



ASF remote mission of the Veterinary Emergency Team (EUVET) to Romania

(22-23 June 2020)

Objective

- **Reason:** To analyse the draft of national rules of Romania in relation to biosecurity in pig farms.
- **ToR:** The experts should provide scientific, technical, managerial and practical assistance on the refinement of the most suitable eradication measures for African Swine Fever (ASF) under local conditions, especially as regards the biosecurity measures in pig holdings.

The experts will analyse the draft national rules of Romania in relation to biosecurity in pig farms taking into account the epidemiological situation of ASF in the country and provide their assistance through and online consultation.

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Agenda

22/06/2020

Internal discussion between EUVET experts on the consolidated draft version of NSVFSA order no 20 regarding biosecurity in pigs farm.

23/06/2020 Morning

- *Opening meeting*
- *A brief presentation of the current epidemiological situation (RO)*
- *An analysis of the risk factors involved in the spread of the disease in Romania (RO)*
- *The new document on biosecurity (RO)*

Afternoon

- *Meeting between EUVET experts to discuss the outcome of the morning*
- *Final meeting with presentation of the preliminary outcome*

Epidemiological situation

**Domestic pig population and outbreaks in Romania in the period:
January – June 2020**

1. Backyards

No. of holdings/RO	No. of pigs/RO	No. of outbreaks	% infected
488.935	1.578.612	287	0,06%

2. Commercial farms (Industrial and Type A)

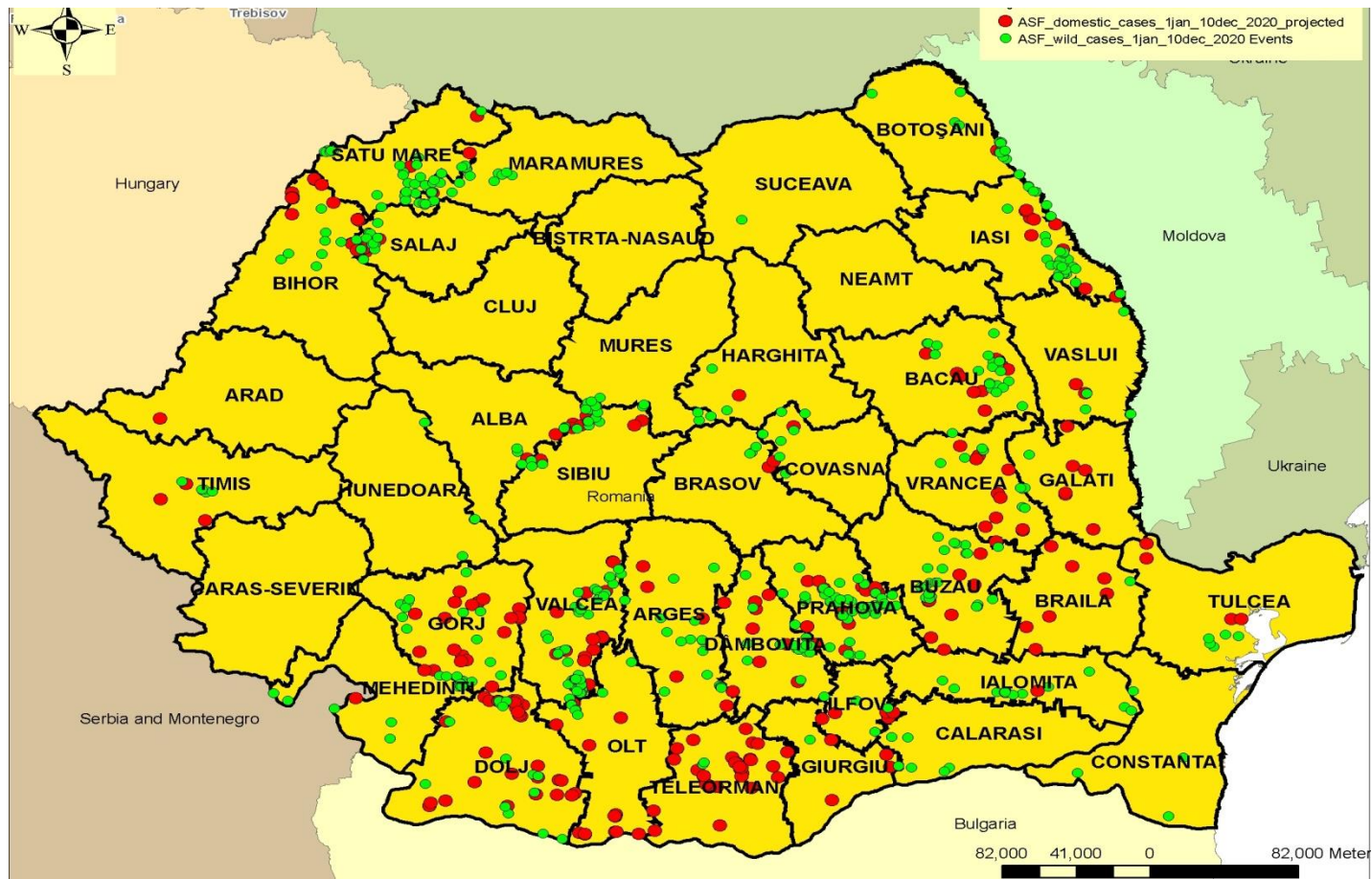
No. of holdings/RO	No. of pigs/RO	No. of outbreaks	% infected
1879 (397 Ind + 1.482 type A)	2.069.348	9 (8 Ind + 1 Type A)	0,48%



