



# **Overview of ASF situation in EU**

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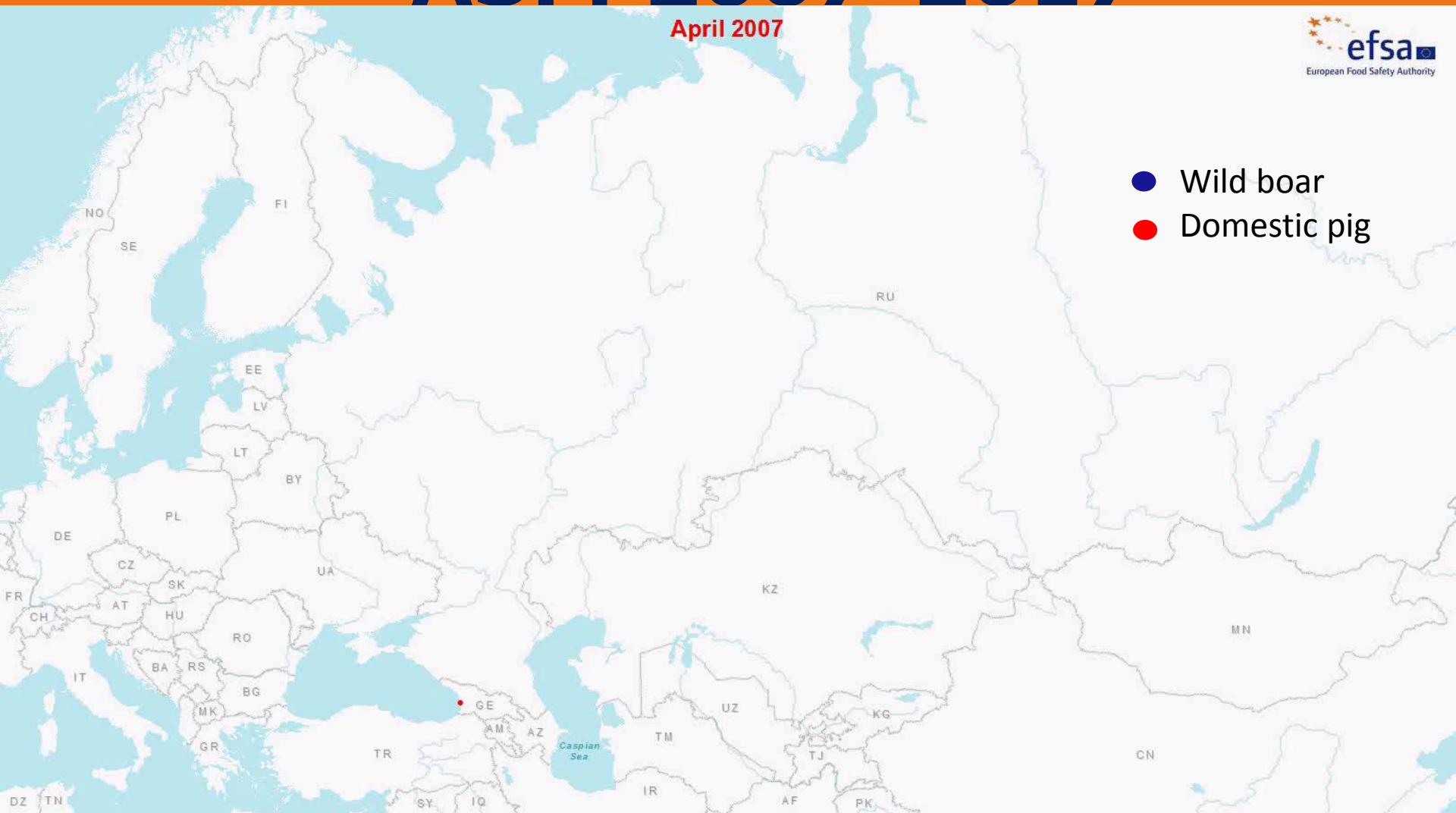
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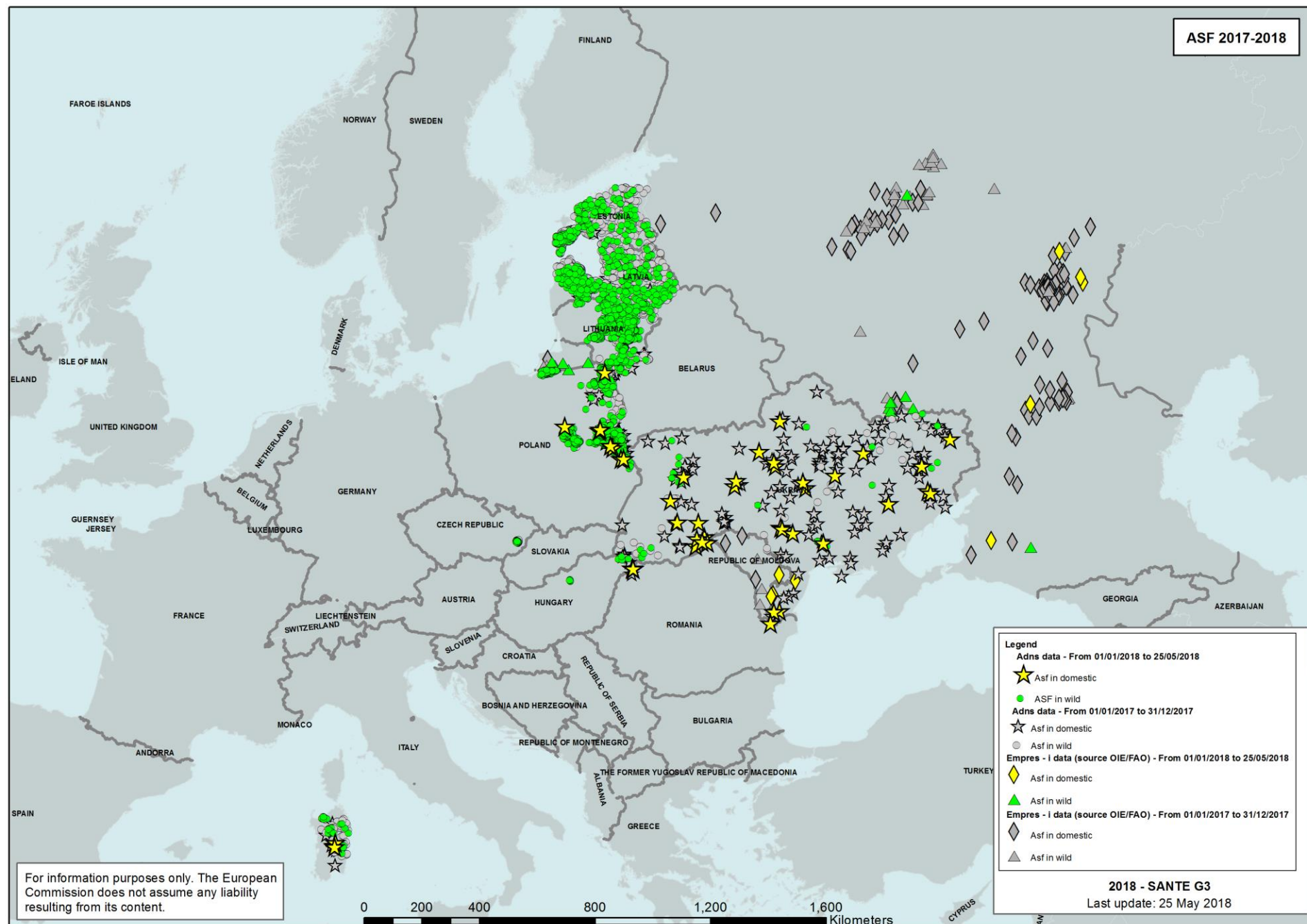
- **General situation of ASF in EU**
- **Key principles of regionalisation in the EU**
- **Initiatives of the EC**
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# ASF: 2007-2017

