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ADEWB II Project* – Presentation of project activities on ASF in
the Western Balkans

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- ASF surveillance in Western Balkans
- WB CVO Forum for Communication and Cooperation

Basic information

- **Project Title:** “Capacity building of veterinary and plant health services in the Western Balkans - Lot 1 - Animal Health” - **ADEWB II** ([SANTE/2022/EA-OP/0001](#))
- **Continuation:** Regional Action On Animal Disease Eradication In The Western Balkans – **ADEWB (2020 – 2022)**
- **Financing and Contracting Authority:** European Union / EC – DG SANTE and DG NEAR
- **Contractor:** Agriconsulting Europe SA (AESA) in consortium with Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell’Abruzzo e del Molise (IZSAM Teramo)



Basic information

➤ Project stakeholders

- Veterinary competent authorities of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia
- Farmers, traders and other stakeholders involved in animal production and trade

➤ **Start date: 19.07.2022**

➤ **Duration: 36 months**



**Beneficiary
countries**

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ADEWB II Project activities related to ASF

- **Biosecurity**
- **Surveillance**
- **Horizontal actions:**
 - **WB CVO Forum for Communication and cooperation**
 - **Transparent share of data**
 - **Legislation**
 - **Emergency preparedness**
 - **IR / Traceability of animal movements**
 - **ABP system (disposal of carcasses for disease control)**
 - **Laboratories (designation of NRLs, use of SOPs for sampling and improving laboratory network)**

ASF Surveillance

- Recruited expert: Edvins Olsevskis
- Objective: To support beneficiary countries to prepare national surveillance programme
- Following initial assessment:
 - Template – Structure of the programme
 - Online consultations
 - Workshop
 - Repeated visits to all WB countries
- Workshop with nominated national experts



ASF Surveillance: North Macedonia

- Objective: to demonstrate presence/absence of ASF
- Surveillance actions foreseen:
 - In domestic pigs:
 - Passive surveillance (reporting of clinical signs of the disease and increased mortality)
 - Clinical examination and sampling in case of suspicion
 - Additionally, surveillance in restrictive zones
 - In wild boars:
 - Testing of blood and other samples from found dead and all hunted wild boars (95%CI;5% prevalence)



ASF Surveillance: Albania

- Programme: approved in July 2023
- General measures foreseen – passive surveillance
- In wild boars: effective hunting ban in place



ASF Surveillance: Kosovo*

- Draft surveillance Programme
- General measures foreseen – passive surveillance



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ASF Surveillance: Montenegro

- Objective: early detection
- Surveillance in domestic pigs foresee:
 - Passive surveillance
 - All dead animals
 - All sick animals with unspecified clinical signs
 - Enhanced passive surveillance: weekly testing of at least first two dead pigs older than 2 months in commercial pig farms
- Surveillance in wild boars foresee:
 - Passive: all suspected cases
 - Active: hunted wild boars



ASF Surveillance: Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Draft Programme prepared on national (BiH) level
- Programmes prepared and implemented on entity level (Republika Srpska and Federation BiH):
- Objective: early detection
- In domestic pigs:
 - Passive surveillance
 - All dead animals
 - All sick animals with unspecified clinical signs
 - Weekly testing of at least first two dead pigs older than 2 months in commercial pig farms
- In wild boars
 - Passive: all suspected cases
 - Active: hunted wild boars



ASF Surveillance: Serbia

- ASF Surveillance programme regularly updated
- Objective: early detection
- In domestic pigs:
 - Passive surveillance: all dead and all sick animals
 - Active and clinical surveillance: repeated clinical visits and testing in accordance with adopted pattern based on risk (up to 4x per year)



Surveillance programmes

- Principles of the proposed ASF surveillance programme to define:
 - clear objectives: primarily, **early detection**
 - effective measures to achieve the objectives
- Standardized structure (EU convergent programmes) and supporting information (type of samples, laboratory tests, target animals, geographical region, legislation references, historical and background information i.e. IR, animal movement and traceability)

Surveillance programmes

➤ Domestic pigs:

- Passive surveillance: all suspect cases; all dead pigs (especially backyards);
Enhanced passive surveillance (first two dead pigs weekly in commercial farms)
- Active surveillance: Not recommended

➤ Wild boars

- Passive surveillance (all suspect cases; all found dead carcasses; road kills)
- Active surveillance: Not recommended for early detection – can be useful for in endemic areas and epidemiological investigation

ASF and CSF surveillance – the main common points

ASF

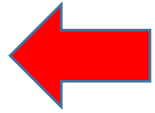
CSF

Target population

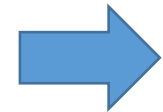
- Organization matters and implementation
- Animal registration and identification system
 - Animal movement control / traceability
- Biosecurity requirements for pig farms and control on implementation
 - Biosecurity at hunting grounds
- Passive surveillance in domestic pigs and wild boar
 - Trainings and awareness campaigns
 - Analysis of the program results

ASF and CSF surveillance – the main distinct points

ASF



- Objectives of the programme
- Measures to reach the objective



CSF

Workshop in Podgorica



Surveillance programmes

The ADEWB II Project Team may confirm that a common understanding was reached, particularly on the objectives and scope of the ASF and CSF surveillance programmes

Surveillance programmes

- Visits by veterinarians to pig farms will continue to be utilized in some countries with focus on:
 - Enhance awareness of farmers,
 - Improve biosecurity,
 - Enforce ban for swill feeding and
 - Improve IR and traceability of animal movements

Regional cooperation

- **Western Balkan CVO Forum** established and supported to add additional elements to the informal communication and cooperation, such as policy, protocols and conventionality





Thank you for your attention

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