Wild Boar Management Workshop (Balkan-focused)

- Belgrade, Serbia, 21-23 May 2019
- Objective: Improve participants knowledge and discuss the prevention and control of ASF in wild boar and the best strategies in the specific context of the Balkans.
- 2-day theory + 1-day practice (hunting ground)
- Sponsored by Czechia
- Participants:
  - State vet services from Balkans, plus countries with ASF experience
  - Agencies for wild boar management
  - Hunting associations and Wild boar experts
  - OIE and EFSA



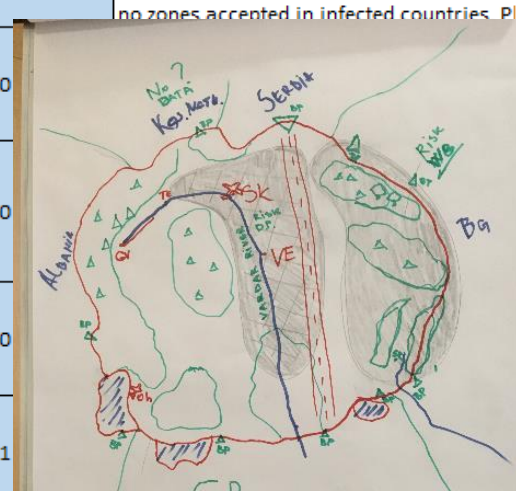


# 3.1. Risk on entry, spread and establishment of ASF is assessed

- Preliminary risk assessment conducted at inception workshop

	SERBIA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	MACEDONIA	MONTENEGRO	ALBANIA
LIVE ANIMAL D.P+WB	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
NATURAL MOV. WILD BOAR	Pink	Yellow	Pink	Green	Green
Products	Pink	Pink	Yellow	Pink	Yellow
FOMITES	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

No	Questions	Weight	Criteria	Answer	Risk level
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	0	
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	0	
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 - C. Quarantine > 7 days or ASF laboratory testing	1	A = 1 B = 0.5 C = 0	0	
6	Are there veterinary inspectors who have been trained on ASF at border inspection points?	0.5	Yes = 0 No = 1	0	
7	Do the border inspection points have the capacity and infrastructure to test live pigs for ASF?	0.75	Y = 0 N = 1	1	





## 3.1. Risk on entry, spread and establishment of ASF is assessed

- Additional risk assessments conducted in-country

Plus Electronic surveys (EpiCollect) to profile husbandry, biosecurity and value chain:

- Targeting pig farmers (commercial, family farms and backyard)
- In North Macedonia
- Through the veterinary Chamber of North Macedonia
- NEXT: Live animal markets and hunters



# 3.2. A cost benefit analysis is performed

- Based on LSD validated tool
- NEXT: to be validated with real data

**Cost of ASF in Utopia**  
In EUR:

ASF COSTS	Total cost for the country	Percentage	Cost per farm in the country
Outbreaks	4,285,256	24.3%	32
Connected farms	2,847,407	16.1%	22
Vaccination	10,363,709	58.7%	79
Surveillance	1,514	0.0%	0.0
Awareness	128,675	0.7%	1.0
Indirect costs	27,050	0.2%	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,653,610</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>133.7</b>

**Mean cost of an outbreak**

Category	Percentage
Stamping out: Cost of animals	61%
Carcass disposal and disinfection	31%
Outbreak investigation	2%

**Total cost**

Category	Percentage
Vaccination	59%
Outbreaks	24%
Connected farms	16%
Awareness	0.7%
Indirect costs	0.2%
Surveillance	0.0%

**Table with detailed costs:**

<b>Outbreaks</b>	
Outbreak investigation	
<b>Stamping out:</b>	
Cost of animals	
Carcass disposal	
<b>Other measures:</b>	
Cleaning/disinfection	
Restocking	
Treatments	
<b>Direct disease Costs</b>	
<b>Indirect disease Costs</b>	

**ASF COSTS (costs of each outbreak)**

Outbreak investigation	1,032	2.3%
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## 4.1 Awareness and technical materials are developed and adapted

Fully editable **leaflets** (PowerPoint):