April 2007

- Wild boar
- Domestic pig



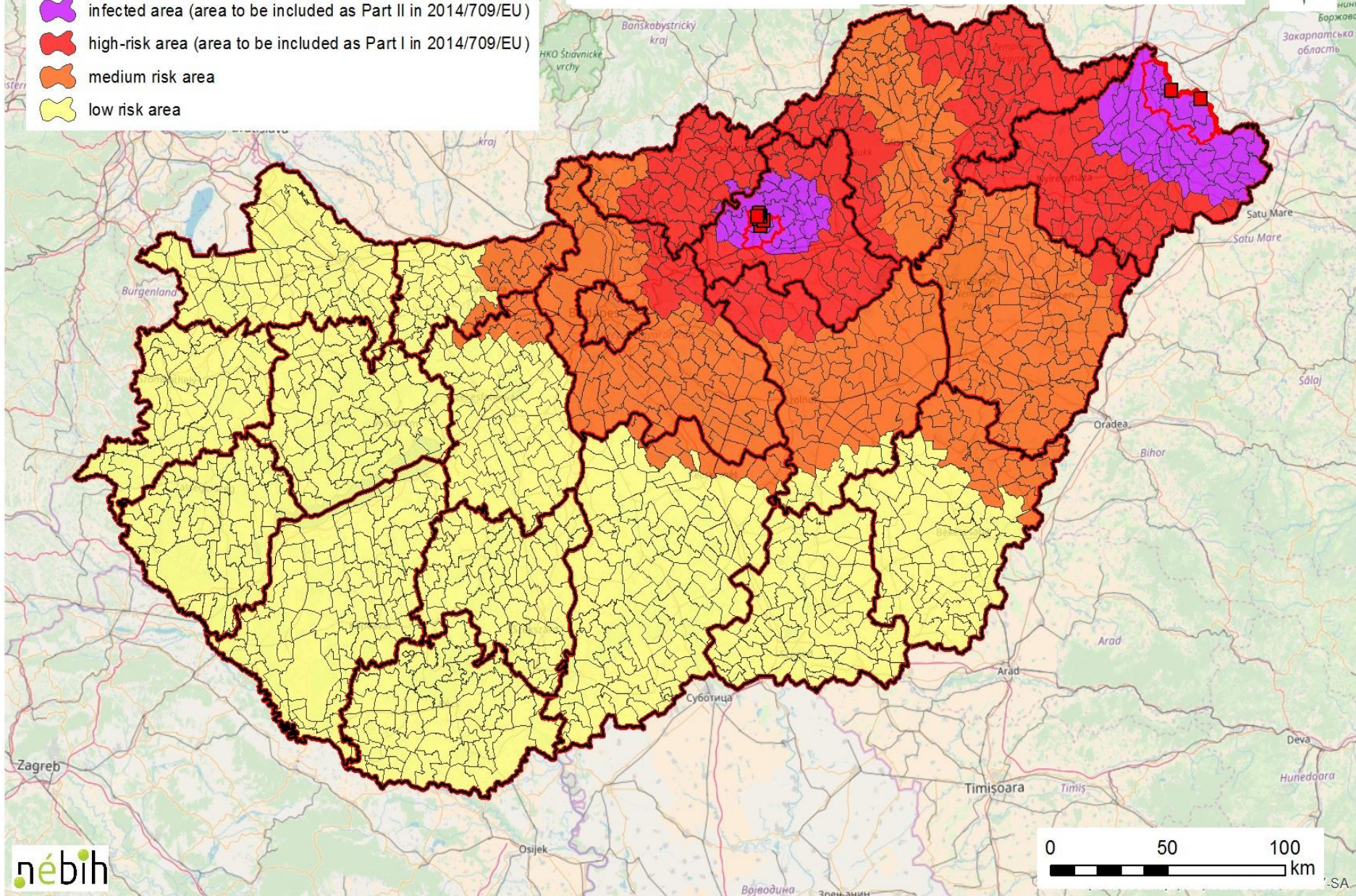




# ASF in Hungary from 21.04.2018



- case in wild boar
- ⬭ exceptionally controlled area
- infected area (area to be included as Part II in 2014/709/EU)
- high-risk area (area to be included as Part I in 2014/709/EU)
- medium risk area
- low risk area





