



### **GF-TADs for Europe**

Steering Committee meeting

**EU CSF Projects:** 

**Progress report** 

AFSCA - Brussels - January 8-9, 2013



#### **Classical Swine Fever**

#### History in the EU

- By 1990: all MS stopped vaccination of domestic pigs
- 1997-1998: Costly epidemic in 5 MS: BE, NL, DE, IT and ES
- Since 2000:
  - most MS became free,
  - sporadic outbreaks usually originating from wild boar



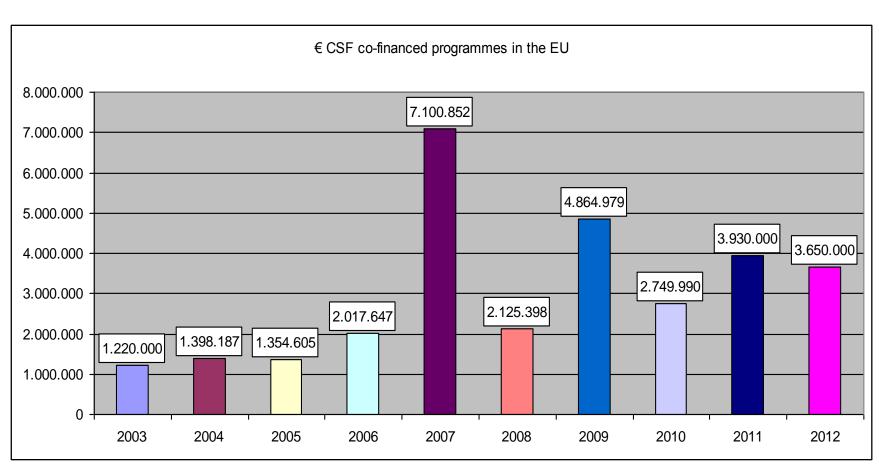
#### **Classical Swine Fever**

## EU funding support to Member States on Classical Swine Fever

- 1. Annual programmes (disease present or high risk of occurrence)
  - a) Surveillance (sampling and testing)
  - b) Oral vaccination of wild boar (currently LV & BG)
  - c) Vaccination of domestic pigs (last in RO in 2008)
- 2. Emergency support
  - Compensation for animals, products, destruction, disinfection, emergency vaccination etc.



#### **EU- Expenditure CSF programmes**





Reported CSF outbreaks in the EU in 2012





Reported CSF outbreaks in the EU in 2013 (by Sept.)





#### Transboundary cooperation on CSF

- Cooperation with Belarus on oral vaccination of wild boars recently established
- Funding modalities similar to the ones for rabies vaccination buffer zones

Contacts with the RF to establish similar cooperation in infected border areas (Pskov region)



# **CSF projects in the Western Balkans**



# Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance 2008-2013 (IPA)

#### **Relevant components:**

- support for transition and institution-building;
- II. cross-border cooperation

#### Funds allocated to animal disease projects:

- Component I: € 94.8 million for Rabies & CSF (5 years)
- Component II: Regional project € 1 m (2 years)

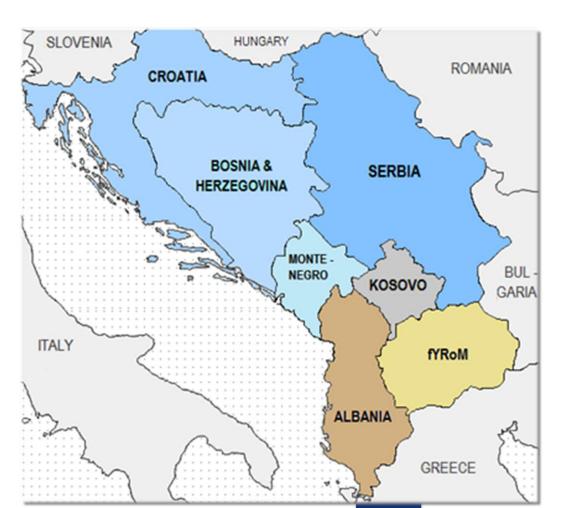


# IPA Component I: → 7 National projects

- Multi-annual
- Management: EC & Beneficiaries
- Eradication activities (mainly for rabies)
- Technical Assistance: in certain beneficiary countries



#### **Beneficiary countries**





Albania (AL)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
Croatia (HR)
FYROM
Kosovo (UNSCR 1244) (KS)
Montenegro (ME)
Serbia (RS)



#### **WB Regional Project: Objectives**

#### To improve:

- The epidemiological situation as regards rabies and CSF;
- regional and international <u>cooperation</u> between veterinary services;
- <u>performance</u> of veterinary services as regards the <u>implementation</u> of animal health programmes.
- <u>cross-border cooperation</u> within the Western Balkans and EU neighbouring countries
- <u>harmonisation and coordination</u> of eradication and control activities at a regional level



#### **WB Regional Project: scope**

Primary focus on 2 major transboundary diseases:

- Rabies
- Classical Swine Fever (CSF)

Complementary benefits to disease control and eradication systems in general



#### **WB Regional Project: Outputs**

#### Activities

- 1. Expert visits: baseline report
- 2. Annual regional workshops
- 3. Country stakeholder meetings
- 4. Training on cross-border epidemiology
- 5. Guidelines on outbreak preparedness
- 6. Classical swine fever simulation exercises
- 7. Laboratory networking



#### **CSF:** state of play in the WB

Latest reported outbreak per country:

<ul> <li>Albania</li> </ul>	2007
<ul> <li>Bosnia&amp;Herzegovina</li> </ul>	2007
<ul> <li>Croatia</li> </ul>	2008
<ul> <li>Kosovo</li> </ul>	2006
<ul> <li>FYR Macedonia</li> </ul>	2008
<ul> <li>Montenegro</li> </ul>	2007
<ul> <li>Serbia</li> </ul>	2010



#### **CSF:** state of play in the WB

- Compulsory domestic pig vaccination (HR stopped in 2005)
- Large backyard domestic pig population
- Contingency plans formally established in all beneficiary countries



#### CSF in wild boar in the WB

- Wild boars not vaccinated in any WB country
- Population densities are low
- Total population growing across the region
- There are areas with serological findings "CSF hotspots"?



#### Main CSF Challenges in the WB

- Biosecurity on small-medium sized breeding farms
- Farm categorisation
- Enforcement of segregation rules



## Future of EU projects CSF in the W. Balkans

- Multi-beneficiary project ended (September 2013)
- Efforts to re-launch
- Support will continue
  - Maintain regional AH network
  - Coordination of activities
  - Technical assistance
- Through TAIEX or other instruments



#### Thank you for your attention

