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WOAH communicating on ASF awareness in Europe: contributing to stakeholder resilience

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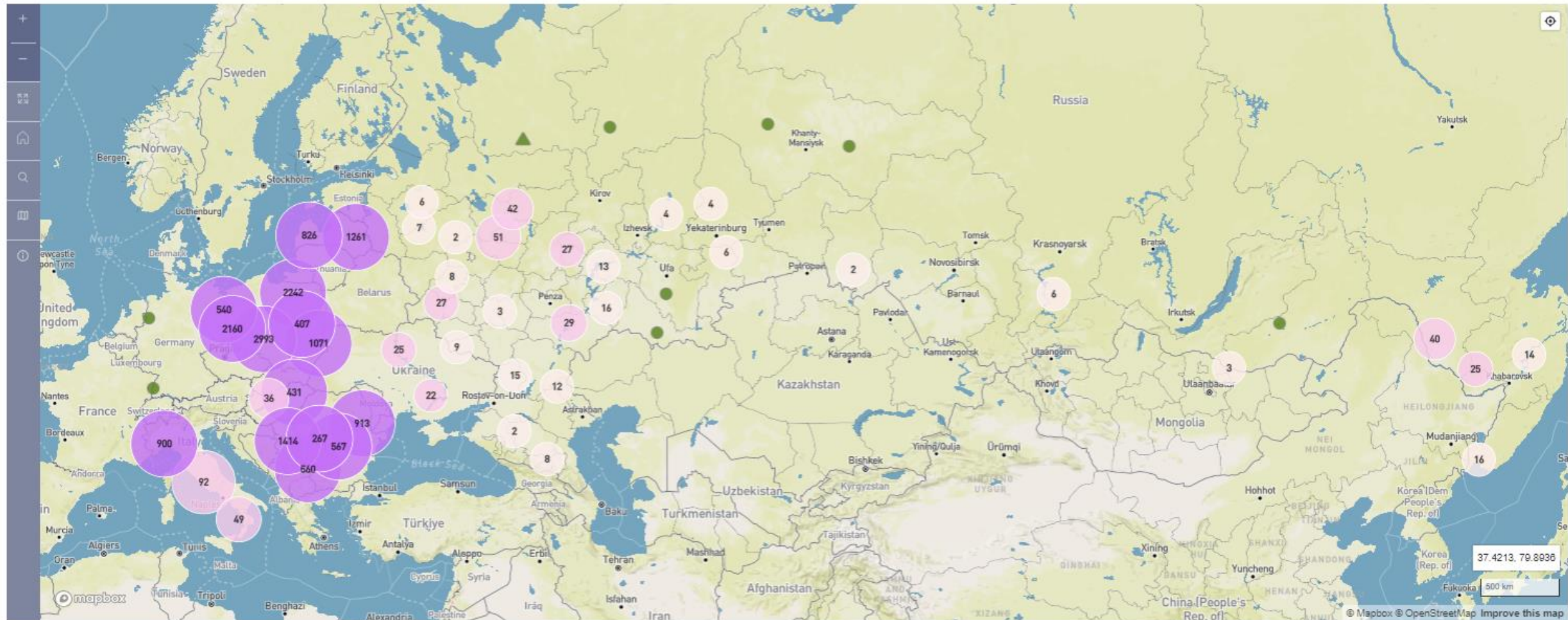
- Where we are at - WAHIS Maps
- What could be addressed – why awareness matters
- What we have done
- What we are planning