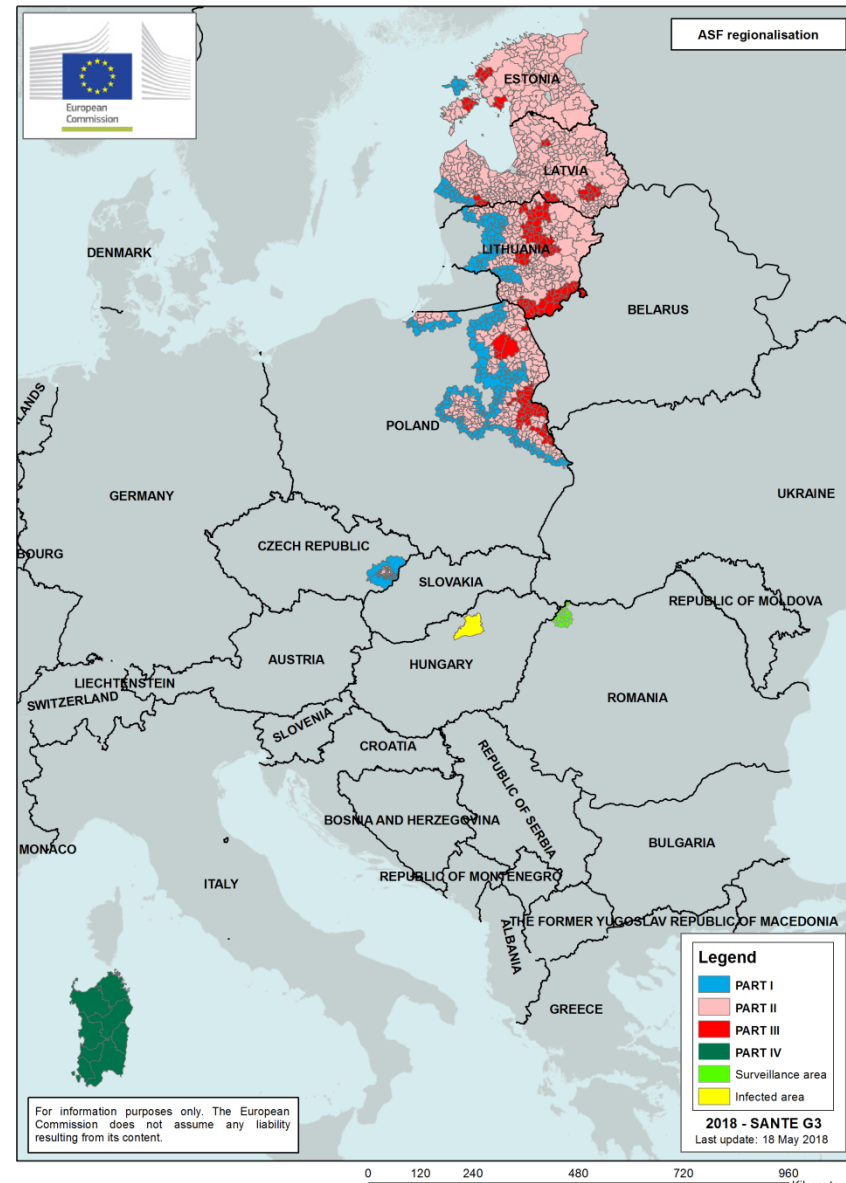


## **Summary of the ASF epidemiological situation in 2017 – 2018 (up to 28/05/2018):**

<b>ADNS DATA up to 25/05/2018</b>	<b>notification of cases in Wild Boar in 2017</b>	<b>Outbreaks in Domestic Pigs 2017</b>	<b>notification of cases in Wild Boar in 2018</b>	<b>Outbreaks in Domestic Pigs 2018</b>
CZECH REPUBLIC	202	0	28	0
ESTONIA	637	3	156	0
HUNGARY	0	0	8	0
LATVIA	947	8	331	0
LITHUANIA	1328	30	918	0
POLAND	741	81	1286	8
ROMANIA	0	2	0	3

# Review of EU ASF strategy and regionalisation measures

- Adaptation to the **evolution** of the disease (constant process)
- Learning from **experience** and **science**
- **Simplification** of the current set of measures
- **Balance** between suitability of measures and risk mitigation
- Alignment with **OIE**



# Ban of wild boar trade

- Currently, there are no requirements/certificate for the trade of live wild boar, caught in a wild and destined for hunting grounds. **Therefore such trade shall not take place.**
- The **trade of former feral pigs from the holding is possible only in accordance of Dir. 64/432**
- In all cases, for the purpose of the intra-EU trade, the wild boar (the former feral pigs) must be kept in the **holding of origin and destination for 30 days (resident period on the holding)**
- Exemption: specimens of swine (for ex. - *Potamochoerus spp.*, *Phacochoerus spp.*, *Babirusa spp.*) in accordance with Dir. 92/65 for the purposes of:
  - display of the animals and education of the public;
  - conservation of the species;
  - basic or applied scientific research or breeding of animals for the purposes of such research
- New Decision will be adopted at the beginning of June 2018, banning the trade of wild boar in the EU





# Regionalisation is a transparent system!

- 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

# Regionalization in the EU

- Regionalization is applied in the EU in line with OIE and as an integral element of the EU comprehensive strategy aimed at:
  - **ensuring the best possible disease control**
  - **minimize the negative impact** of disease outbreaks on the EU single market (intra-EU trade) and on exports, without lowering the level of safety of the commodities that are traded/exported (SPS agreement principles)

