



Initiatives to increase awareness and biosecurity among farmers

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- Series of workshops in ASF-affected or at-risk Member-States
 - Romania (already held)
 - Poland (January 2019)
 - Germany (February 2019)
 - France (date tbc)
- Scope: best practices on biosecurity for farmers and other operators
- Structure
 - Local context and experience
 - European experience with the disease
 - EU-wide situation and strategy
 - Critical points for farmers and other operators



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- Very successful workshop in Bucharest, Romania
- The human factor (at wild boar or at farm level) is the most crucial
- Awareness and training are decisive for an efficient strategy
- Need for cooperation at every level
 - Between all stakeholders
 - Between EU MSs and EU institutions
 - Between neighboring third countries





Recommendations

Authorities

- EU-wide strategy for the wild boar population
 - Not only a problem regarding ASF
 - Crucial to prevent introductions, and later on to make the containment easier
- Better standardize minimum biosecurity levels at farm-level and in hunting infrastructures
- Inspections to evaluate both of them
- Awareness campaigns and signs in non-affected countries (international roads and parking areas are very important)
- Preparedness in non-affected countries
- Farmers, livestock traders, and transporters
 - Regular training and use of visual reminders to improve long-term compliance
 - Responsibility of the farmer in all activities and personnel inside the farm
 - All stakeholders should follow the rules and make sure the others do as well
 - There should be cooperation between all stakeholders and authorities





Thank you for your attention