Map of ASF outbreaks declared to WAHIS, 2019-2023 – WOAH Europe region

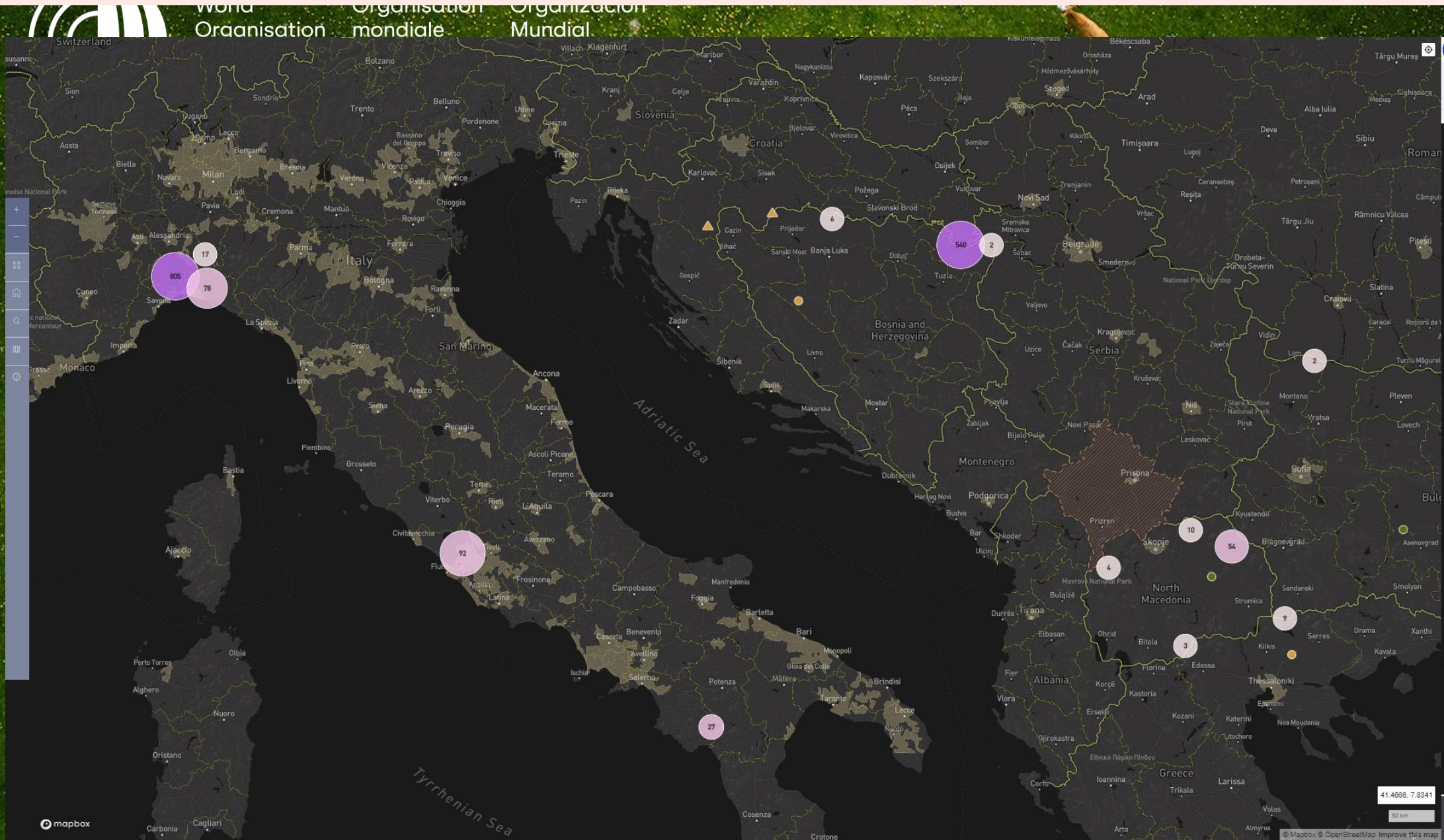


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Map of ASF outbreaks declared to WAHIS, end of 2021-2023 – Balkans & Italy



A concerning situation in Southern Europe

ASF's slow progress in ongoing.