# Main ASF law requirements in the EU

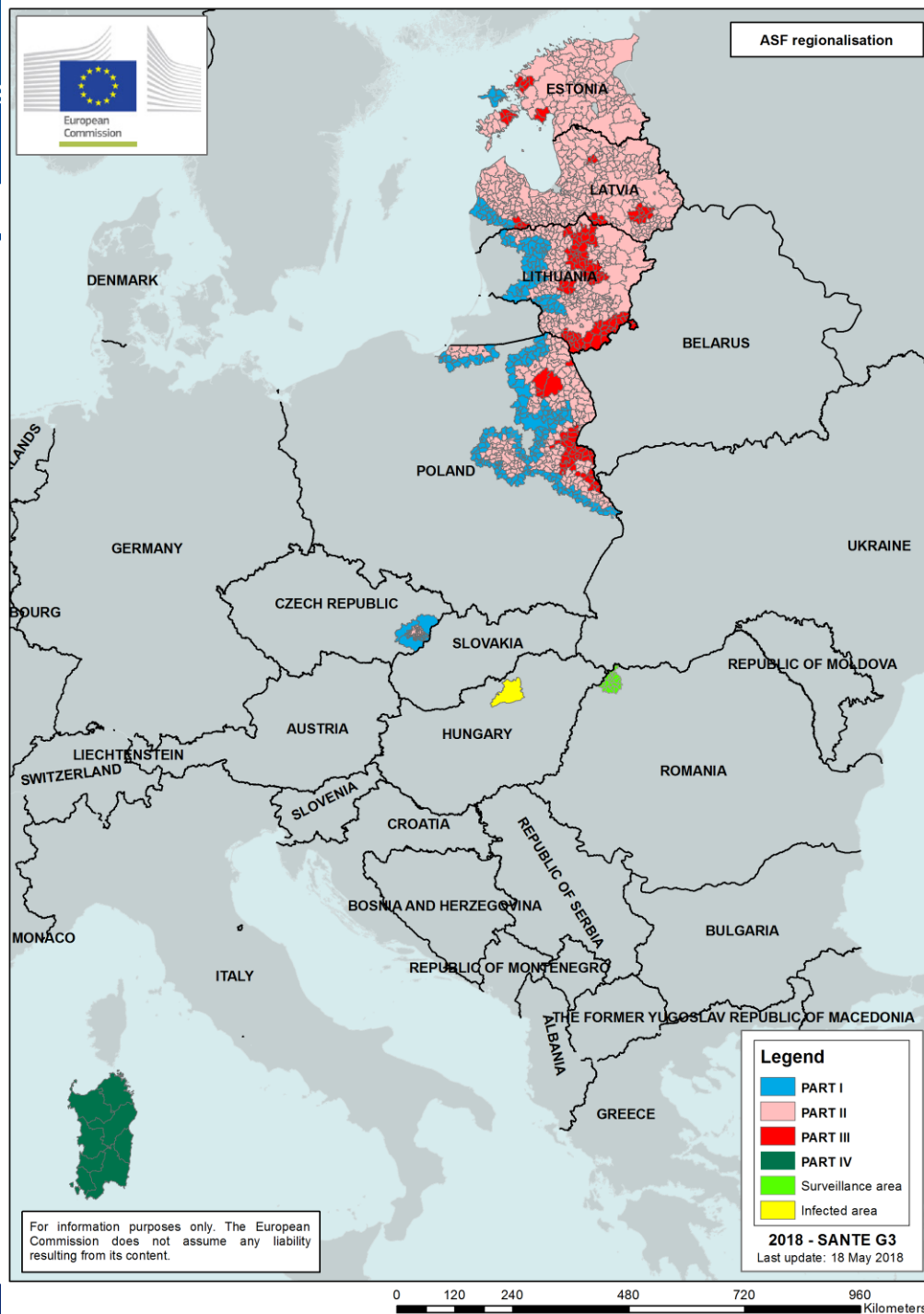
- ✓ **Council Directive 2002/60/EC:** *which lays down specific provisions for the control of ASF (including those on contingency plans, lab requirements)*
- ✓ **Commission Decision 2003/422/EC:** *diagnostic manual for ASF*
- ✓ **Commission Decision 2013/426/EU:** *on measures to prevent the introduction of ASF from certain third countries*
- ✓ **Commission Decision 2014/709/EU:** *concerning animal health protection measures against ASF in certain Member States*

# Regionalisation for ASF

Based on:

Commission Implementing  
Decision of 9 October 2014  
(2014/709/EU)

+ Implementing Decisions  
to address emergency  
situation in Romania and  
Hungary







