

Mission of the Community Veterinary Emergency Team to Hungary

SCOPE of the mission: Prevention and Control Measures for African Swine Fever

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Terms of Reference

- To provide scientific, technical, managerial and practical on-the-spot assistance for the development of the most suitable preventive and control measures for African Swine Fever under local conditions
- Especially as regards wildlife management, movement restrictions, border controls, surveillance, diagnostic capability and biosecurity



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Evaluation is based on Council Directive 2002/60/EC, Commission Decision 2003/422/EC, Commission Regulation 206/2009 Commission Implementing Decision 2015/1752



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Places visited

The Veterinary Diagnostics Directorate of the National Food Chain Safety Office in Budapest

Two Regional Veterinary and Food Safety Offices in Hajdu-Bihar and Szabolcs-Szatmar-Bereg county

Two large commercial pig farms

Two small non-commercial pig farms

Two hunting grounds

The National Reference Laboratory for ASF in Budapest



- Surveillance and Risk assessment
- Current surveillance plan is based on old CSF plans and mainly focused on active WB surveillance. Plan should be revised targeting both domestic pig and wild boar population to ensure early detection of ASF in risk areas.
- Scientifically based risk assessment based on OIE guidelines should be conducted focusing on
- risks of ASF virus introduction and spread
- best management options both for WB and domestic pigs



- Management, awareness, contingency plans
- Perfect time for fine-tuning contingency plan for ASF.
 Risk in having 19 separate plans for administrative districts.
- To introduce a legal obligation for reporting all dead pigs.
- To increase awareness and provide training for private veterinarians, non-commercial pig keepers, hunters, borderguards. To ensure routine inspections for non-commercial farms.



- To ensure close collaboration with customs and borderguard focusing on 100% of personal luggage for travellers from Ukraine.
- To have clear overview of current EU policy of zoning and communicate it to responsible political authorities.



Biosecurity

EU strategy for controlling ASF in EU eastern countries – EC Working Document SANTE/7113/2015 rev4 could be used to implement basic biosecurity requirements for commercial and non-commercial pig holdings.

Information campaigns for farmers, hunters on biosecurity.

Inspection program for verification in all types of farms should be implemented.



ASF National Reference Laboratory

- Appropriate facilities, qualified staff, validated ASF SOPs
- Preliminary sample preparation and inactivation to be performed at BSL3 facilities.
- For potential emergency ASF diagnostic tests could be implemented at Debrecen laboratory (having already equipment and staff)



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Thank you for your attention!