



Update on African swine fever situation in the EU

CDG (pig meat sector)
11 November 2019, Brussels

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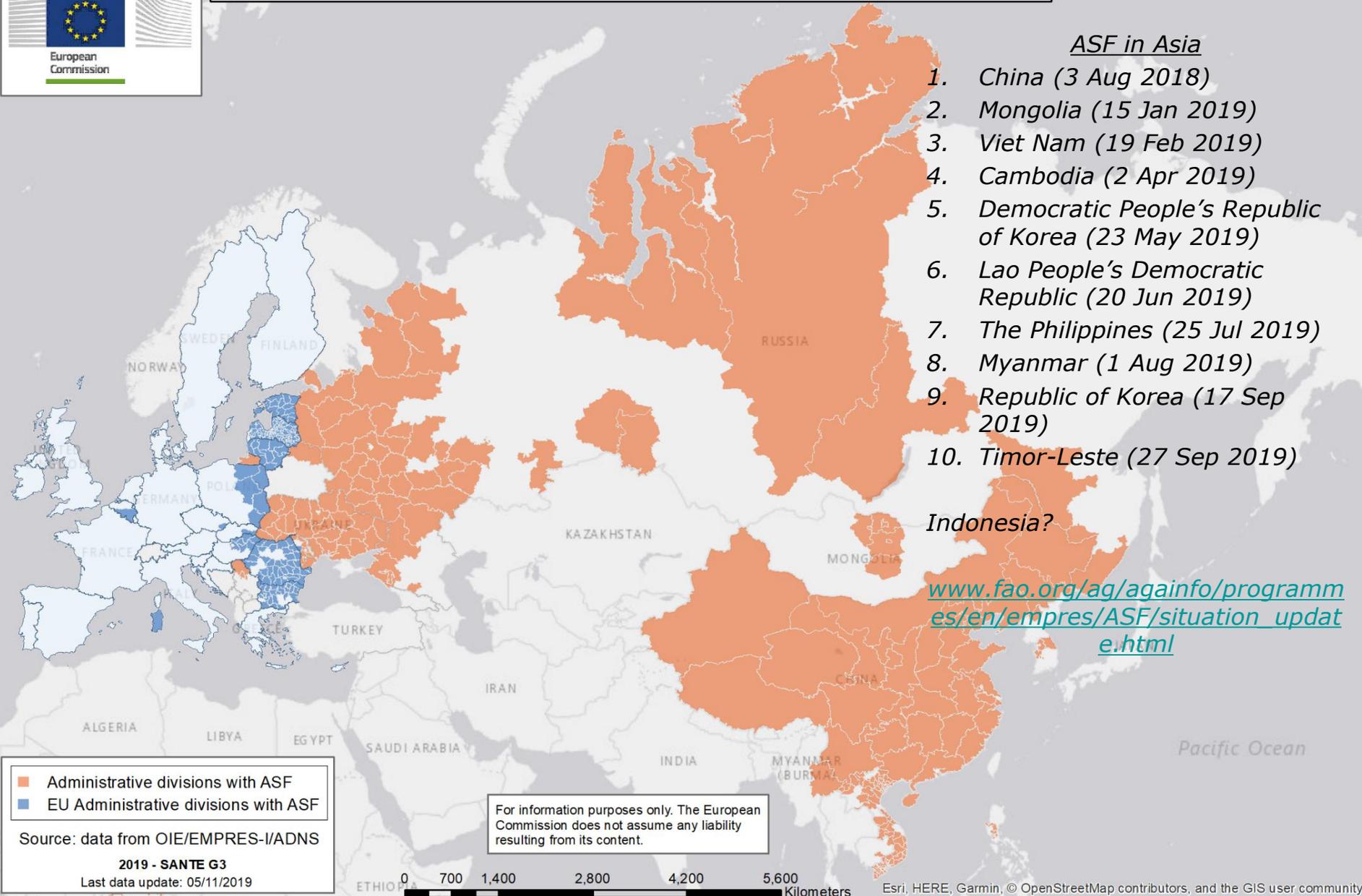


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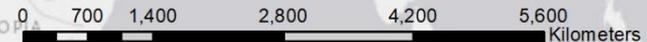
African Swine Fever by administrative divisions affected in the period 2014-2019

November 2019



■ Administrative divisions with ASF
■ EU Administrative divisions with ASF
 Source: data from OIE/EMPRES-I/ADNS
 2019 - SANTE G3
 Last data update: 05/11/2019