# EU international cooperation:

## **GFTADs (FAO/OIE):**

- **10 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**
- **10 Field visits by GFTADs experts in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, the Czech Republic and Romania.**



# **EU international cooperation on ASF: Ministerial meetings**

- **6 High level Ministerial meetings on ASF:**
  - Vilnius – 17/05/15
  - Tallinn – 26/02/16
  - Warsaw – 28/10/16
  - Riga – 02/06/17
  - Prague – 08/11/17
  - Warsaw – 26/03/2018

# Public awareness (1)



**Keep animal diseases  
out of the  
European Union!**



**Travellers must surrender  
these products for official controls\***

Products of animal origin may  
carry pathogens that cause infectious diseases in animals

There are strict procedures and veterinary controls on  
the introduction of products of animal origin into the European Union

\*Other than those arriving with small quantities for personal consumption from:  
Andorra, the Faeroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland



**Diseases  
don't respect  
borders**



**If you bring in meat or dairy products from outside the EU,  
you risk importing animal diseases.**

**If you do not declare such items, you may be fined or  
face criminal prosecution.**

**These products will be seized and destroyed on arrival.**

You may bring in small quantities for personal consumption from:  
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## Public awareness (2)



### Pozor!

Státní veterinární správa a Ministerstvo zemědělství České republiky informují:

Od roku 2014 se v Evropě rozšiřuje vysoce nakažlivý africký mor prasat a ohrožuje milióny domácích i divokých prasat. Tato nemoc, která není pro lidi nebezpečná, se přenáší potravinami. Odhazujte proto, prosím, zbytky potravin pouze do uzavíratelných nádob na odpadky!

### Achtung!

Seit 2014 breitet sich die hochansteckende Afrikanische Schweinepest in Europa aus und bedroht Millionen Haus- und Wildschweine. Lebensmittel können diese, für den Menschen ungefährliche, Krankheit übertragen. Bitte werfen Sie daher Speisereste nur in verschlossene Müllbehälter!

### Внимание!

С 2014 года в Европе распространяется очень заразная африканская чума свиней, представляющая угрозу для миллионов домашних и диких свиней. Это не опасное для человека заболевание может передаваться через продукты питания. Поэтому просим Вас выбрасывать остатки пищи только в закрытые мусорные контейнеры!



[www.svscr.cz/africky-mor-prasat-amp](http://www.svscr.cz/africky-mor-prasat-amp)

### Warning!

Highly contagious African Swine Fever has been spreading through Europe since 2014 and is now a threat for millions of domestic pigs and wild boar. This disease, which is not dangerous for humans, can be transmitted by food. Please make sure that all leftover food is put in sealed waste containers!

### Uwaga!

Od roku 2014 na terenie Europy rozprzestrzenia się w wysokim stopniu zakaźna choroba – afrykański pomór świń – stanowiąc zagrożenie dla milionów sztuk hodowlanej trzody chlewnej oraz pogłowia dzików. Ta niebezpieczna choroba dla człowieka może być przenoszona także przez żywność. Dlatego prosimy wyrzucać resztki żywności wyłącznie do zamkniętych pojemników na śmieci i odpady!

### Atenție!

Din anul 2014 se răspândește în Europa pesta porcină africană extrem de contagioasă care amenință milioane de porci domestici și mistreți. Prin alimente se poate transmite această boală care pentru om nu este periculoasă. De aceea vă rugăm să aruncați resturile alimentare doar în recipiente de gunoi care pot fi închise!



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### Animal Health

#### African Swine Fever: Member States to reinforce awareness raising campaigns on the disease

Following discussions at ministerial level in Berlin on 20 January and at the AGRI Council on 29 January, Member States' experts endorsed – on 1 February – in the context of a Standing Committee a Commission's proposal to reinforce the communication on the risks linked to ASF as a crucial element to prevent the spreading of the disease. Communication actions – eligible for financial support by the Commission – will target passenger transport operators as well as postal services operators. In addition, in all Member States on the main international road networks travellers will have to be informed via public awareness campaigns on the risks related to ASF. At the AGRI Council on 29 January, Commissioner Andriukaitis had stressed the "crucial importance of the human factor" in the fight against ASF, and asked Member States to make sure that "the right message reaches the right target group – farmers, local communities, hunters, forestry workers, drivers".

The Decision on these awareness raising campaigns will be formally adopted by the Commission in the coming weeks.

For more information on ASF, see SANTE's [webpage](#)

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### Achtung!

Das Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft der Bundesrepublik Deutschland informiert:

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### Pozor!