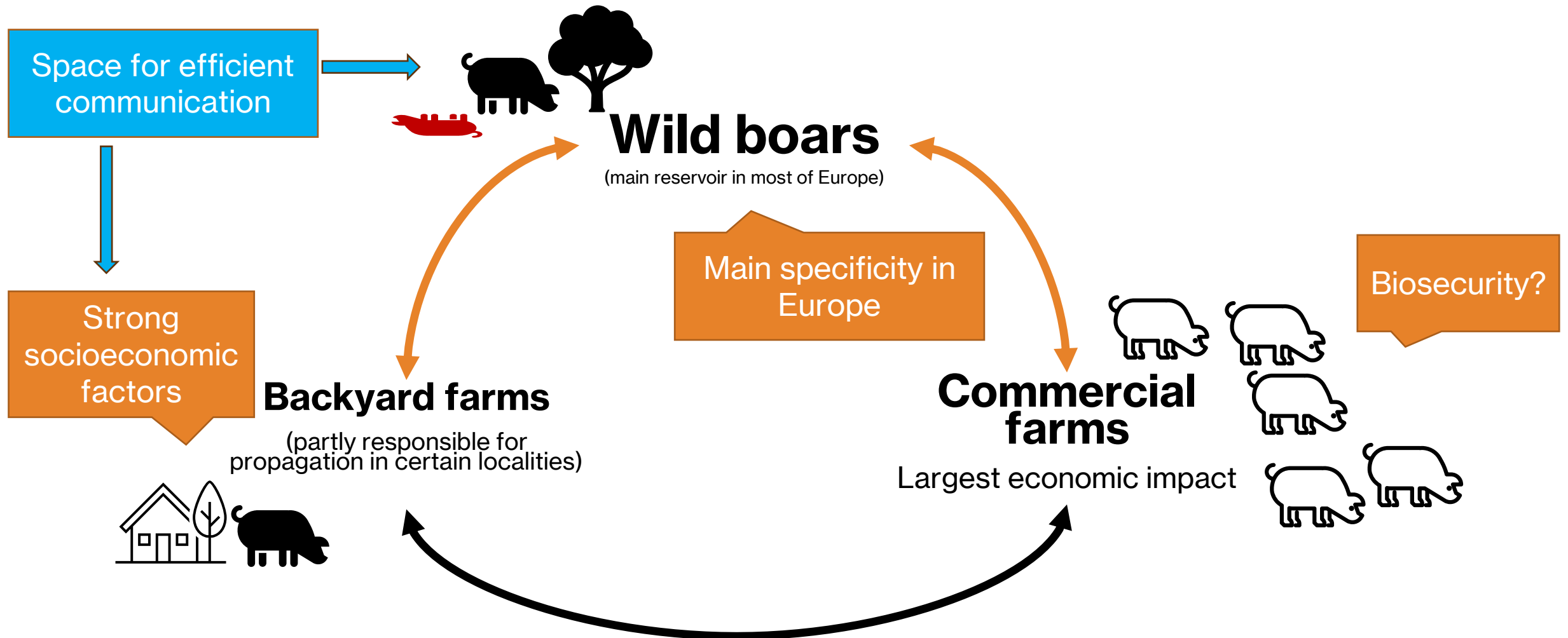
New countries are affected:

- Cases in North Macedonia in November 2021
- Cases in Northern Italy in February 2022
- Cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina in June 2023
- Cases in Croatia in June 2023

In addition, the disease has made a resurgence in the Czech Republic, and is progressing in several countries where it was previously contained. In the east of the region, countries like Russia and Ukraine report many cases.



Three “components” characterize ASF in Europe



Main characteristics of ASF in Europe

- ❑ Let us not forget that we have been successful in slowing the disease.
This is a success: more than 14 years and it has not covered the whole of Europe. In Asia, it spread over the continent within two years.
- ❑ It is very difficult to get rid of it (wild boar reservoir is difficult to control)
- ❑ It has major economic impact and countries must mitigate direct and indirect impact
- ❑ We still can improve the **engagement of the stakeholders and increase public awareness**



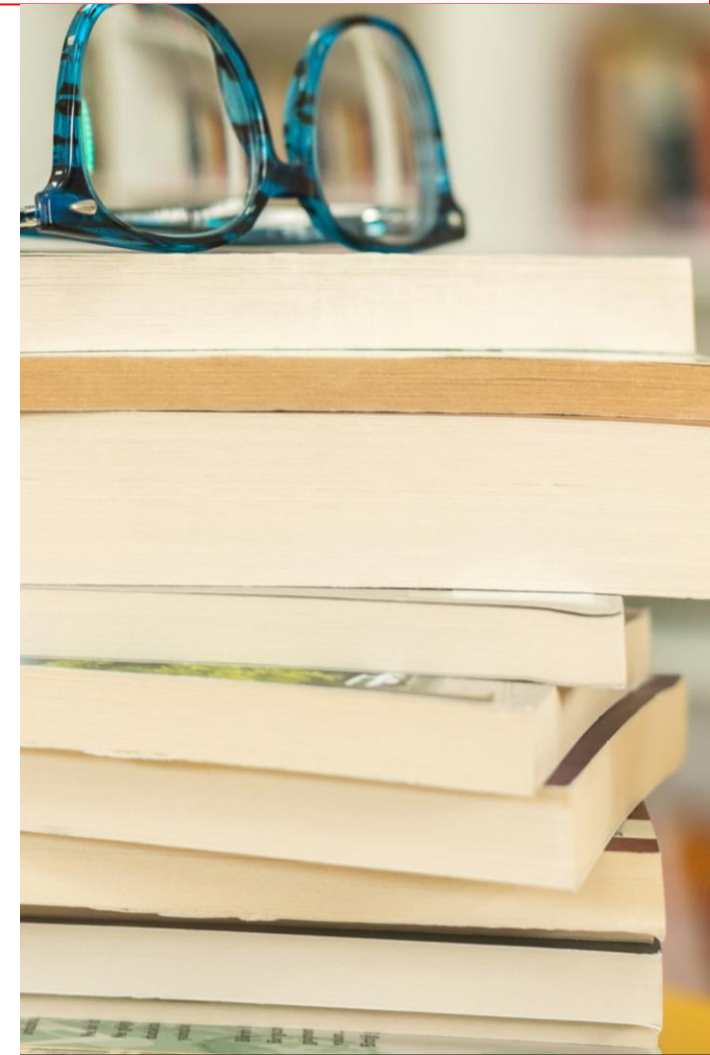
SGE recommendations include awareness.

