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Regional Standing group of Experts for ASF and LSD under the GF-TADs

Reminders

SGE ASF	SGE LSD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Established in September 2014For Baltic and Eastern Europe countries - 10 Member countries as of today (CZ added in Sept 2017)GF-TADs for Europe (EC) Chairman + OIE and FAOSGE ASF 1 to 8 (SGE ASF8 in Moldova in September 2017)SGE ASF pool of Experts (9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Established in July 2016For South East Europe – 19 Member countries (includes some Eastern Europe countries given the current epi situation)GF-TADs for Europe (EC) Chairman + OIE and FAOSGE LSD 1 to 5 (SGE LSD5 in Montenegro in October 2017)SGE LSD pool of Experts (3+)

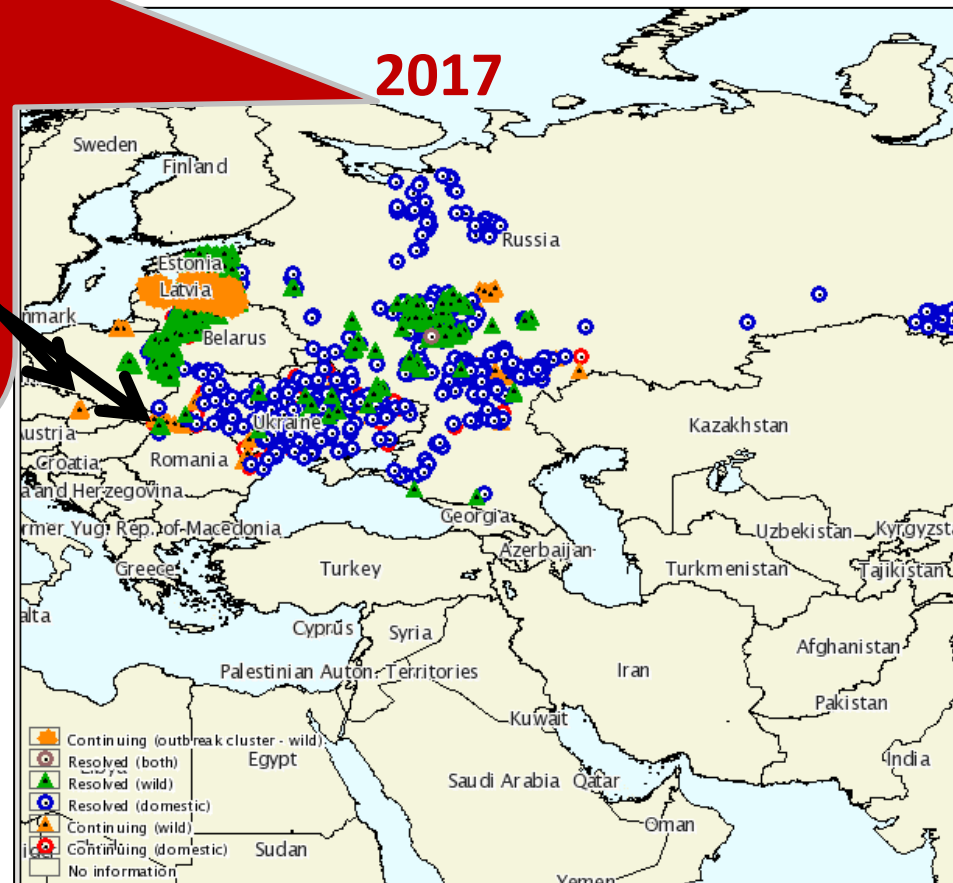
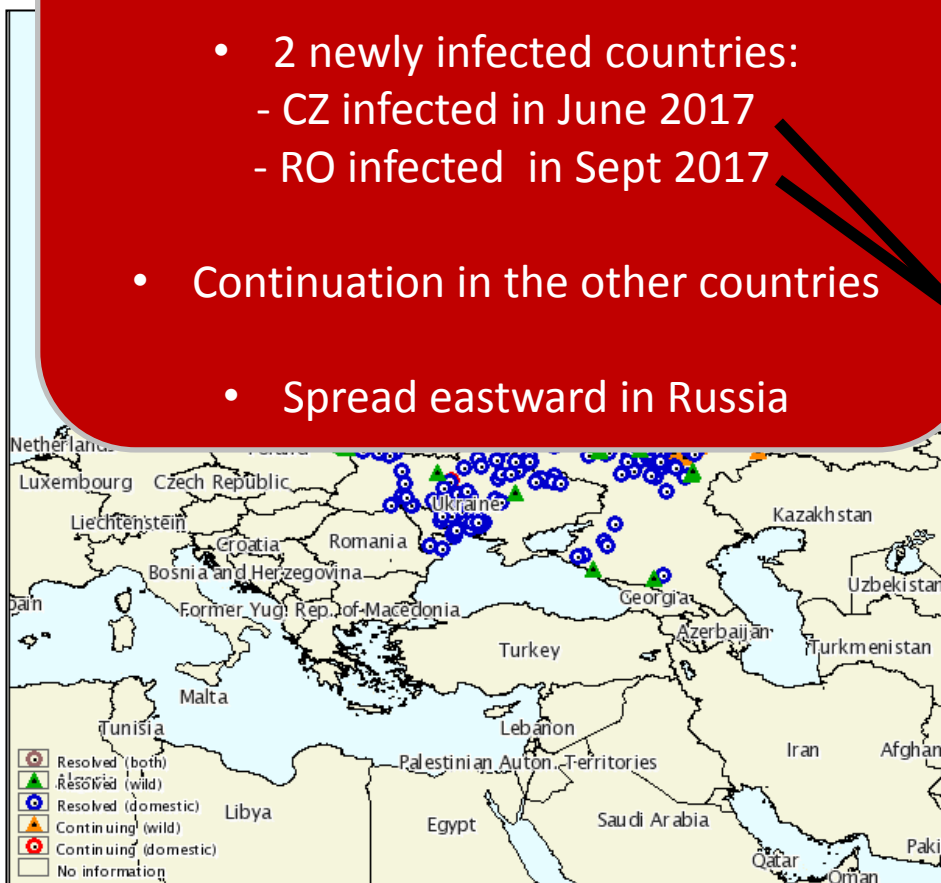
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What is new in 2017?