Spolkové ministerstvo pro výživu a zemědělství Spolkové republiky Německo informuje:

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Информация Федерального министерства продовольствия и сельского хозяйства Федеративной Республики Германия:

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### Uwaga!

Federalne Ministerstwo Żywności i Rolnictwa Republiki Federalnej Niemiec informuje:

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[bmel.de/asp](http://bmel.de/asp)

- In addition to the existing possibilities  
- Harmonised messages in the Annex of the ASF Strategy



# Public awareness (3)

## TAIEX workshop on wildlife 8-9 March, Sofia



### CONTROL OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN THE EU The key role of hunters

**African swine fever (ASF) is a devastating, usually deadly, infectious disease of pigs and wild boar for which no vaccine exists.**

The **consequences** of the disease affect:

#### 1. Farms and the economy:

- the virus kills animals.
- economic losses for EU farmers are aggravated by disruption of international trade of animals and meat.
- economic losses for the hunters.

#### 2. Wildlife and hunting:

- because of the disease wild boar populations can decrease significantly or even disappear.
- hunting may be restricted or even banned in some infected areas (including collection of carcasses and trophies).

The pig sector is one of the most economically significant farming sectors in the EU.

It represents **8.5%** of the total output of the EU agricultural industry, the highest when compared to other meat sectors.

Pigmeat accounts for **50%** of total EU meat production.

Pigmeat is the **most exported** of all meat produced in the EU: it represents **62%** of EU total meat exports.

**Hunters can make the difference – for better or worse – as they may increase or reduce the spread of the disease.**



#### Disease transmission and spread

Transmission can happen through direct contact of healthy pigs or wild boar with infected (dead or sick) pigs or wild boar. However, humans and especially hunters – while not being affected by the disease – can help spreading it by:

- Any contact with infected animals and dead bodies (carcasses).
- Contact with anything contaminated by the virus (e.g. clothing, vehicles, other equipment).
- Feeding the animals with meat or meat products from infected animals (e.g. sausages or uncooked meat) or garbage containing infected meat (e.g. kitchen waste, swill feed, including offal).



