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ASF in Europe

WOAH activities against ASF in Europe: contributing to stakeholder resilience through awareness

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Content:

- Where we are at - WAHIS Maps
- What could be addressed – why awareness matters
- What we have done
- What we are planning



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A concerning situation in Southern Europe

ASF's slow progress is ongoing.

New countries are affected:

- Cases in North Macedonia in November 2021
- Cases in Northern Italy in February 2022
- Cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina in June 2023
- Cases in Croatia in June 2023
- Cases in Kosovo* in the summer.
- Cases in Sweden in september

In addition, the disease has made a resurgence in the Czech Republic and in Greece, and is progressing in several countries where it was previously contained - we thank Members for their transparency and seriousness.

* this designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UN Security Council resolution 1244 and the International Court of Justice Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence





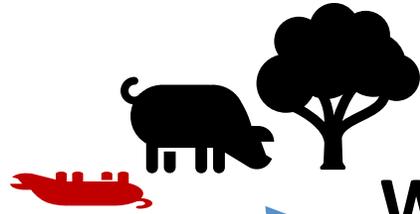
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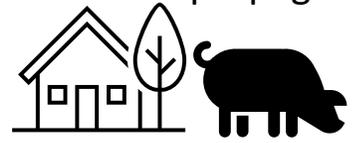
Three “components” characterize ASF in Europe

Importance of carcasses in virus survival and spread

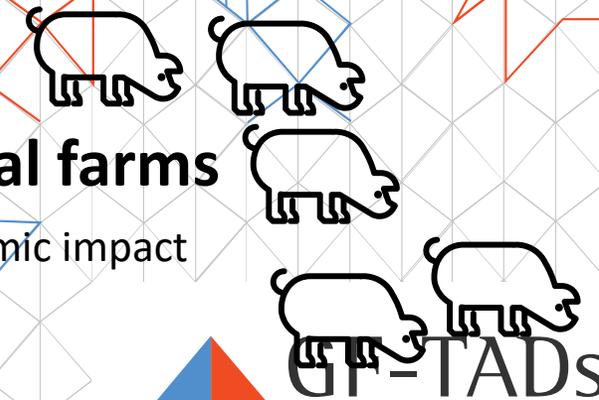


Wild boars
(main reservoir in most of Europe)

Backyard farms
(partly responsible for propagation in certain localities)



Commercial farms
Largest economic impact



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Main characteristics of ASF in Europe

- Let us not forget that we have been successful in controlling the disease even if it is accelerating

This is a success: more than 14 years and it has not covered the whole of Europe.

- It is very difficult to get rid of it (wild boar reservoir is difficult to control)
- It has major economic impact and countries must mitigate direct and indirect impact
- We still can improve the **engagement of the stakeholders and increase public awareness**



