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**Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in Europe**  
**(SGE ASF-24)**

**Biosecurity, particularly in backyard farms in the control of African Swine Fever**

**Draft AGENDA**

**3-4 April 2025**

**Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**Venue: Meeting room at the Hotel [Courtyard by Marriot](#)**

Chair: President of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee (Bernard Van Goethem)

From 9:00

**Day 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2025**

Time	Session	Speaker
9.00 - 9.15	Welcoming remarks	Dr Budimir Plavsic (SGE Secretariat) Dr Bernard Van Goethem (GF-TADs President, SGE-ASF Chair) Dr. Saša Bošković, CVO/Delegate of Bosnia and Herzegovina FAO – (Recorded welcome)
9.15 - 9.20	Introduction of agenda and summary of previous SGE meeting	Dr Bernard Van Goethem (GF-TADs President, SGE-ASF Chair)
9.20 - 9.35	Global ASF activities, update on Biosecurity Chapter development in TAHC	Gregorio Torres, Head of Science Department, WOAHA
9.35 - 9.50	FAO global initiatives on ASF, namely the Progressive Management Pathway for Terrestrial Animal Biosecurity (PMP-TAB) and FAO VLC courses on ASF prevention,	Andriy Rozstalnyy, FAO, by ZOOM

	detection and control in resource-limited settings	
9.50 - 10.05	ASF situation in Southeast Asia and the Philippines, with focus on biosecurity particularly in backyard farms	Dr. Janice Garcia, WOA National Focal Point for Communication on behalf of the WOA Delegate and CVO, Philippines, by ZOOM
10.05 - 10.25	FAO activities in the Balkans with a focus on Community ASF Biosecurity Interventions (CABI)	Mark Hovari, FAO
10.25 - 10.40	ASF epidemiological situation in the EU	Simona Forcella, European Commission
10.40 - 10.50	<b>Discussion</b>	
10.50 - 11.10	<i>Break</i>	
Country presentations – first block		
11.10 - 12.30	First block of members (8 in total, with 10 minutes each)	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo*, Serbia, North Macedonia, Albania, Croatia.</b>
12.30 - 12.50	Twinning project “EU support to capacity building and gradual Union acquis alignment in the veterinary sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina”	Univ. Prof. Dr. Friedrich Schmoll, ECPHM Leitung des Geschäftsfelds Tiergesundheit Institut für veterinärmedizinische Untersuchungen AGES, Austria
12.50 - 13.00	Family photo	
13.00 - 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
Country presentations – second block		
14.00 - 15.00	Second block of members (5 in total, with 5-10 minutes each)	<b>Bulgaria, Romania, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary</b>
15.00 - 15.20	Regional ASF project funded by Italy, plans and activities	Dr. Francesco Feliziani, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale, Italy
15.20 - 15.40	Laboratory biosecurity: GLP in IZS <b>Umbria and Marche</b>	Dr. Carmen Iscaro, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale, Italy
15.40 - 16.00	<i>Break</i>	
16.00 - 16.20	Presentation of System for biosecurity assessment - Bio-check	Prof. Jeroen Dewulf Ghent University, Belgium
16.20 - 16.40	WOAH training system and the eModules catalogue	Hana Abdelsattar, Capacity Building Department, WOA, by ZOOM

16.40 - 16.50	Discussion and conclusion of Day 1	
End of first day		
	<i>Dinner</i>	

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#### Day 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

Schedule	Topics	Speakers
Country presentations – third block		
9.15 - 10.45	Country presentations - third block of countries – 8 countries with 10 minutes each	<b>Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine, Moldova, Russia</b>
10.45 - 11.05	<i>Break</i>	
11.05 - 11.20	Good Experience on biosecurity	Dr Klaus Depner, FLI
11.20 - 11.35	Good Experience on biosecurity	Dr Marius Masiulis, ASF Expert, Lithuania
11.35 - 11.45	Discussion and questions	
11.45 - 12.15	Conclusions and recommendations	
12.15 - 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
Departure		

The list of SGE ASF members is as follows: Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo\*, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine.

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