# **Audits, fact finding missions and EU Veterinary Emergency Team (CVET)**

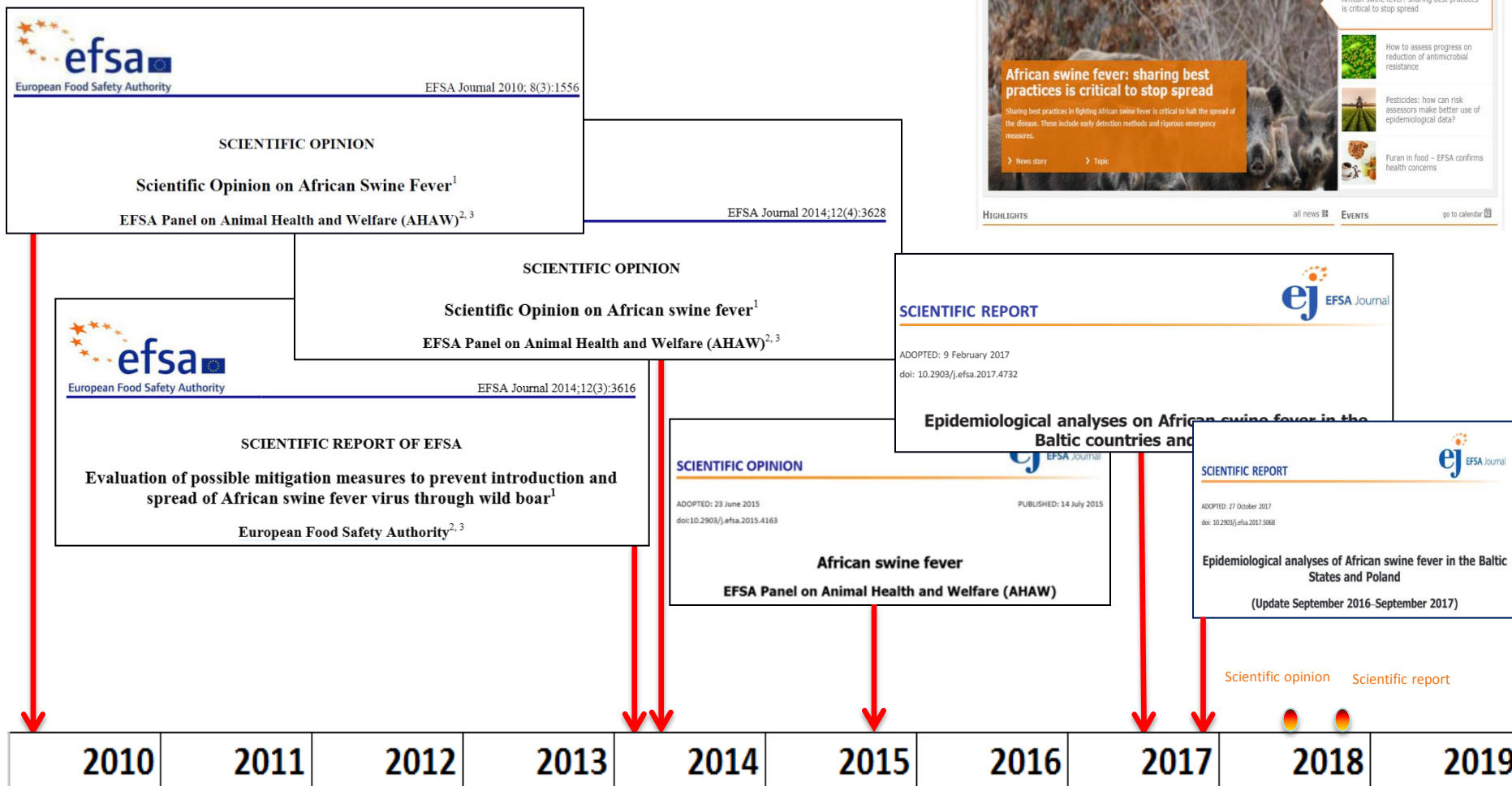
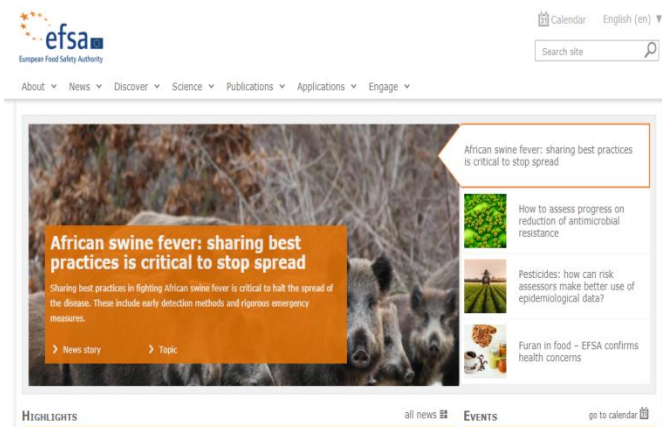
- CVET was deployed by the Commission on ASF **16 times between 2010 and 2017 within few days** from the disease confirmation in Ukraine, Lithuania, Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Romania, Moldova, Hungary and the Czech Republic.
- **32 missions since 2013 by Directorate F** on implementation of border controls against ASF, animal health preparedness and eradication etc.
- **CVET mission to Hungary – 24 April 2018.**



# SCIENCE

## OVERVIEW OF EFSA'S PAST ASSESSMENTS ON ASF

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/topics/topic/african-swine-fever>



## ASF – NEXT OUTPUTS (EFSA)

- ***Scientific opinion (July 2018):***
  - Wild boar density and threshold for ASF transmission
  - Wild boar depopulation methods
  - Fencing methods
  - Surveillance strategy
  
- ***Epidemiological assessment***
  - Autumn 2018







# SCIENCE

## Research: **Where are we?**

**Scientific evidence serve as basis for developing control and eradication strategies for ASF**

- No vaccine available in the short term
- multiple projects are ongoing on both national level or in cooperation between MS and also with third countries in projects supported by the EC or by the plans of MS.
- A regular adjustment of the EU strategy for eradication of ASF virus in parallel with publications of new research results is in place.

## Next steps (1)

- **Review of the current ASF legislation** (simplification, certain flexibility) - ongoing
- **Prohibition of dispatch of wild boar** to other MS and third countries (except local movement) – Commission Implementing Decision to be published in OJ in the beginning of June 2018
- **No derogation for the registration of 1 pig holding** – to be presented for a vote in PAFF 13-14 June 2018

## Next steps (2)

- **High peak of the disease in the summer!** – compulsory awareness campaigns for targeted groups
- **Coordinated actions** between farmers, hunters, other stakeholders and official services



# Thank you!

**CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN INITIATIVE TAKEN OR  
SUPPORTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/  
docs/ad-control\\_measures-asf-chronology\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/ad-control_measures-asf-chronology_en.pdf)