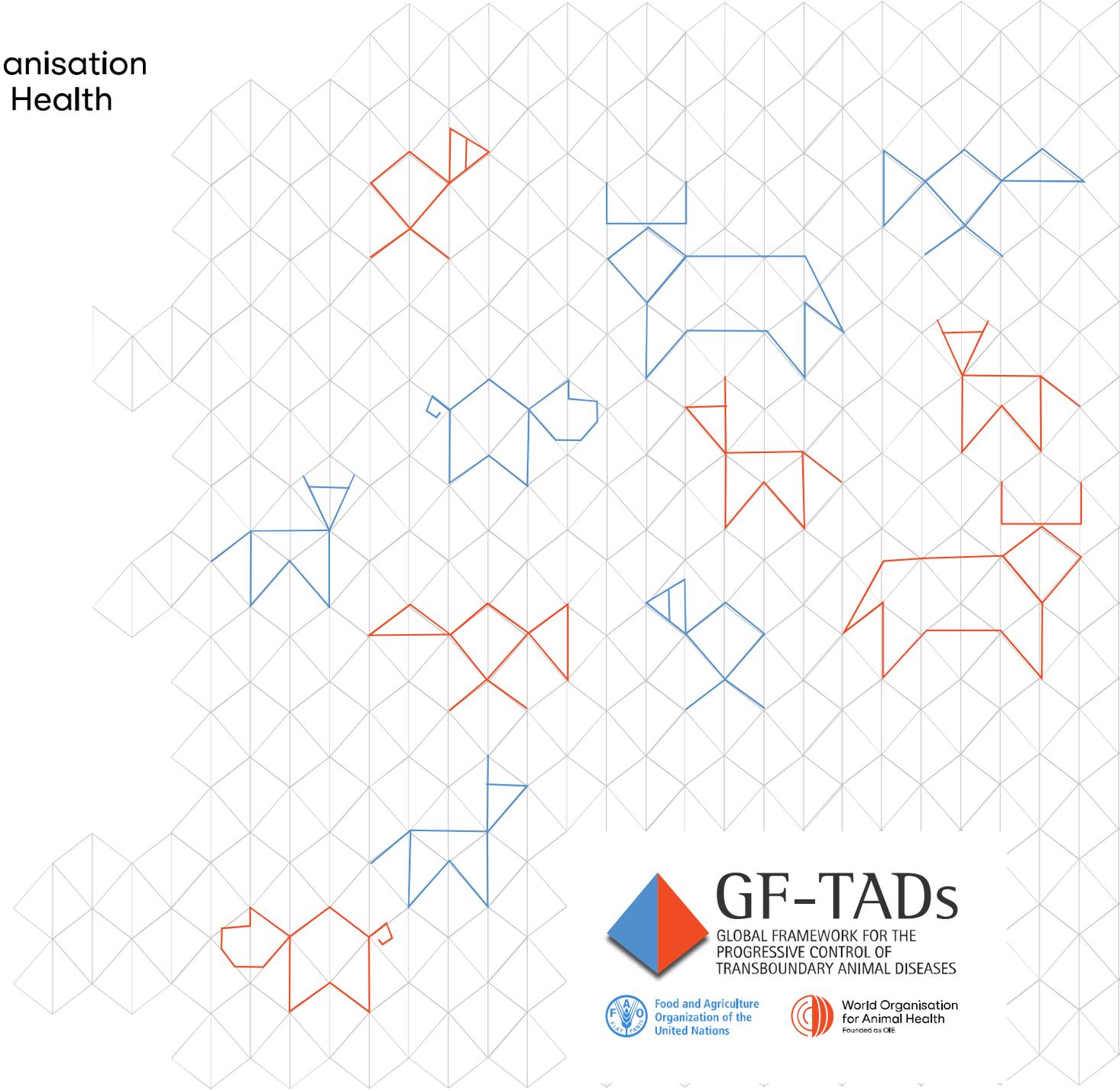


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But wait... why speak about
awareness? Isn't the topic on
carcass detection and disposal?



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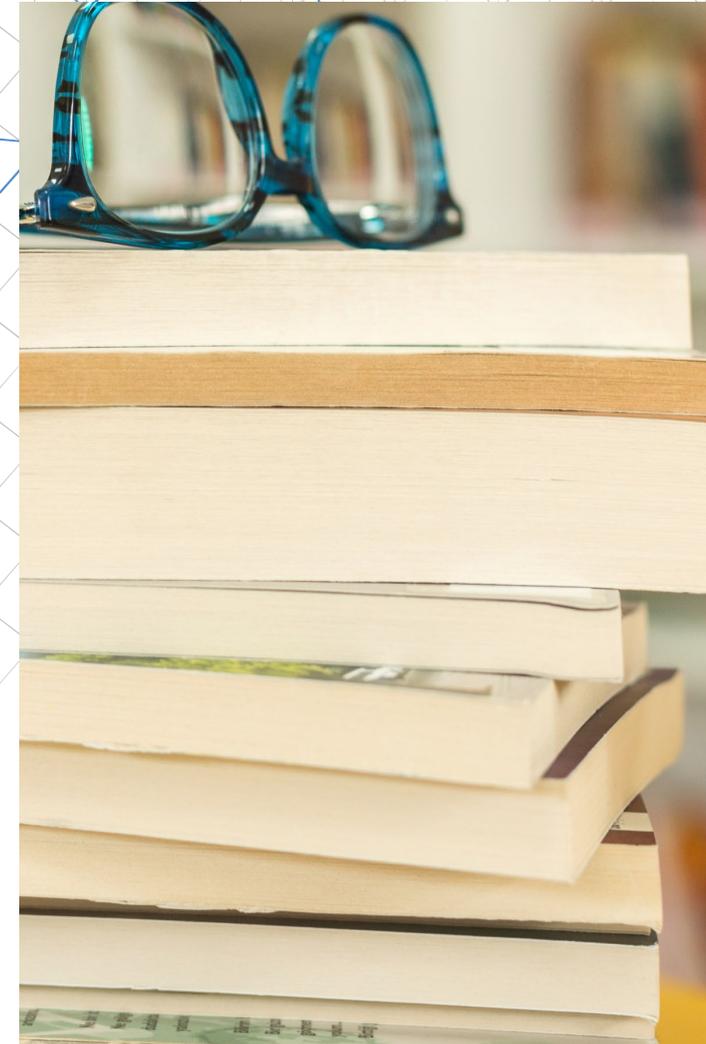