SGE ASF 20, october 22

1. Field missions should be restarted now that restrictions imposed due to COVID 19 have in large part been lifted.

3. Awareness campaigns should be organized regularly to inform, educate and motivate all stakeholders in order to increase surveillance and improve reporting, enhance prevention best practices with particular focus to biosecurity and prevent further spread and introduction of ASF in new areas.

4. All countries should promote risk-based management and appropriate reduction, where relevant, of wild boar populations at regional, national and local level, in order to better prevent, control and eradicate ASF. Even in absence of ASF, long term planning is required to control and reduce wild boar populations and ensure optimal coordination of national resources involved.



What are the general recommendations?

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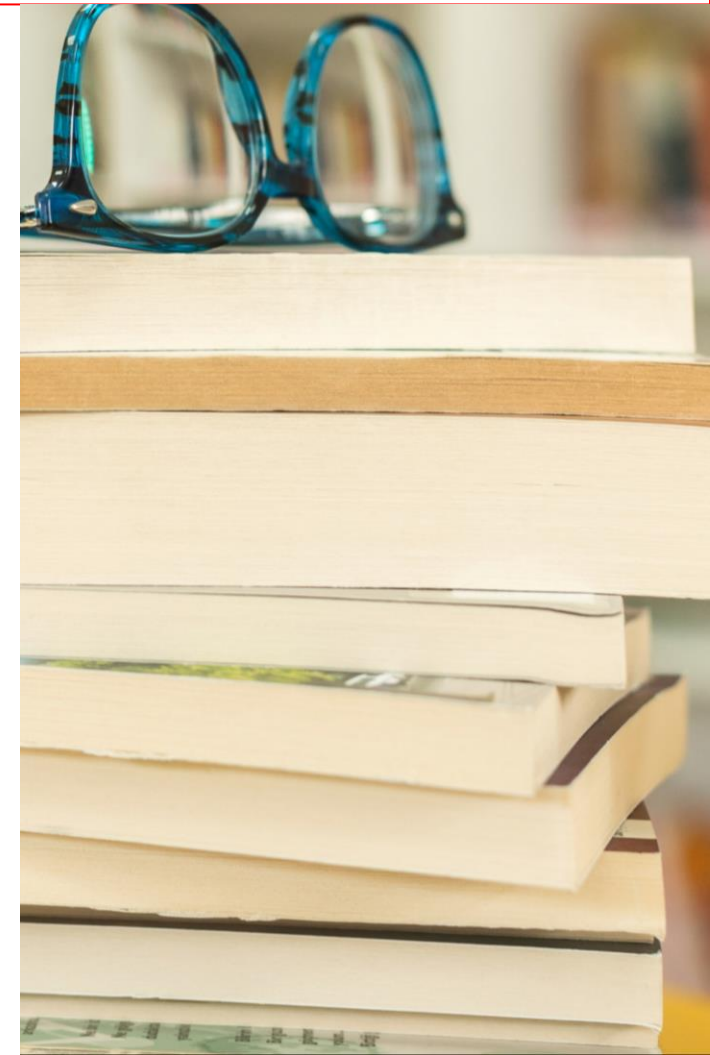
Cooperation & expertise,
field missions