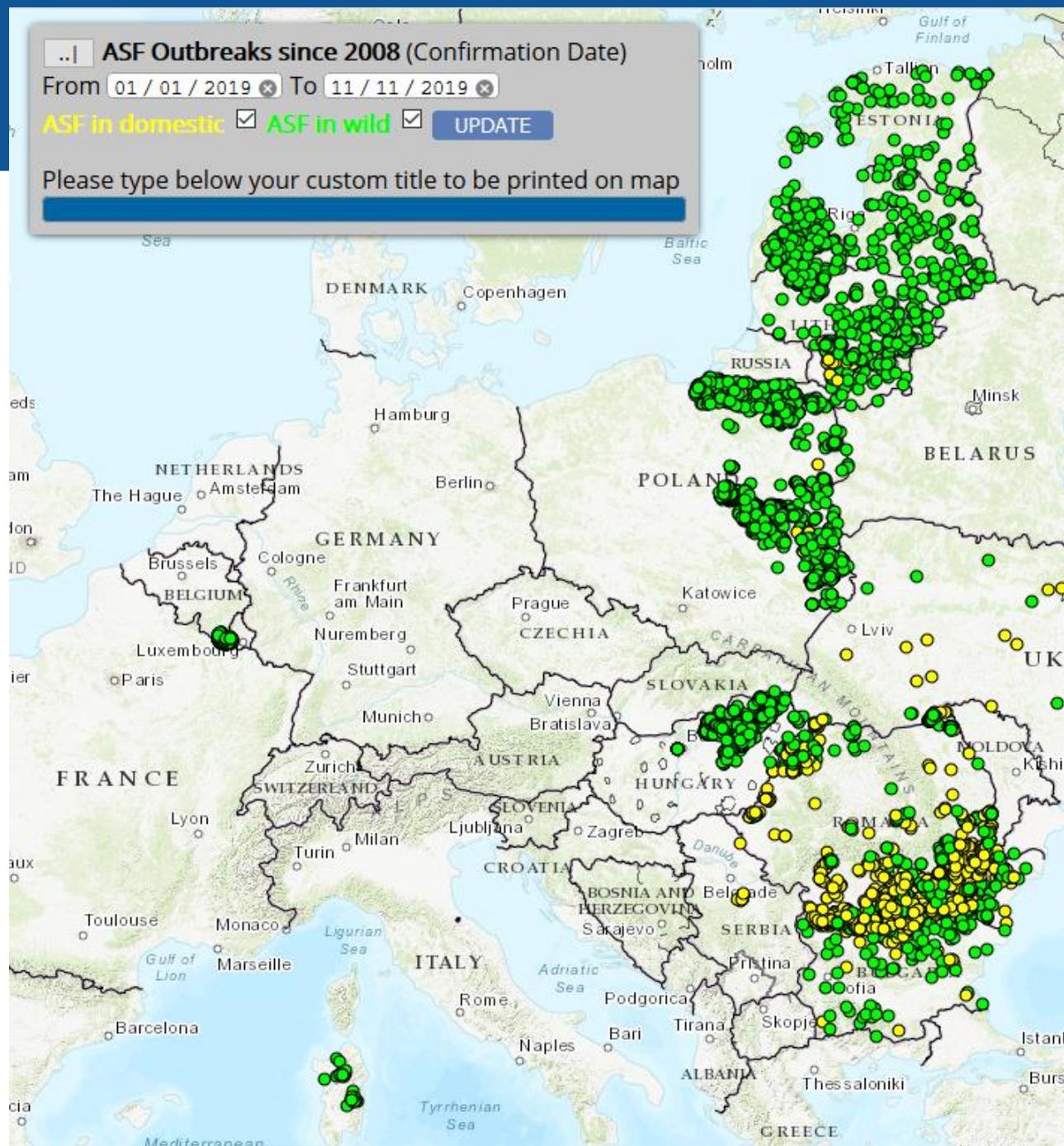
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ASF in the EU in 2019

- Estonia
- Latvia
- Poland
- Lithuania
- Belgium
- Slovakia
- Hungary
- Romania
- Bulgaria
- Sardinia(IT)