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SGE recommendations included awareness.

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1. Field missions should be restarted now that restrictions imposed due to COVID 19 have in large part been lifted.
3. Awareness campaigns should be organized regularly to inform, educate and motivate all stakeholders in order to increase surveillance and improve reporting, enhance prevention best practices with particular focus to biosecurity and prevent further spread and introduction of ASF in new areas.
4. All countries should promote risk-based management and appropriate reduction, where relevant, of wild boar populations at regional, national and local level, in order to better prevent, control and eradicate ASF. Even in absence of ASF, long term planning is required to control and reduce wild boar populations and ensure optimal coordination of national resources involved.





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What are the general recommendations?



Cooperation &
expertise, field
missions



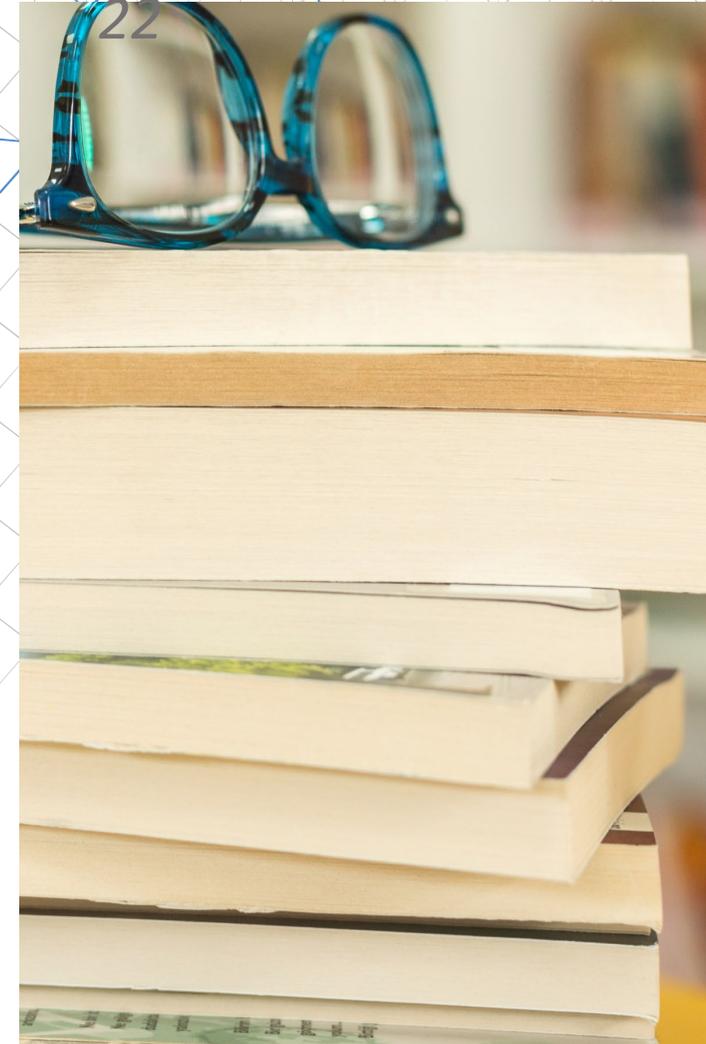
Awareness,
surveillance,



Wild boar population
management

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WOAH projects within the GF-TADs

What we have done together with our partners (besides awareness)

