



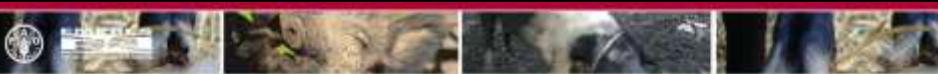
Key components of the TCP

Timeline, activities, etc.

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Title:	African Swine Fever emergency preparedness in the Balkans
TCP symbol:	TCP/RER/3704
Recipients::	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
Main counterpart(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albania Ministry of Tourism and Environment and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development • Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations • Macedonia Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy and State Forestry and Hunting Inspectorate • Montenegro Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development • Serbia Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
Expected EOD (Starting Date):	1 November 2018
Expected NTE (End Date):	31 October 2019
Total Budget:	USD 500 000



Background

- ASF is a newly emerged transboundary animal disease that is new to the region.
- Countries with no ASF are generally not familiar with it.
- Introduction of ASF causes considerable economic losses (death of pigs, decrease in productivity, cost of control, trade restrictions, and impacts on livelihoods).
- High risk of an imminent incursion
- Great difficulty in controlling the disease once established



Project's main objectives

- Enhancing legal, regulatory preparedness and coordination for ASF at national level;
- Enhancing capacities of national veterinary services for ASF detection, prevention and control;
- Strengthening disease intelligence capacities for ASF, i.e. risk analysis and cost-benefit analysis;
- Increased awareness for veterinarians, farmers, hunters and academia;
- Strengthening regional coordination.

Through implementing its activities, the project will contribute to reducing threats of ASF spread in the Balkans.



Inception workshop

- Define activities – Who, where and when?
- Each country has different needs? Not all activities in each country
- Limited budget – Need to prioritize
- Need to adapt to each country's context



OUTPUT 1: Enhanced legal, regulatory preparedness and coordination for ASF at national level

1.1 Strengths and weaknesses of the national veterinary and diagnostic services are assessed

- One assessment mission/country. Contingency plan template, wild boar management strategies?

1.2 Simulation exercises on ASF to ensure appropriate emergency preparedness are organized

- 2.5 days desktop simulation exercises to test contingency plans?

1.3 Descriptive reports of the pig sector and wild boar hunting are prepared

- Do they exist? Field value chain studies?



OUTPUT 2: National veterinary service personnel trained in ASF detection, prevention and control

2.1 Laboratory training activities are organized

- Is it needed? Lab expert visit or all to Ref lab?

2.2 Epidemiology training activities are organized

- During 1st country mission (1.1), as a discussion?

2.2 Train-of-trainer programs for field veterinarians on ASF recognition are organized

- Cascade training? How many levels? All country? Also paravets? Resources?

2.3 Workshops on wild boar management and hunting biosecurity are organized

- 2.5-day, one per country, plus one regional (May)
- Who should be trained? Logistics in the field?
- **Any other trainings needed on other topics?**



OUTPUT 3: Strengthened disease intelligence capacities for ASF

3.1 Risk on entry, spread and establishment of ASF is assessed

- Close coordination with EFSA – Is there a need for risk assessment training? Preliminary risk assessment today

3.2 A cost-benefit analysis is performed

- Template currently under development

3.4 Training on effective risk communication

- Is it needed?



OUTPUT 4: ASF awareness among all stakeholder levels created

4.1 National awareness strategy documents targeting the most relevant stakeholders are developed

- Do they exist? Are they needed?

4.2 Awareness and technical materials developed, adapted for different stakeholder, translated and disseminated

- What's been done already? FAO manuals and leaflets existing

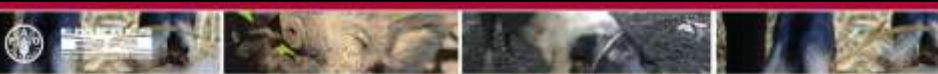
4.3 Stakeholder workshops organized and awareness raising materials are distributed

- Targeting farmers and hunters? Also butchers, middlemen?



Implementation strategy (1)

- **Major partners:** Vet services and forestry services within each country
 - To serve as liaisons with other actors, e.g. diagnostic labs, associations of vets, hunters and farmers
- **National project coordinators (NPC):** Senior government focal points appointed by national governments. Overall responsibility for national inputs:
 - Assist in the implementation of the project
 - Facilitate involvement and collaboration with national staff
 - Communicate events relating to project implementation
 - Act as counterparts to national and international consultants.
- **Project management** based at FAO REU in Budapest




Implementation strategy (2)

- **Appointed international consultants:** To provide expertise and technical guidance.
- **National consultants:** To assist with local coordination with national counterparts and logistics.
- **Letters of Agreement (LoAs):** To provide expertise and technical guidance (FLI)




Implementation strategy (3)

- Active **liaison with all stakeholders and agencies** to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure complementarities with other interventions.
- Additional external assistance attracted from **other agencies and donors**.
- **Review of progress every six months** and provide further guidance.
- Project work plan will be discussed and elaborated/ revised during the inception phase.
- **Final workshop** for the presentation of project achievements, suggestions for follow up interventions submitted to the Government, donors.



Work Plan

WORK PLAN	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Output 1				
1.1 Strengths and weaknesses of the national veterinary and diagnostic services are assessed	x	x		
1.2 Simulation exercises on ASF to ensure appropriate emergency preparedness are organized			x	x
1.3 Descriptive reports of the pig sector and wild boar hunting prepared	x	x		
Output 2				
2.1 Laboratory training activities are organized		x	x	
2.2 Epidemiology training activities are organized	x	x		
2.3 Train-of-trainer programs for field veterinarians on ASF recognition are organized		x	x	x
2.4 Workshops on wild boar management and hunting biosecurity are organized	x	x	x	
Output 3				
3.1 Risk on entry, spread and establishment of ASF is assessed		x	x	
3.2 A cost-benefit analysis is performed			x	x
3.4 Training on effective risk communication	x			
Output 4				
4.1 National awareness strategy documents targeting the most relevant stakeholders are developed		x	x	
4.2 Awareness and technical materials are developed and adapted to meet different stakeholder needs and also translated to local languages and disseminated.	x	x		
4.3 Stakeholder workshops are organized and awareness raising materials are distributed to participants		x	x	x
Output 5				
5.1 Inception workshop is held	x			
5.2 Final workshop is organized				x



Communication

Within the project:

- **Mailing list** (National and international consultants, NPCs, LoA recipients, FAO management team, others?)
- **Teleconferences** when needed

Outside the project - FAO will ensure full visibility of the project through:

- **Publications** in national and international media
- REU website and other ad-hoc **FAO publications** on animal health (EMPRES News, AGA News, mailing lists, etc.)
- Publication in **scientific journals**



Who is who

International experts:

- Disease control expert and ASF specialists: FLI team (Klaus Depner, Anja Globig and Klaas Dietze)
- Simulation exercise: Mark Hovari
- Wild boar specialist

National consultant

- Blagojcho Tabakovski



Who is who (2)

National project coordinators (NPCs):

- Albania
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- Macedonia - Biljana Strojmanovska
- Montenegro - Miloš Palibrk
- Serbia - Sasa Ostojic

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- Andras Szekely (Operations)

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Thank you for the attention