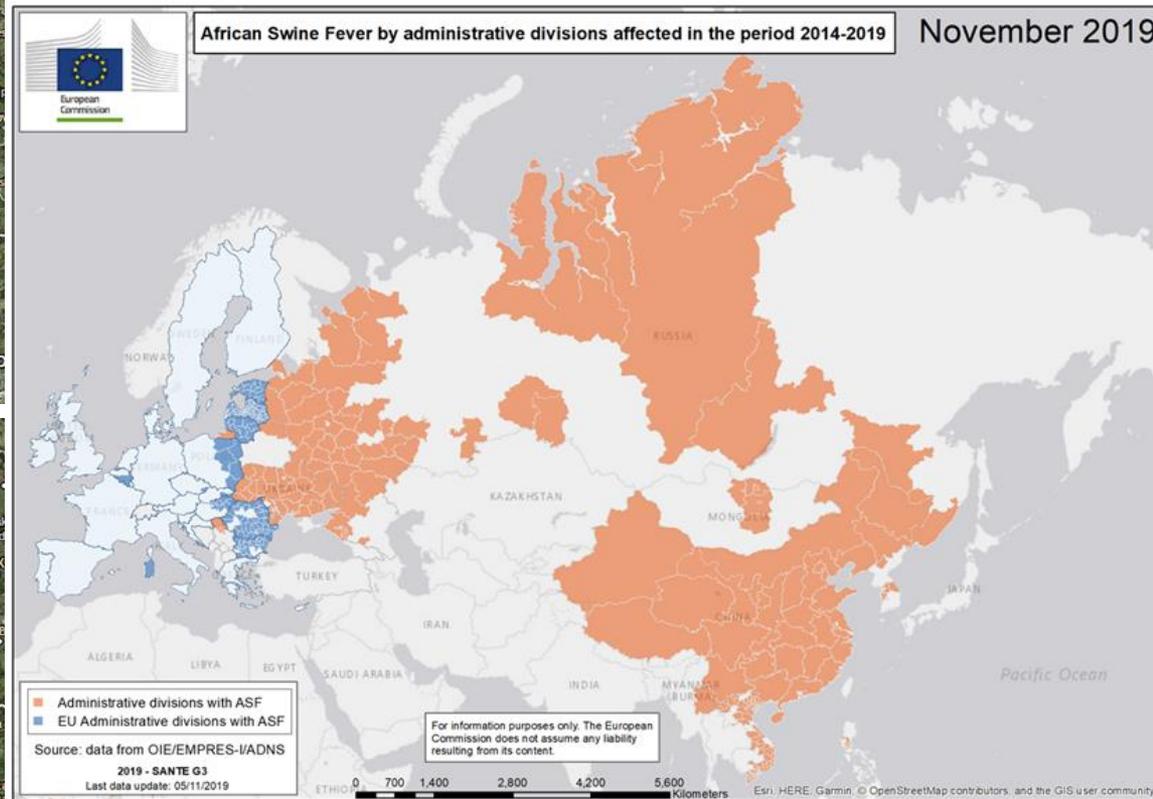
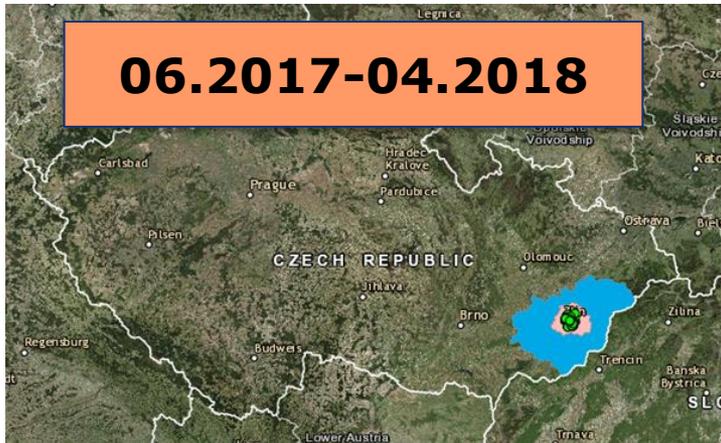
- Czechia – free from 02/2019



ADNS data – ASF in the EU 2018-2019

ADNS DATA up to 11/11/2019	notification of cases in Wild Boar in <u>2018</u>	Outbreaks in Domestic Pigs <u>2018</u>	notification of cases in Wild Boar in <u>2019</u>	Outbreaks in Domestic Pigs <u>2019</u>
POLAND	2443	109	1942	48
LITHUANIA	1446	51	421	19
LATVIA	685	10	304	1
ESTONIA	231	-	74	-
CZECHIA	28	-	-	-
ROMANIA	182	1163	565	1586
HUNGARY	138	-	1311	-
BULGARIA	5	1	89	41
BELGIUM	163	-	480	-
ITALY (Sardinia)	65	25	26	1
SLOVAKIA	-	-	16	11
TOTAL	5386	1359	5228	1707

