

BTSF Workshop on African swine fever

23rd -25th September 2019

Luxembourg

Time	Module title	Contents	Trainer
DAY 1- 23rd September			
08:45 Registration to the workshop – collection of training material			
09:00	Opening session	Welcome address and presentation of the BTSF initiative	Country Host- Mr Félix WILDSCHUTZ CVO Training coordinator Mr Vittorio GUBERTI Mr Francesco BERLINGERI – DG SANTE
09:10	Presentation of tutors & participants	Training coordinator introduces tutors, followed by a tour de table for participants to present themselves	Training coordinator- Vittorio GUBERTI
09:20	Assessment	Assessment test of participants' knowledge	Participants
09:45	Introduction to ASF	The virus and the disease: clinical signs in domestic pigs and wild boars; mortality and lethality rates; environmental survival of the virus, pathways of transmission; human dimension linked with virus spread	Edvins OLSEVSKIS
10:15	Wild boar biology	The main characteristics of the wild boar biology and ecology will be discussed in relations with ASF	Alain LICOPPE
10:45	Epidemiology of ASF in wild boar	Based on the experience gained in the EU, the basic characteristics of ASF epidemiology in wild boar will be highlighted and discussed.	Tomasz PODGÓRSKI /Vittorio Guberti
11:15 Coffee break			
11:40	ASF management in Belgium	Based on the experience gained in Belgium detection of the virus; immediate measures; eradication strategies; implementation of measures will be highlighted and discussed	Alain LICOPPE
12.30	Q&A		Team of tutors and participants
12:30 Lunch			
13:30	Exercise on ASF in wild boar control and eradication	Participants will be divided in 5 groups; each group will be asked to discuss one of point listed in the EU strategy (i.e. hunting or feeding); each group will discuss which will the best way to manage the topic, which positive and negative points will arise from their decision	Team of tutors, participants
14:30	Workshop results	Each group will present and discuss how they approached each topic and what has been decided to apply in the ASF eradication strategy	Participants and team of tutors
16:00 Coffee break			
16:30	Biosecurity and wild boar	Practical implementation of safe disposal of carcasses and hunting related activities carried out in infected areas	Edvins OLSEVSKIS
17:20	ASF in wild boar: Does a wild boar density that prevent ASF introduction exist?	The introduction, invasion, epidemic and endemic evolution of ASF in wild boar will be discussed together with the possibility to manage it through wild boar density	Interactive lecture facilitated by Vittorio GUBERTI
18:00 Social tour			
20:00 Social dinner at Brasserie du Cercle Restaurant			

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DAY 2- 24th September			
08:00	Field visit	The training will move in the field visiting both infected and neighbouring areas Étalle (BE). Sampling points, traps, fenced areas will be visited; the Belgium strategy will be show on the spot including how forest and agricultural practices have been modified due to the presence of the virus in the environment	Team of tutors and Team of the Belgium Forest Authority
11.30		Q&A	
12:30 Lunch			
13:30	Discussion on effectiveness, feasibility and sustainability of applied/proposed measures to control/eradicate ASF in wild boar populations	<p>Participants are invited to discuss the main points highlighted during the field visit linking the epidemiological approach together with practical experiences and thus identifying the main critical points to be addressed and how to cope with them according to the Country legislation and cultural traditions</p> <p>The main point to discuss will be: how to alt the epidemic wave; how to manage ASF endemic areas; how large the buffer zone; fences; timing; hunting strategies; evaluation of preventive culling of domestic pigs present in the area where ASF is present in wild boar only</p>	Participants and team of tutors
15:30 Coffee break			
16:00	Coordination among neighbouring countries	Coordination between different countries will be presented and discussed based on the experience gained in Belgium	Alain LICOPPE
16:30	Impact of environment of ASF management	The risk posed by several activities (i.e. field harvesting, forest loggings, human exploitation of forest; tourism) will be discussed including the measures to minimize it	Vittorio GUBERTI
17:30	Conclusions	The training coordinator will summarize the conclusions and lessons learnt from the second day of training, and participants will have the opportunity to exchange views or address questions to the team of tutors	Training Coordinator
20:00 Dinner			

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DAY 3 - 25th September			
09:00	ASF data sharing	Which data, how to present them (infected area vs. buffer areas and surveillance area; Part I vs. Part II; Prevalence and sero-prevalence; Found dead animals; Sharing data with neighbouring countries and trade partners;	Vittorio GUBERTI
9:40	Preparedness and awareness	How to minimise the risk of introduction, to enhance early detection and how to address wild boar management also considering the experiences gained in the EU;	Edvins OLSEVSKIS
10:30	Group discussion on best practices	Selected representatives for each country will present national strategies for engagement between veterinary services and farming and hunting communities to highlight the adopted best practice;	Participants
11:30 Coffee break			
11:50	Assessment	Assessment test of participants' knowledge after the training	Participants
12:10	Evaluation and certificates of attendance	Participants complete workshop's evaluation forms & training coordinator delivers certificates of attendance	Participants and training coordinator
12:30	Closing statements	Closing statements by team of tutors	Team of tutors chaired by Vittorio GUBERTI
12:40 End of the workshop and lunch			
Departures to the airport			