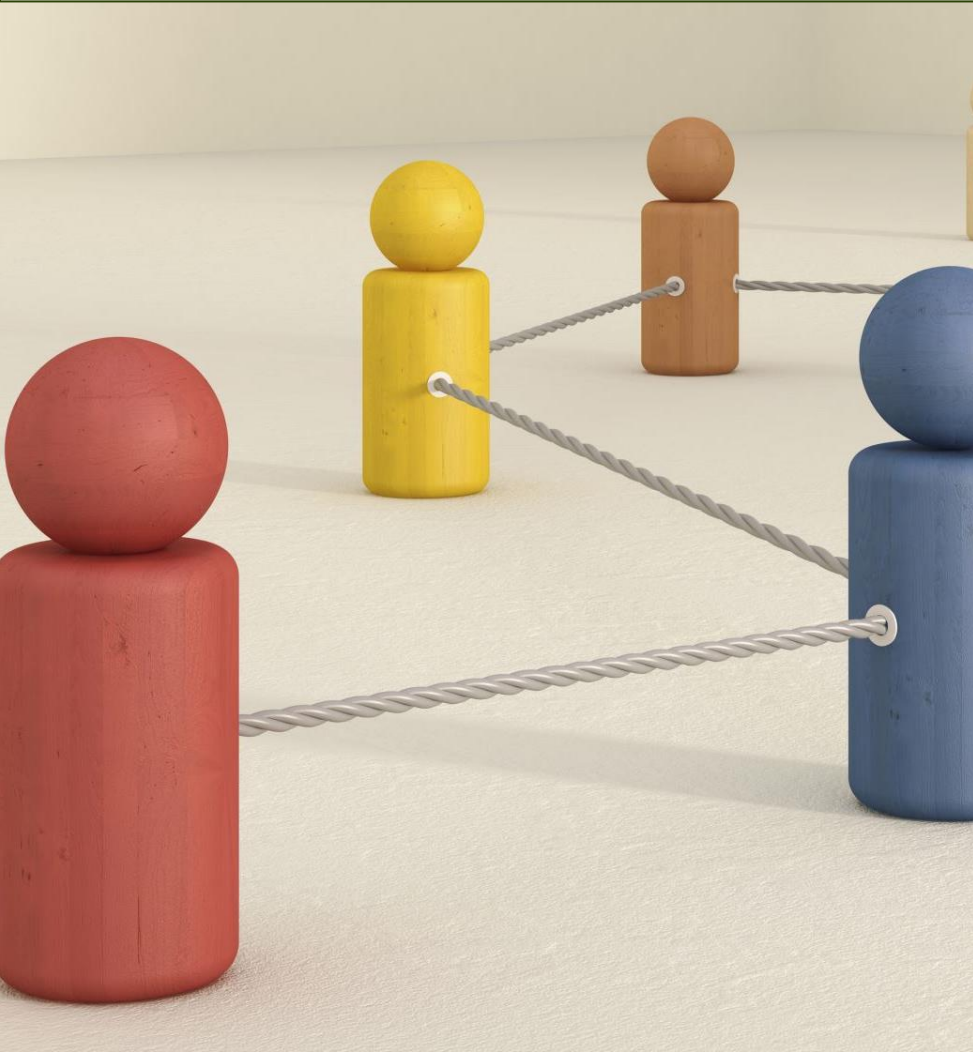
Awareness, surveillance,
transparency



Wild boar population
management



What we have done together with our partners



Country missions

- Two / three experts per mission, experts from national veterinary services, on request by countries.
- Allow for an external assessment at technical and systemic levels
- November 2022: North Macedonia, July 2023: BiH

Handbooks:

- Handbook on wildboar biosecurity (2019)

Coordination :

- Interregional meeting on ASF during the General Session
- Personal contact and support with CVOs in the region
- Exchange with ASF EURL and NRL in Bosnia for material support

What we have done together with our partners

Communication

- Regular communication by regional twitter account on relevant regional themes
- Updated and improved website

World Organisation for Animal Health in E... @WOAH_Eur... · Aug 16 ...
Travelling intensify in Europe increases during summer holidays.

You can prevent spreading of African swine fever (#ASF) by following these simple rules.

KNOWLEDGE

Help stop the spread of ASF

Avoid carrying pork products when you travel or declare them at the border if you do

Keep away from pig farms and wild boars

Respect biosecurity if you visit a pig farm, clean your clothes and shoes properly

Dispose food waste properly to avoid wild pigs eating it



World Organisation for Animal Health in E... @WOAH_Eur... · Aug 14 ...
Pork is one of the main sources of animal protein, and pigs are a key source of household income in some countries.

The spread of #ASF in Europe has devastated family-run pig farms posing a serious problem for food security worldwide.