The example of the Czech Republic



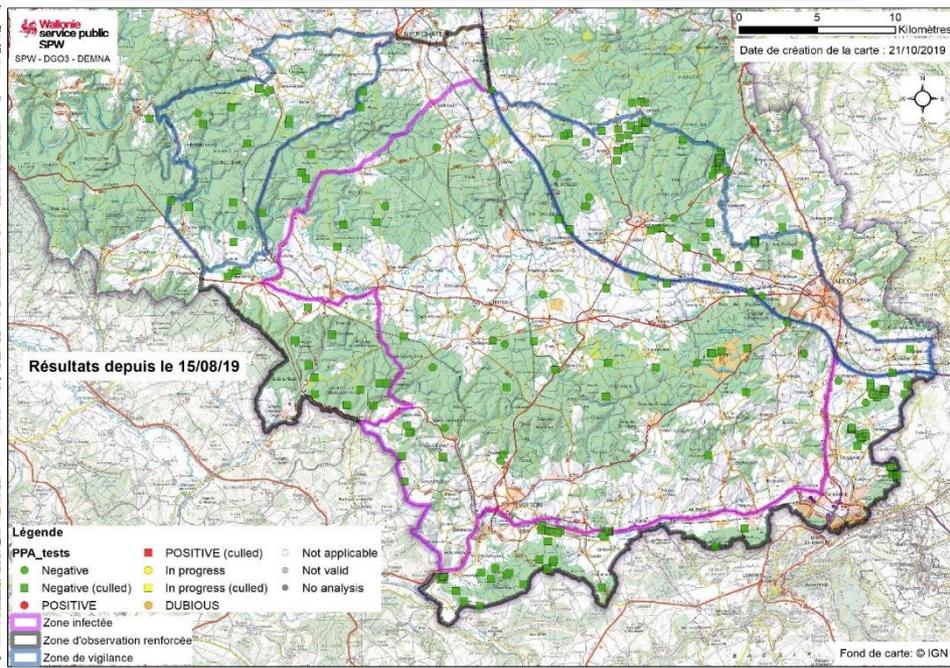
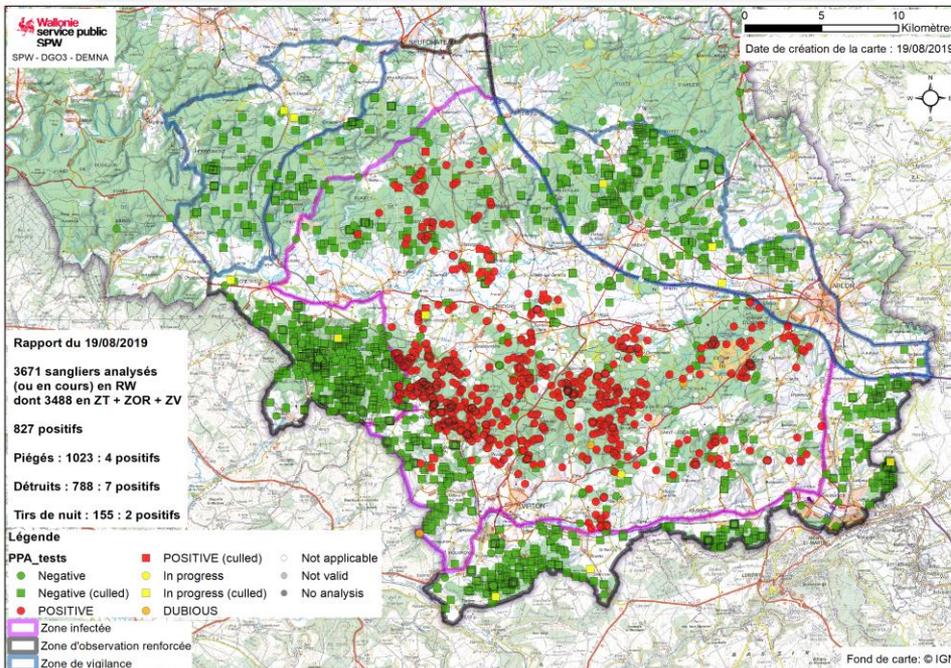


ASF in Belgium

since September 2018

09.2018-08.2019*

15.08.2019-11.2019*



- 2 ASF cases in July 2019
- 1 ASF case on 14 August 2019
- no outbreaks in pigs from the start

- close collaboration with neighboring countries
- efficient measures for the control of ASF are in place
- all concerned partners are actively involved

* Last case notified in ADNS – 28 October 2019 (concerns the remains (only bones) of a wild boar that has been dead for more than six months)

Main initiatives of the EU on ASF

- Preparedness
- Scientific advice
- Research
- Legislation
- Regionalization
- Border controls
- Audits
- Financial support
- Guidance to MSs
- Public awareness
- Urgent intervention
 - EUVET
- International cooperation
 - GFTADS

EASY STEPS FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER



-  **X DO NOT** leave food in areas accessible to wild boar
-  **ENSURE** leftover food is put in a secure container
-  **X DO NOT** bring meat or meat products into the EU, even for personal use
-  **PAY ATTENTION** to information on what can and what cannot be introduced when travelling
-  **X DO NOT** touch a dead or sick wild boar
-  **NOTIFY** competent authorities with any concerns

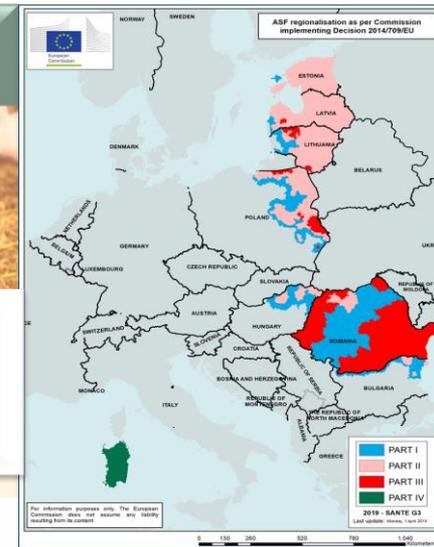


GF-TADS
GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



For more information consult ASF topic page and story map on EFSA website <https://goo.gl/oU3EdD>

European Commission | <https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/anim>



African swine fever: sharing best practices is critical to stop spread

Sharing best practices in fighting African swine fever is critical to halt the spread of the disease. These include early detection methods and rigorous emergency responses.

