

Report from TAIEX seminar on ASF/CSF in Vilnius

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Workshop on Strengthening and Adaptation of the Preventive Measures to the Existing Risk of Classical and African Swine Fever Introduction into the EU



Venue:

Vilnius, Lithuania
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The audience

- Welcoming LT Prime minister, LT Minister of Agriculture
- Representatives of the OIE, FAO, European Commission
- Representatives (CVOs) of the EU and the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey.
- In total: 164 participants



Objectives of the workshop

 to review the current Classical and African Swine Fever situation in Europe

 to discuss possibilities to strengthen and adapt preventive measures to the existing risk of introduction of these animal diseases into the EU.



Workshop conclusions (1)

- Cooperation
 - transparency
 - trust
 - should be strengthened at both regional and subregional level
- Good functioning of veterinary services
 - need to be thoroughly prepared for crisis situations



Workshop conclusions (2)

- Application of preventive measures
 - ASF/CSF prevention and control: responsibility of governments/the lead of robust veterinary services
 - progressively modernizing the pig production
 - strengthening surveillance programmes
 - and etc.

Control measures

- suitable and updated contingency plans
- enhancing biosecurity
- measures to address wildlife
- vaccination programmes in endemic zones
- measures in coordination with neighbouring countries with possible joint programmes
- and etc.



Workshop conclusions (3)

Communication

- transparent, open and fast
- has to cover all sectors
- continuous professional training, seminars, simulation exercises
- and etc.

Promoting initiatives at international level

- establishing a regional network of laboratories
- using the existing regional platforms (for ex. OIE/FAO GF-TADs)
- cooperating with the European Commission
- and etc.



Workshop conclusions (4)

Resources

- contributions both at national and European Union level are required to prevent and eradicate certain animal diseases
- countries should consider the following other resources: TAIEX study tours, experts missions and workshops, and FAO/OIE CMC-AH and EU Veterinary Emergency Team missions
- and etc.

Conclusions:



Thank you for your attention Ačiū