KNOWLEDGE

How to prevent ASF?

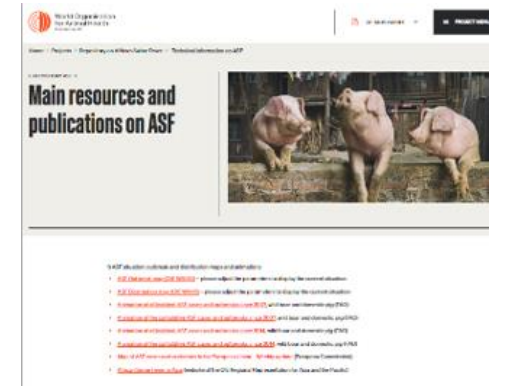
There is no effective vaccine against ASF, so prevention in countries free of the disease depends on strict implementation of our standards, including epidemiological surveillance, animal identification and traceability, biosecurity measures on farms and during movement of pigs or pork products, and stringent import policies.



World Organisation for Animal Health i... @WOAH... · Dec 17, 2022 ...
#AfricanSwineFever is a deadly pig disease that affects domestic and wild pigs.

It is not a risk to human health, but affects animal welfare, causes severe production and economic losses and can threaten #foodsecurity worldwide.

#EveryonesHealth





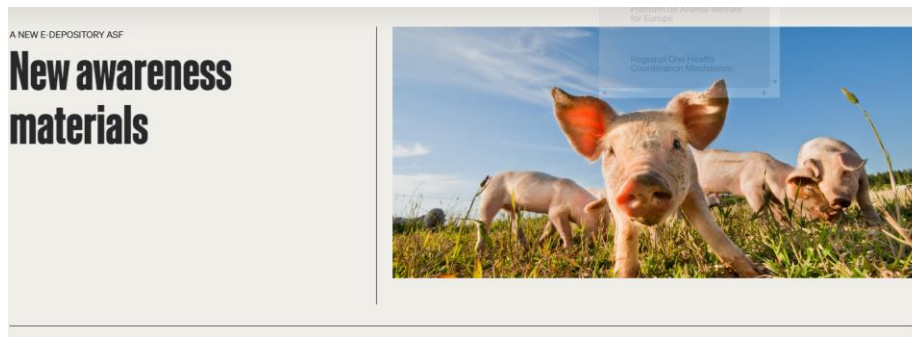
What we are planning

- ❑ Next SGE will be reflecting on carcass detection and disposal (September 28-29)
 - Addresses the critical role of WB carcasses in the WB reservoir
 - In many parts of Europe this reservoir is critical, including through the interaction between hunters and farmers
 - Aim to define
- ❑ Any country mission request will be examined
- ❑ Participation in the ADEWB project meetings
- ❑ Ongoing work on eLearning modules on biosecurity in wild boars



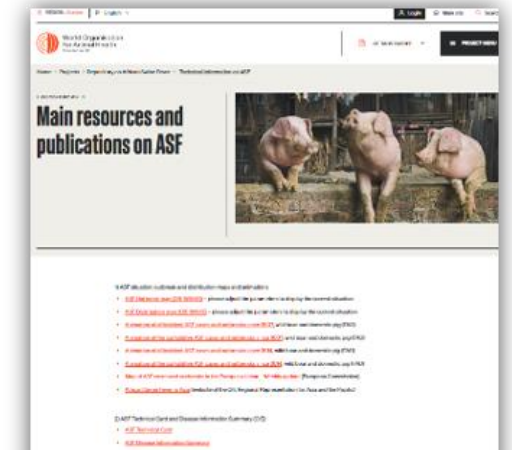
What we are planning

- ❑ Renewed ASF communication material webpage with a call to countries in the region to share communication materials
- ❑ This year we're considering the translation of the existing materials
- ❑ Next year we plan to have new region specific material taking into account our socio-economic context



About the E-depository
Fundamental information
Maps and history
Awareness materials

This page contains different materials that can be adapted to use in the awareness campaigns among different types of audience.



What we are planning

- ❑ ASF campaign for travelers in Twitter
- ❑ Additional material is available on our global TRELLO page



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- List of sessions
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You could be **CARRYING** the ASF virus

The ASF virus is very resistant. You can carry it on clothing, shoes, equipment, and vehicles if you have visited an infected area, or if you bring pork products with you.



ASF kills pigs

Don't be the carrier of a deadly pig disease

For more information: www.woah.org/asf



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