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Initiatives regarding ASF control measures

Movement controls are being intensified and are carried out by joint teams of three institutions: IPJ (police), IJJ (gendarmes), and DSVSA (local veterinary authority).

Official Controls are intensified, especially regarding ASF, CSF and biosecurity.

*Draft for amendment of N.S.V.F.S.A. and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Order regarding **biosecurity norms in pig holdings.***

The new national rules of Romania in relation to biosecurity in pig farms

- a) subsistence pig farming holding – an agricultural holding where pigs are raised exclusively for family consumption and products obtained from them do not enter the food chain;*
- b) small pig farm - an agricultural holding with a maximum number of 65 pigs;*
- c) average pig breeding farm - an agricultural holding with a herd between 66 and 130 pig- type A;*
- d) large pig farm - an agricultural holding with a herd of over 130 pig heads.*

In the new bio-security rules requirements are divided into 3 levels

Level I which establishes basic requirements to be implemented in non commercial, back – yard farms;

Level II with the additional requirements to implement in small commercial farms and type A;

Level III with the highest conditions mandatory for the "large pig farms (industrial)".

Conclusions/Recommendations

Epidemiological inquiries:

The team suggests to RO authority careful evaluation of the results of epidemiological inquiries concerning the sources (risk factors) of the outbreaks of ASF in non – commercial farms and commercial farms to establish adequate biosecurity requirements.

The structure of the biosecurity document:

The structure of the biosecurity document should be simplified considering only two levels (commercial and non-commercial farms), and biosecurity Level 2 and 3 merged for type A and industrial farms. The requirements should follow the indications reported in Commission working document SANTE/7113/2015 – Rev 12

Conclusions/Recommendations

The definitions:

The definitions to categorize pig farms should be clarified and based on their real commercial activities and following the requirements prescribed in the point 2.1.1 of the Strategic approach to the management of African Swine Fever for the EU (Working document SANTE/7113/2015 - Rev 12).

- a. Farm with commercial attitude should be classified in the same category of risk.
- b. Industrial and Type A should apply the same level of biosecurity.

NON-COMMERCIAL FARMS

The team suggests the RO authority to reconsider the definition of non – commercial farms with total ban of reproduction and the limit of animals which can be kept at the same time in a farm.

Conclusions/Recommendations

Farms census evaluation:

To verify the possible discrepancies between the holdings registered in the national data base and real number of farms present in the field..

Registration of pig farms:

Clear indications of obligatory registration of pig farms (not only animals) should be reported in the biosecurity rules

Trainings

Adequate trainings of the new biosecurity requirements and incentives are recommended for all stakeholders involved in the implementation of rules.



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Thank you for your attention!

The EUVET team wish to thank all colleagues from Romania for their support and help given.

It was the first EUVET remote mission with very promising results.