Country missions

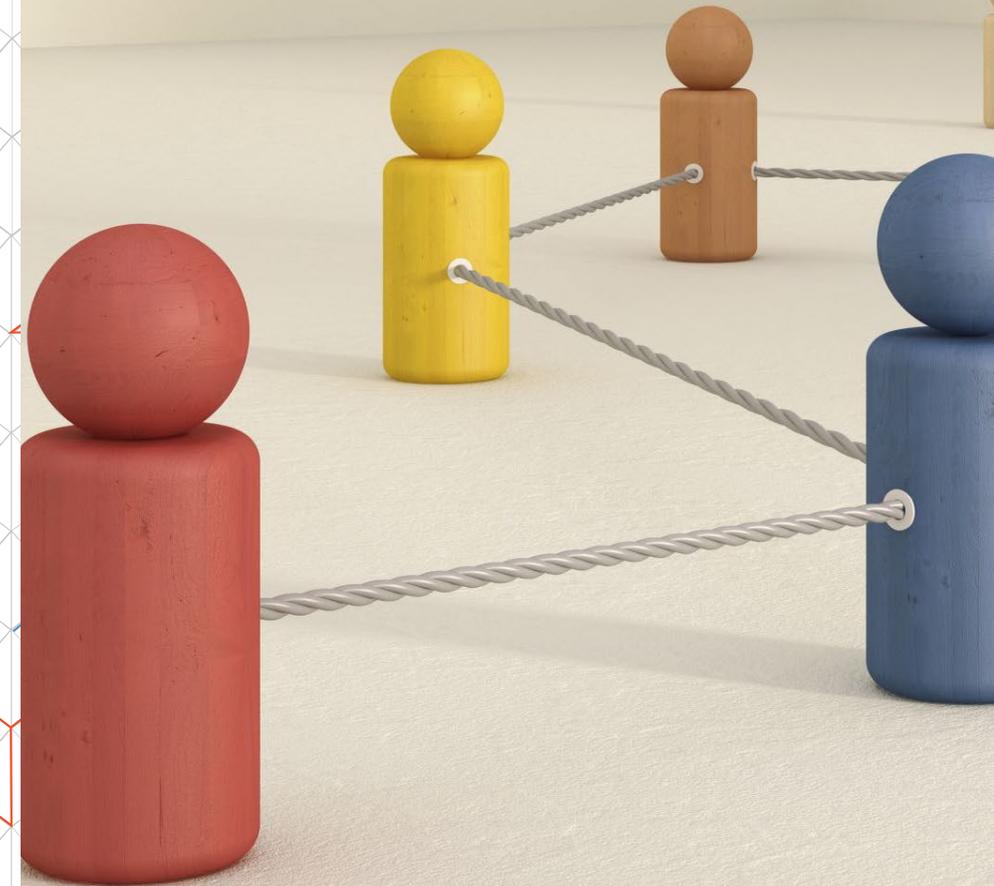
- Two / three experts per mission, experts from national veterinary services, on request by countries.
- Allow for an external assessment at technical and systemic levels
- November 2022: North Macedonia, July 2023: BiH

Handbooks:

- Handbook on wildboar biosecurity (2019)

Coordination :

- Interregional meeting on ASF during the General Session
- Personal contact and support with CVOs in the region
- Exchange with ASF EURL and NRL in Bosnia for material support



What we have done together with our partners

Communication

- Regular communication by regional twitter account on relevant regional themes
- Updated and improved website

World Organisation for Animal Health in E... @WOAH_Eur... · Aug 16 ...
Travelling Intensity in Europe increases during summer holidays.
You can prevent spreading of African swine fever (#ASF) by following these simple rules. 📌

KNOWLEDGE
Help stop the spread of ASF



Avoid carrying pork products when you travel or declare them at the border if you do
Keep away from pig farms and wild boars
Respect biosecurity if you visit a pig farm, clean your clothes and shoes properly
Dispose food waste properly to avoid wild pigs eating it

World Organisation for Animal Health L... @WOAH... · Dec 17, 2022 ...
#AfricanSwineFever is a deadly pig disease that affects domestic and wild pigs.

It is not a risk to human health, but affects animal welfare, causes severe production and economic losses and can threaten #Foodsecurity worldwide.