[View story](#) [View map](#)

African swine fever: sharing best practices is critical to stop spread

How to assess progress on reduction of antimicrobial resistance

Practices: how can risk assessors make better use of epidemiological data?

Eaten in food – EFSA confirms health concerns

KEEP ANIMAL DISEASES OUT OF THE EU

For more information visit the European Commission website



Origin may carry pathogens that cause animal diseases in animals.

Animal veterinary control is an introduction of origin into the EU.

EFSA confirms health concerns

Small questions for personal consumption from: Ireland, Lithuania, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland

EU Harmonized Veterinary Control System

Prevention

Biosecurity

Animal identification

Veterinary certification and movement control for intra-EU trade of livestock

Veterinary certification and border controls for animals and products imported.

Detection

Surveillance

Reference laboratories

Health monitoring in high risk areas

Animal Disease Notification System.

Control

Contingency planning

Animal Disease Notification System

Isolation of infected holdings

Eradication

EU support: Emergency team, vaccine banks, compensation, training.

Transparency

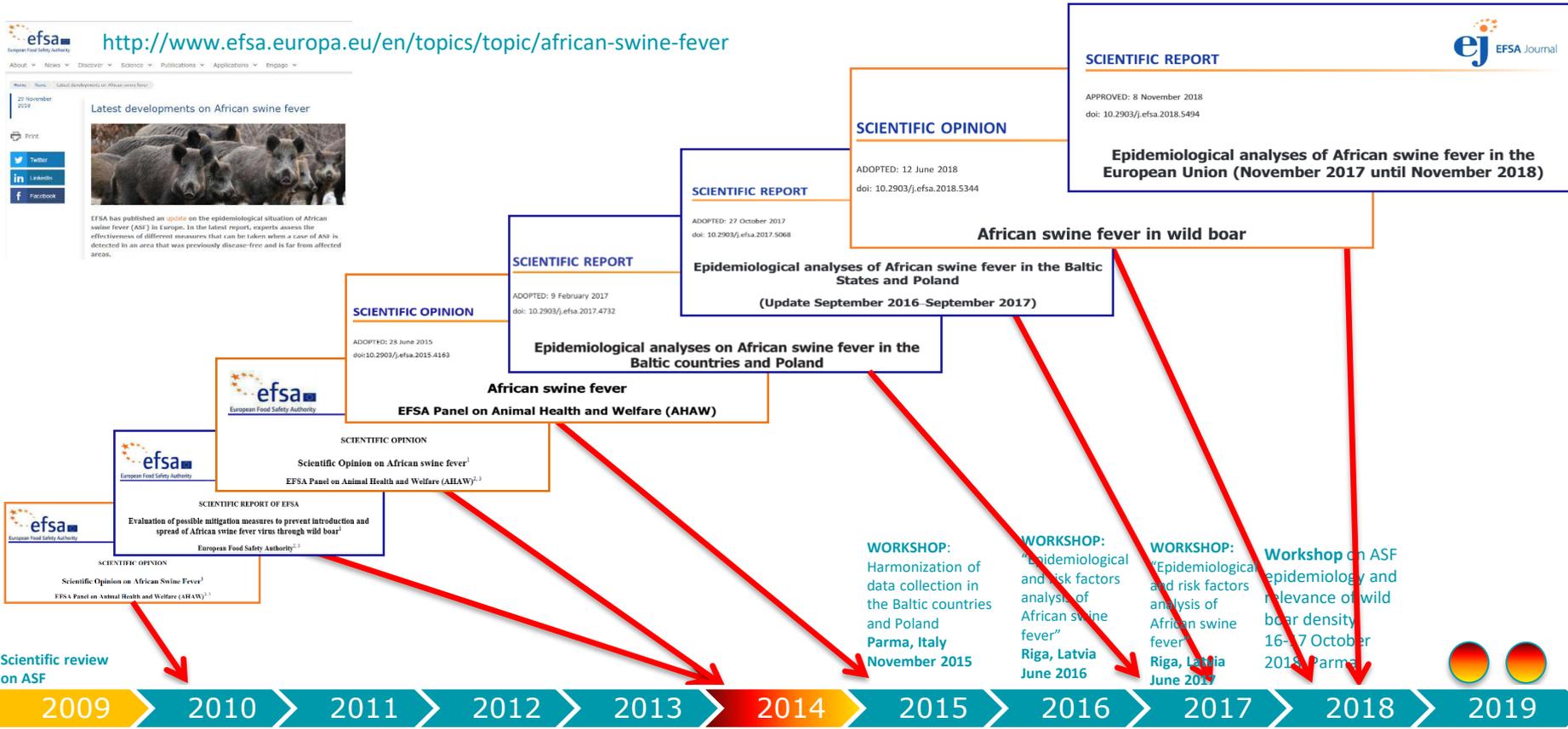
EU audits of Member State veterinary services