- 2 newly infected countries:
 - CZ infected in June 2017
 - RO infected in Sept 2017
- Continuation in the other countries
- Spread eastward in Russia



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SGE ASF – update (since the RCG2)

- 1. SGE ASF7** (in the margins of the OIE GS in May 2017) – open to all countries in Europe
- 2. SGE ASF8** (Moldova; September 2017) – open to all countries in Europe
Topic: risk communication and laboratory capacity
→ Recommendations adopted
- 3. SGE ASF Mission** in Czech Republic (September 2017) – SGE ASF Experts (6)
→ Report prepared; will be presented in the SGE ASF9, for adoption
- 4. SGE ASF Mission** in Romania (December 2017) – SGE ASF experts (5)
→ Report under preparation; will be presented in the SGE ASF9, for adoption

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SGE ASF – Update (since the RCG2)

**1. Preparation of a ASF Handbook
under the GF-TADs**

- Topic: Hunting biosecurity and carcass disposal
- For hunters and VS
- Prepared by SGE ASF Experts
- Content:

- Format: 'FAO Manual'

Chapter 1 - General Epidemiology

Chapter 2 - Wild boar biology and demography

Chapter 3 - Wild boar management in ASF infected areas

Chapter 4 - Biosecurity: which aim which role in the framework of ASF in wild boar

Chapter 5 - Biosecurity during hunting

Chapter 6 – Risk communication to Hunters

Chapter 7 - Data collection

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SGE ASF – Next steps

1. SGE ASF9 (Ukraine, 20-21 March 2018)

Topic: illegal trade of pigs and pig products

With the participation of WCO experts

2. SGE ASF10 (Paris, during the OIE SG)

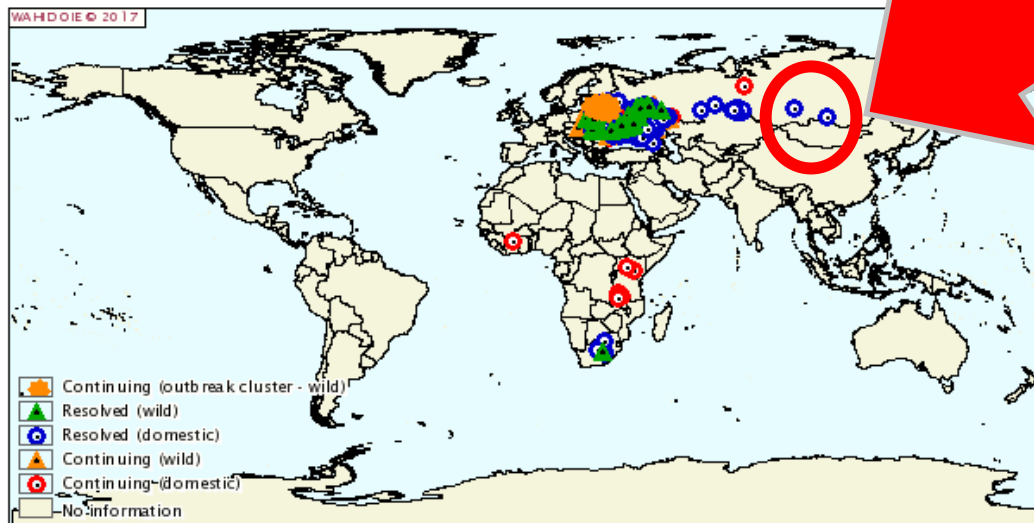
3. SGE ASF11 (Poland, Fall 2018)