- English, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Montenegrin, Serbian (<http://www.fao.org/index.php?id=94206>)

**Videos** on how to conduct clinical examination, necropsies, sample collection and hunting biosecurity being prepared



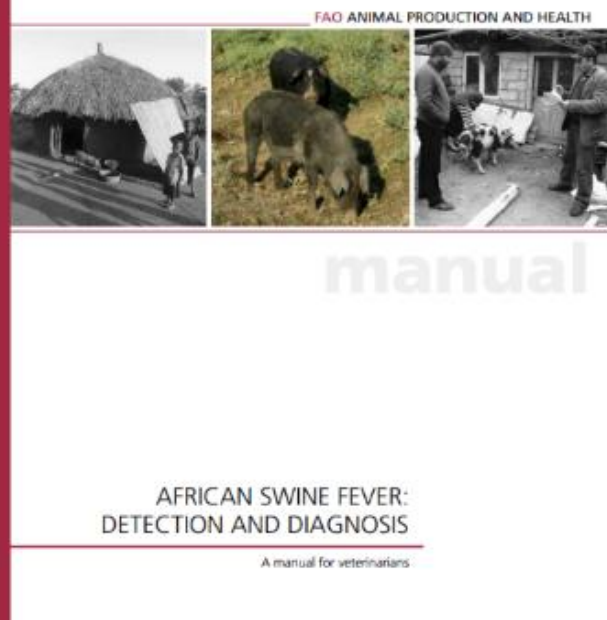
# 4.1. Awareness and technical materials developed and adapted

## ASF Detection and Diagnosis – A Manual for veterinarians

- Translated to Albanian Macedonian, Serbian (Chinese, Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian)
- Copies printed and distributed to all Balkan countries

## Carcass management for small and medium scale livestock farms – Practical considerations

- English, French, Romanian, Russian, Serbian and Ukrainian,







# 4.1. Awareness and technical materials are developed and adapted

- [iMammalia App](#) for the spotting of wildlife adapted for the reporting of wild boar carcasses
- Added status (alive/carcass/hunted), state of the carcass, gender, age class
- Translated into Macedonian and Serbian
- To be promoted among hunters and others in the Balkans





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# ASF Resource website

Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department

**Animal Production and Health**

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## African Swine Fever (ASF)



### Latest news

11/10/18

**FAO works to better understand backyard pig sector, key in the fight against swine fever**

(FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia )

07/09/18

**Asian countries warned that deadly African Swine Fever is 'here to stay' – utmost diligence required to avoid major damage to food security and livelihoods**  
(FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)

## FAO guidelines

 African swine fever (ASF) detection and diagnosis. A manual for veterinarians (2017)

 A rapid risk assessment of ASF introduction into China (March 2018)

 Training on ASF management in wild boar - presentations of the training in two languages EN, RU (2017)

 The global platform for African swine fever and other important diseases of swine (2013)

 Good practices for biosecurity in the pig sector

<http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/programmes/en/empres/ASF/index.html>



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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to update you about the new FAO initiatives/news since the January 2018 update (see below). Please click in the hyperlinks for further information:

- FAO has started a **Technical Cooperation Project (TCP)** to address preparedness for LSD in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine. Activities are expected to start in the coming months;
- FAO has **shipped copies of the LSD Manual** to countries in the Balkans. Additional copies will be shipped to Central Asian and Eastern Europe at risk countries in the coming days;
- A **manual on RVF surveillance** is now available on-line. Rift Valley fever may be the next cattle disease following the steps of LSD into the region;
- FAO organized a **Training on participatory epidemiology principles and techniques in Georgia** applied to ruminants between September and December 2018, and developed a ruminant surveillance system, which integrates participatory disease surveillance and current on-going surveillance activities.

Within the Joint FAO/IEA program, the following activities have been conducted:



## 4.3 Stakeholder workshops: Biosecurity

Missions	Dates
Serbia	7 May 2019
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21 June 2019
Montenegro	12 September 2019
Kosovo*	19 September 2019
N. Macedonia	16 October 2019
Albania	TBD



- Focus on biosecurity and how to prevent entry
- Awareness raising for pig farmers and private veterinarians on ASF



**Thanks for your attention**