Public information systems (RASFF, ADNS)

Scientific consultations

Notification.

OVERVIEW OF EFSA'S ASSESSMENTS ON ASF



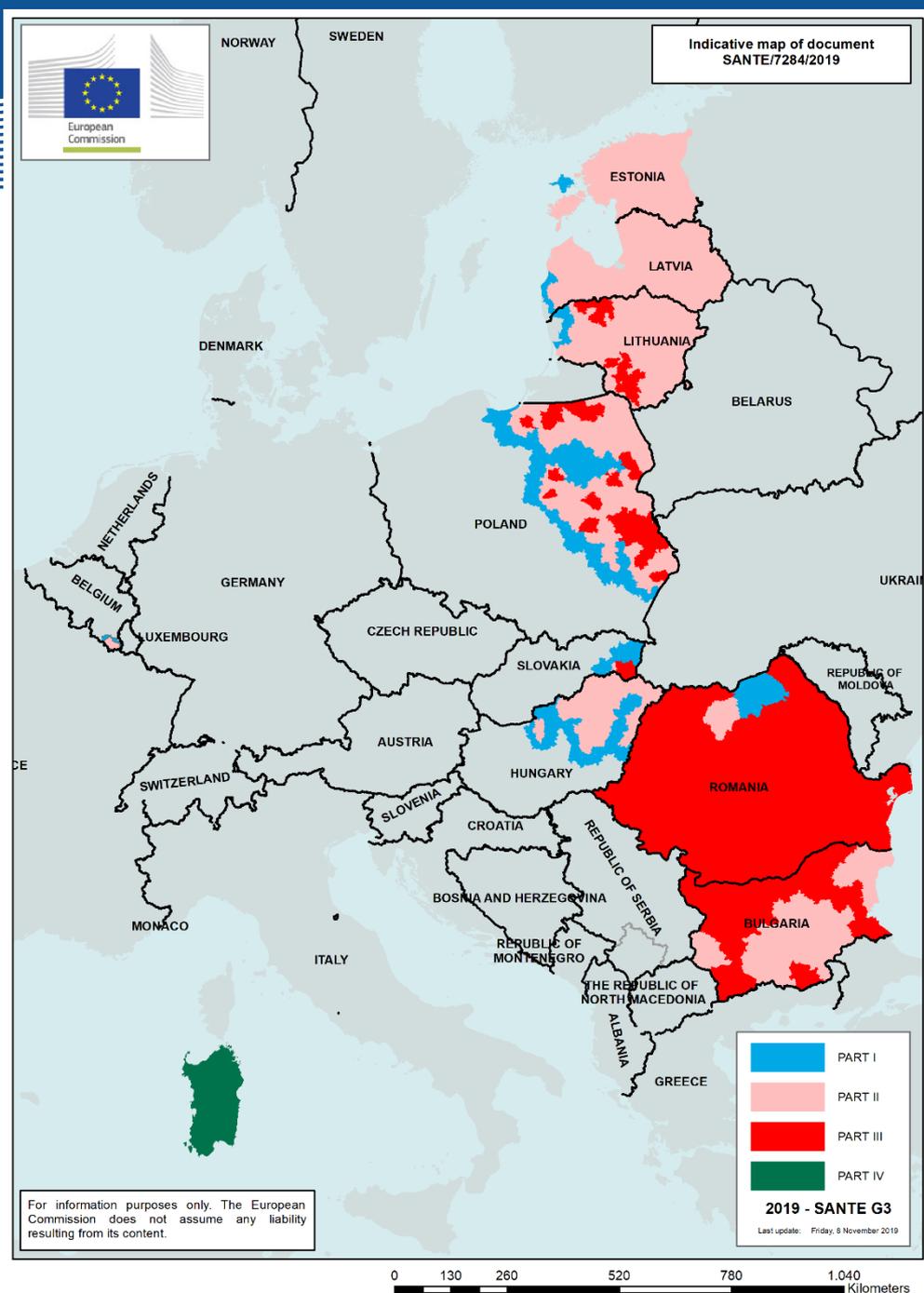
EFSA on **ASF** in 2019

- **Research gap analysis on African swine fever:**
 - published in the EFSA Journal on 27 August 2019
 - <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5811>
- **Risk assessment of African swine fever in the south-eastern countries of Europe:**
 - published in the EFSA Journal on 5 November 2019
 - <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5861>