4. Finalisation of the ASF Handbook

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SGE ASF – Additional information

- SGE ASF Europe taken as a model to be replicated in Asia, under the GF-TADs
- First 'SGE ASF (China-Mongolia-Russia)', to share their information and experience (March 2018 – tbc)



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Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region under the GF-TADs umbrella

Presentation / objectives

A new initiative called Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region (hereafter referred as 'SGE ASF') was set up under the GF-TADs umbrella to build up a closer cooperation among countries affected by African swine fever (ASF) and thereby, address the disease in a more collaborative and harmonised manner across the Baltic and Eastern Europe sub-region.

The Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region is a unique opportunity to engage affected countries into a fruitful regional dialogue and increased transparency. The GF-TADs offers the ideal framework to discuss common / harmonized mitigation measures based on scientific and technical grounds only.

Members

- countries: BY - EE - LT - LV - PL - RF - UA
- organisations: EC - OIE - FAO

Secretariat: OIE sub-regional Representation in Brussels (sg@bouvelles@oie.int)

Meetings of the SGE ASF

Kick-off meeting
SGE ASF1 (Minsk, December 2014)
SGE ASF2 (Tallinn, February 2016)
SGE ASF3 (Russia, March 2016)
SGE ASF4 (Paris, 24 May 2016)
SGE ASF5 (Lisbon, 18 September 2016)
SGE ASF6 (Vilnius, 28-29 November 2016)
SGE ASF7 (Paris, 23 May 2017)
SGE ASF8 (Chisinau, Moldova, 20-21 September 2017) **NEW**

SGE ASF Country Reports

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Estonia - [English](#) - [Russian](#)
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Lithuania - [English](#) - [Russian](#)
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[Link to the ASF resources page \(e-depository\) - Includes ASF Awareness Material NEW](#)

