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Inception workshop of the project “African Swine Fever emergency preparedness in the Balkans”

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Project characteristics:

- *TCP symbol:* TCP/RER/3704
- *Recipients:* Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
- *Starting Date:* 1 November 2018
- *Expected End Date:* 31 October 2019

Day 1 - 18 February, Monday

Time	Action
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Registration
14:00	Welcome and Opening (TBC) Introduction of the workshop agenda and participants (Daniel Beltran-Alcrudo, DBA, FAO)
14:20	FAO activities on ASF (DBA)
14:50	The role of OIE in prevention and control of ASF in Europe and globally (Budimir Plavsic, OIE)
15:10	Introduction to technical cooperation projects (TCP) and how they work (DBA)
15:30	Key components of the project (budget, duration, activities, reporting...) (DBA)
16:00	Coffee break
16:30	ASF risk assessment for the region and data collection from countries (Sofie Dhollander, EFSA)
17:00	Essentials and basics of ASF (Klaus Depner, KD, FLI)
18:30	Closure of the day

Day 2 - 19 February, Tuesday

Time	Action
8:30	Morning welcome, introduction to the concept of the meeting (Anja Globig, AG, FLI)
8:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early disease detection • Surveillance / Monitoring strategies for ASF • The benefit of contingency / national control and surveillance plan (KD)
9:30	Getting the baseline: Country presentations by national project coordinators (NPCs) (20 min presentation + 10 min questions per country)
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45	Getting the baseline (continued)
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30	ASF experience in Romania – Current status, challenges and lessons learnt
13:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epidemiological investigations on domestic pig farms (commercial and backyard) • Subjectivity • High risk period (KD)
14:30	Group work 1: Epidemiological investigation and example of subjectivity (AG)
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00	Presentation of ASF cases from affected countries Discussion of different ASF scenarios (backyard; commercial farms) (KD)
16:45	Group work 2: Enhanced legal, regulatory preparedness and coordination for ASF at national level: The benefit of contingency/national control and surveillance plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 1 (ASF Preparedness Status) - based on the Emergency Preparedness Checklist (AG, DBA, MH)
17:30	Closure of the day

Day 3 - 20 February, Wednesday

Time	Action
8:30	Morning welcome, recap of day 1 (AG)
8:40	Biosecurity, risk factors and risk assessment (local risk assessment), risk communication and discussion (KD)
9:30	Group work 3: Ways and incentives to increase pig farm biosecurity with the aim to prevent ASF introduction (AG, DBA, MH)
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00	Group work 3 (continued): Presentation of group work
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30	Group work 4: Regional risk assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Output 3 (Strengthened disease intelligence capacities for ASF) – Based on the Risk score sheet (AG, DBA, MH)
14:00	Interpretation of clinical and diagnostic results: danger of false-positive or negative results, Documentation and reporting of results (KD)
14:30	Group work 5: Awareness and training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Output 2 & 3 (National veterinary service personnel trained in ASF detection, prevention and control / ASF awareness among all stakeholder levels created) (AG, DBA, MH)
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00	Group work (Continued): Country presentation of needed support in terms of awareness and training
17:00	Introduction to the role of wild boar in the Epidemiology of ASF (KD)
17:30	Wrap up of the day and final discussion / feed back Closure of the day (AG, DBA, MH)

Day 4 - 21 February, Thursday

Time	Action
8:30	Hungarian experience with ASF in wild boar (MH)
9:00	The role of “the wild boar-habitat cycle” for ASF transmission to domestic pigs (AG)
9:30	ASF in wild boar- what to do? The EU-approach (MH)
10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30	Group work 6: Presentation of a scenario (MH, AG)
11:30	Group work 3 (continued): Presentation of group work (MH, AG)
12:15	Agreed plan for Activities: timeline, roles, reporting (DBA)
12:55	Final remarks and end of the workshops (DBA)
13:00	<i>Lunch / Departure of participants</i>