EU ASF regionalisation/ zoning measures

Based on Decision 2014/709/EU

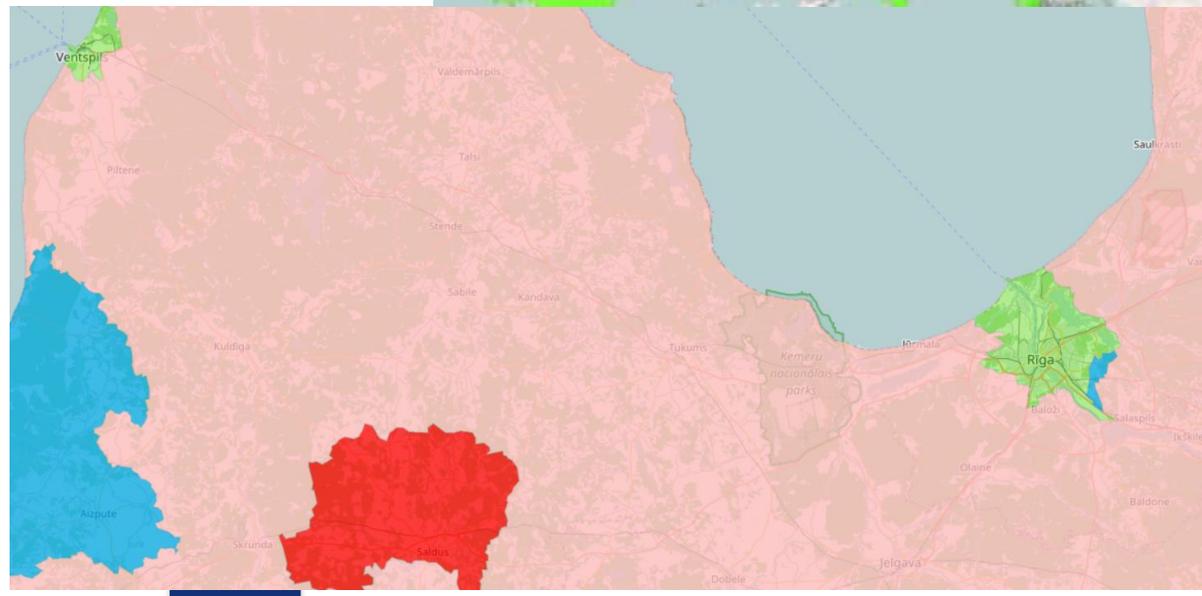
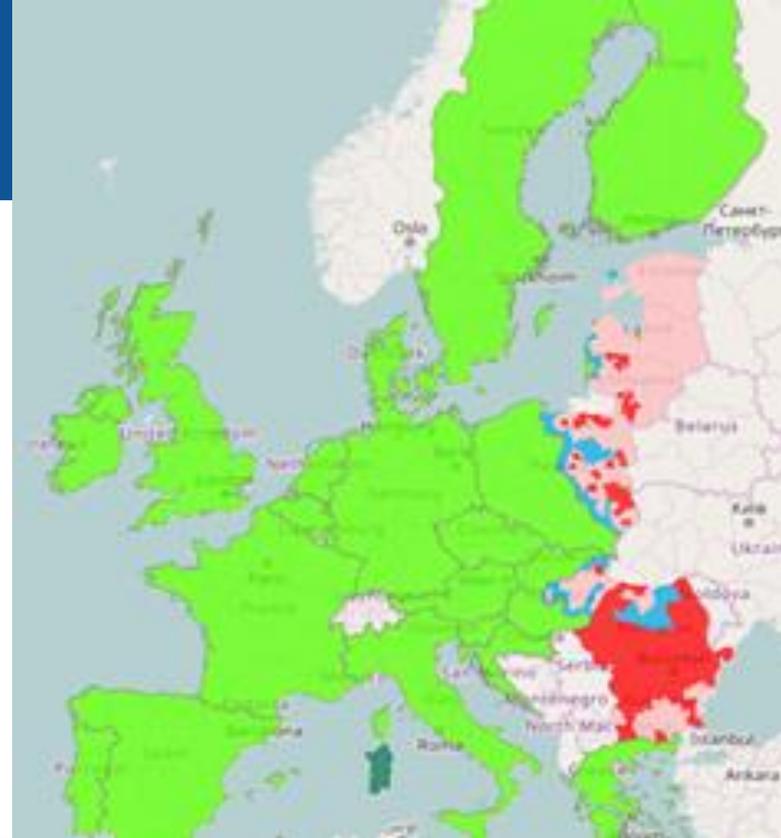
- Clearly defined roles for Member States and Commission
- Rapid flow of information
- Urgent adoption of emergency measures
- Agreed with Member States
- Immediately applicable
- Decisions published in the Official Journal of the European Union in 23 languages
- In line with OIE standard
- Recognised internationally (WTO)