#EveryonesHealth



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Main resources and publications on ASF



- ASF: the main outbreak and distribution maps in 2018 and 2019
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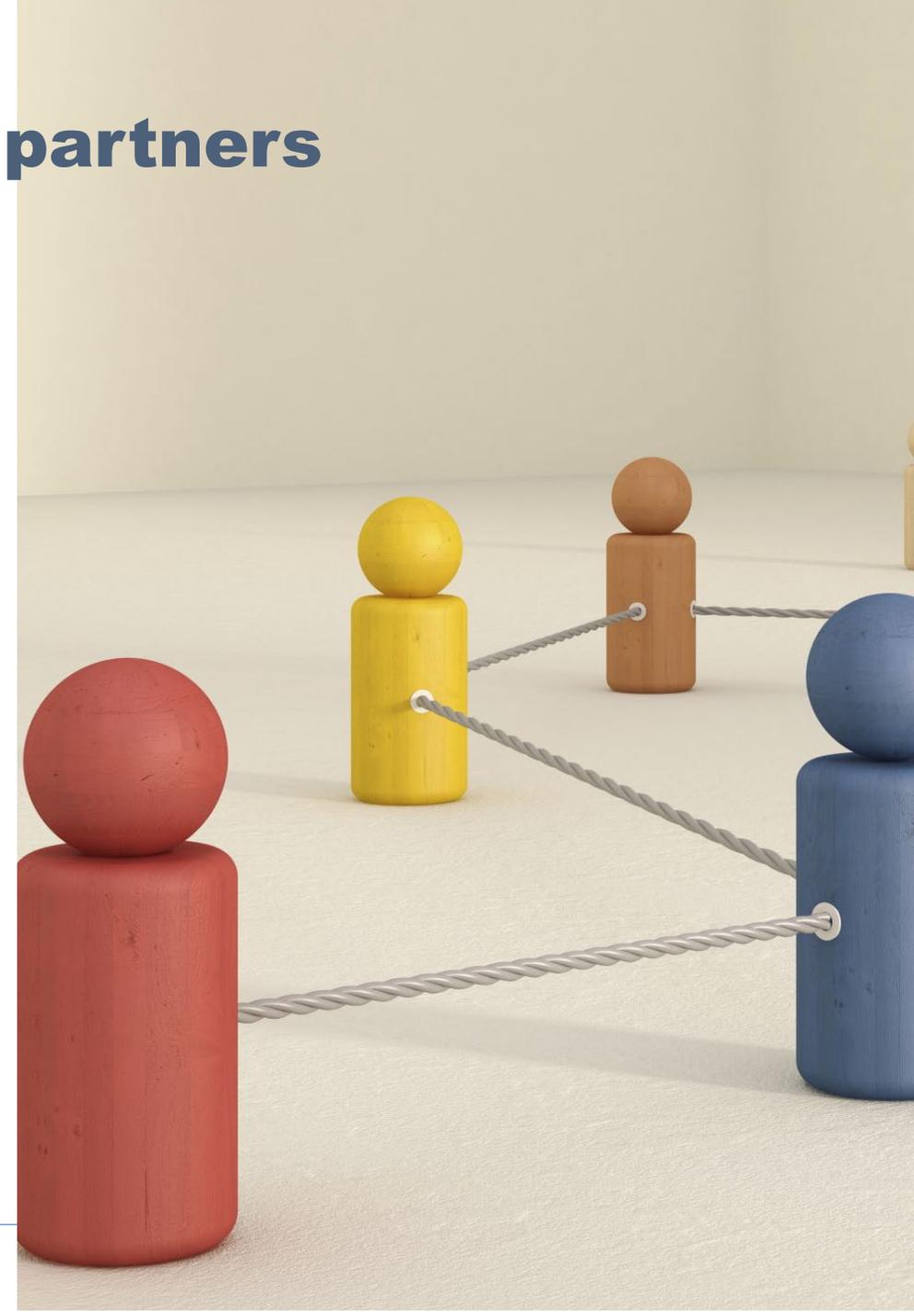
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GF TAGS EUROPE PROJECT MENU

Do you keep pigs, even just as pets...?



Do you keep pigs, even just as pets...?
How to reduce the risk of African swine fever reaching pigs in the UK
Do you know?
Pigs can carry ASF virus without showing any signs of the disease
Pigs can spread ASF virus to other pigs and to wild boars
Pigs can spread ASF virus to other animals and humans
Pigs can spread ASF virus to other countries
Pigs can spread ASF virus to other countries



Communication: website architecture: what are we doing?