Online interactive map of areas subject to regionalization measures for **ASF** in the EU

- Enhanced transparency
- Rapidly updated
- Allows:
 - Zoom
 - Measurements
 - Search

<https://eu-commission.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3db65168d4ad4d829a38560d7f868ace>



DG SANTE **Directorate F** on ASF

- **Eradication programmes**

- 14 audits since 2014
- 1 fact finding mission

- **ASF preparedness**

- 4 fact-finding missions (in non-affected MS) in 2018-2019

- **Audits on implementation of border controls against ASF:**

- 16 fact-finding missions to evaluate the implementation of measures at the borders to prevent the introduction into the EU of ASF in 2016-2017
- ongoing series of audits (11) to evaluate official import control systems in 2018-2019

- **Contingency plans**

- 9 audits in 2014-2016

Recent audits on ASF:

- ✓ Romania (17 – 25 October 2018)
- ✓ Lithuania (Jan-Feb 2019)
- ✓ Hungary (Mar-Apr 2019)
- ✓ Poland (May 2019)
- ✓ Bulgaria (September 2019)

EU Veterinary Emergency Team

EUVET: 2018-2019 missions on ASF

- Team of field experts
- To be **mobilised within 24h**
- Provide tailor made recommendations
- Field visits



Hungary	April 2018
Romania	June 2018
Romania	July 2018
Bulgaria*	August 2018
Bulgaria	September 2018
Belgium	September 2018
Belgium	October 2018
France*	October 2018
Belgium	January 2019
Romania	February 2019
Belgium	April & May 2019
Luxembourg*	May 2019
Bulgaria	July 2019
Serbia	August 2019
Slovakia	August 2019

* on ASF preparedness

EU international cooperation on ASF: **political involvement**

10 High level specific Ministerial meetings on ASF since 2015:

- Vilnius (LT) – 17/05/2015
- Tallinn (EE) – 26/02/2016
- Warsaw (PL) – 28/10/2016
- Riga (LV) – 02/06/2017
- Prague (CZ) – 08/11/2017
- Warsaw (PL) – 26/03/2018
- Brussels (BE) – 06/09/2018 (High level Conference on TADs)
- Brussels (BE) – 19/12/2018 (AGRI+ENV ministers)
- Bucharest (RO) – 10/06/2019 (High level Conference on TADs)
- Sofia (BG) – **10/09/2019 (High level Ministerial meeting for ASF coordination and preparedness in South-East Europe – in the context of the SGE ASF14 meeting)**





EU international cooperation: GF-TADs (FAO/OIE):

14 meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on ASF in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region since 2014:

- Bern (22/09/14) - **Kick-off**
- Minsk (1-2/12/14) - **Wild boar management**
- Tallinn (11-12/02/15) - **backyard holding management**
- Moscow (15-16/03/16) - **reviewing the outcome of the ASF filed visits**
- Lisbon (19/09/16) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
- Vilnius (28-29/11/16) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
- Paris (23/05/17) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
- Moldova (20-21/09/17) - **awareness and communication**
- Kiev (22-23/03/2018) - **cross border cooperation addressing (legal and) irregular movements of pigs and their products**
- Paris (22/05/18) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
- Warsaw (September 2018) - **ASF epidemiology in wild boar population and in the environment**
- Prague, SGE ASF12 (11-12 March 2019) - **building up on the Czech Republic experience in eradicating ASF in wild boar**
- Paris (29/5/19) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
- **Sofia (10-11/9/2019) – ASF outbreaks investigation and data collection**

12 Field visits by GFTADs experts in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, the Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria and Belgium.

Harmonised measures in the EU

- **EU Strategic approach to the management of ASF for the EU:**

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/ad_control-measures_asf_wrk-doc-sante-2015-7113.pdf

- **Principles and criteria for geographically defining ASF regionalization:**

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/ad_control-measures_asf_wrk-doc-sante-2015-7112.pdf



Next steps

- Continue supporting **scientific research** in the EU and globally (e.g. research gaps, vaccine)
- Updated **risk assessment** by EFSA
- Manage and review the **EU measures** for ASF
- Maintain **highest political involvement** (Ministerial meetings)
- Dialogue and coordinated efforts with **third countries** (bilaterally and GFTADs) and all **stakeholders**
- **Financial support**
 - The total allocation to MS for ASF for the period 2013-2019 is EUR **131.2 million.**
- **Awareness** campaigns
- **Biosecurity** is a key!
- **Cooperation at all levels!**