General outline:

1. Home page (About the e-depository).
2. Fundamental information page.
3. History and Maps page.
4. Awareness materials page.
5. Case studies (to be developed).

- A group of structured pages in the GFTADs project on our regional website
- contains the ASF awareness raising materials
- Contains contextual material

We have some material and will reclassify it for different categories of stakeholders:

- Veterinary services
- Farmers
- Truck drivers
- Hunters
- Travellers
- General public

Communication: material for the website

COUNTRY	WHAT THEY DO	WHO	FORMA	DATE	RANK (per format)	COMMENT	LINK
Albania	Stop African swine fever' campaign	EFSA	Posters	2022	2	Clear website + multiple languages + minimalists and clear posters for farmers, hunters and veterinarians	https://multimedia.efsa.europa.eu/asf/#/
Andorra							
Armenia							
Austria	Website page on ASF	AGES	Videos	2019	6	Clear videos on how to collect samples and deal with dead animals, for hunters and farmers. May be a more complicated to understand and apply for general publics.	https://www.ages.at/en/mensch/krankheit/krankheitserreger-von-afbis-z/african-swine-fever#c6473
Azerbaijan							
Belarus							
Belgium	Website page on ASF	AFSCA	Posters	2018	4	Available in several languages and for different public (hunters, farmers, general public, travelers, transporters). Simple but too much text and are not very attractive.	https://www.favv-afsca.be/ppa/publications/brochures/
Belgium	Website page on ASF	AFSCA	Videos	2019	1	Very simple video, easy to understand for every public	https://www.favv-afsca.be/ppa/
Bosnia and Herzegovina							
Bulgaria	ASF for hunters	NIRS	Leaflet		11	Lots of text and not accessible for the	https://rr-europe.woah.org/wp-content/uploa

- assesment of what we have
- classify by country / public
- even countries who have already contributed can of course let us know what latest material they have
- all material is welcome



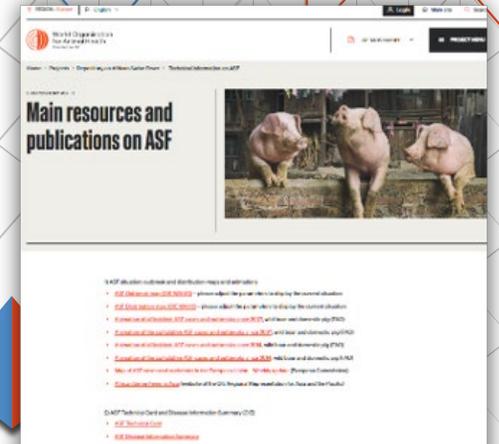
What we are planning

- ❑ Renewed ASF communication material webpage with a call to countries in the region to share communication materials
- ❑ Considering the translation of existing materials
- ❑ Next year we plan to have new region specific material taking into account our socio-economic context



About the E-depository
Fundamental information
Maps and history
Awareness materials

This page contains different materials that can be adapted to use in the awareness campaigns among different types of audience.





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What we are planning

- ❑ ASF campaign for travelers in Twitter
- ❑ Additional material is available on our global TRELLO page

Public and private partnering
for success

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All what you can do at a glance

	Learn more about PPP and ASF Discovering over 15 videos	Networking Make contacts and exchange with others In this area you can establish contact with other participants to	Share your opinions A survey about priorities Answer our survey on PPP for ASF, to help us identify	List of sessions Discover "Stop ASF: Public and Private partnering for success" Sign up for sessions, discover speakers and
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You could be CARRYING the ASF virus

The ASF virus is very resistant. You can carry it on clothing, shoes, equipment, and vehicles if you have visited an infected area, or if you bring pork products with you.

ASF kills pigs

Don't be the carrier of a deadly pig disease

For more information: www.woah.org/asf



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What we are planning: not just communication

- This full fledged SGE reflects on carcass detection and disposal Adresses the critical role of WB carcasses in the WB reservoir
 - In many parts of Europe this reservoir is critical, including through the interaction between hunters and farmers
- Any country mission request will be examined
- Specific follow up of the situation in the Balkans
- Ongoing work on eLearning modules on biosecurity in wild boars: tender carried out, operator working on modules





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