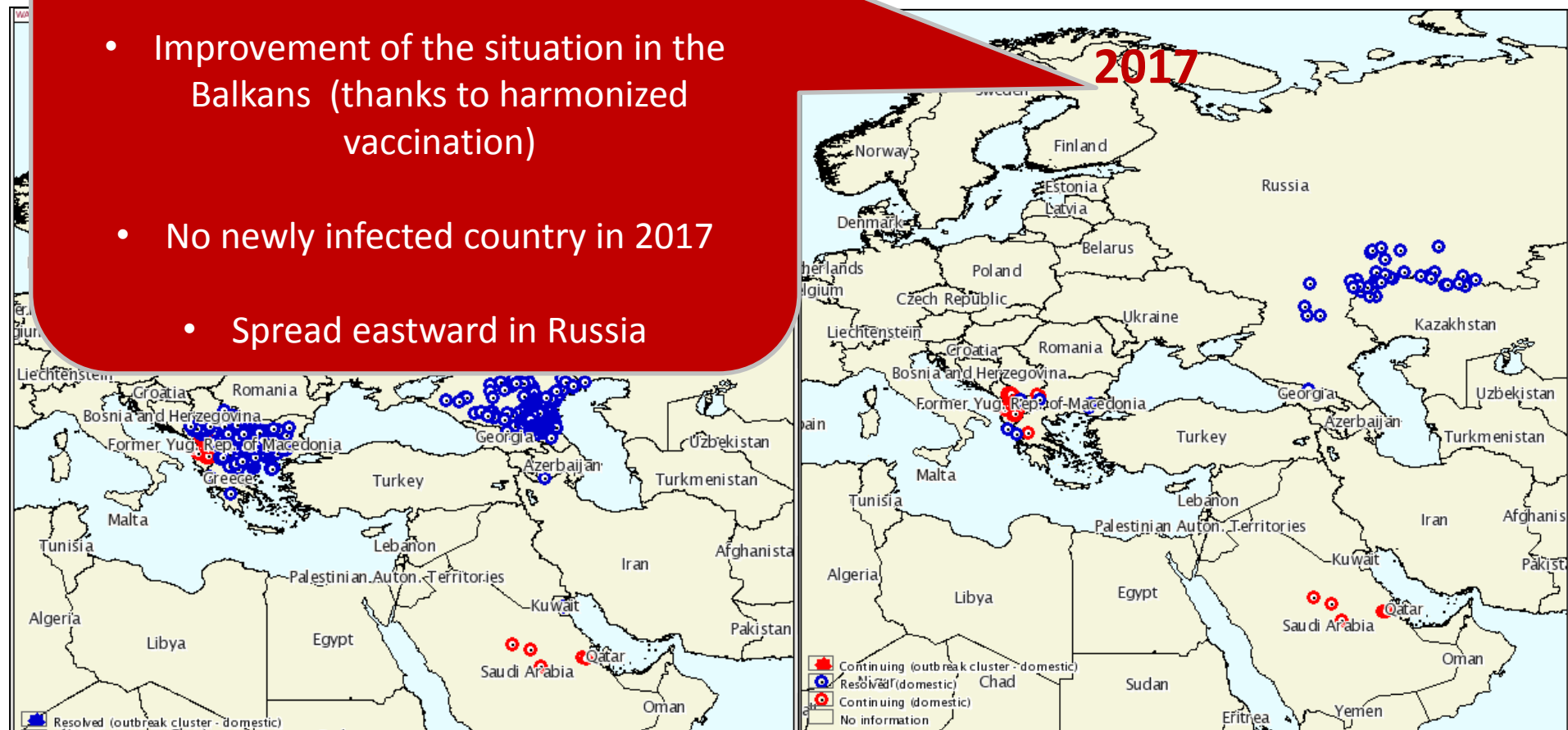
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What is new in 2017?

- Improvement of the situation in the Balkans (thanks to harmonized vaccination)
- No newly infected country in 2017
- Spread eastward in Russia



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- 2. SGE LSD5** (Montenegro; October 2017) – open to all countries in Europe
→ Recommendations adopted

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SGE LSD – Next steps

- 1. SGE LSD TC (Jan-Feb 2018) → harmonisation and support of 2018 LSD Campaign**
- 2. SGE LSD6 (Paris, May 2018) → Short update**
- 3. SGE LSD7 (FYROM, Fall 2018)**
- 4. SGE LSD missions in some countries - tbc**

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The screenshot shows the OIE website interface. At the top left is the OIE logo with the text 'World Organisation for Animal Health'. To the right is the text 'Regional Web Site for Europe'. Below this is a navigation menu on the left with items like 'Home', 'OIE Mission', 'Regional Representation', 'Regional Commission', 'Animal health Information', 'Animal Welfare', 'Diseases', 'Regional Projects', 'Links', and 'Publications'. The main content area features a header for 'GF-TADs' (Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases) with the OIE logo. Below this is the title 'Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease in South-East Europe under the GF-TADs umbrella'. The main text includes a section 'Presentation / objectives' which states: 'Lumpy Skin Disease is a growing zoonosis in Europe, due to the recent spread in Israel (2012), Turkey (2013), Azerbaijan (July 2014), Russia (July 2015), Greece (August 2015) and further spread into the Balkans in the course of 2016 (Bulgaria; FYROM; Serbia; Kosovo)'. It then describes the launch of the 'Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease in South East Europe' (SGE LSD) on 4-5 July 2016. A 'Governance' section follows, listing 'LSD SGE Members' with roles for Chair, Vice-chairs, affected and at-risk countries, observer country, and organisations. A 'Secretariat' section lists the OIE sub-regional representation in Brussels. At the bottom, a section titled 'SGE LSD Meetings' lists the first five meetings: 1st (Brussels, July 2016), 2nd (Lisbon, September 2016), 3rd (Skopje, December 2016), 4th (Paris, May 2017), and 5th (Brussels, October 2017).

**Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease
in South-East Europe**
under the GF-TADs umbrella

Presentation / objectives

Lumpy Skin Disease is a growing zoonosis in Europe, due to the recent spread in Israel (2012), Turkey (2013), Azerbaijan (July 2014), Russia (July 2015), Greece (August 2015) and further spread into the Balkans in the course of 2016 (Bulgaria; FYROM; Serbia; Kosovo*).

A new initiative called **Standing Group of Experts on Lumpy Skin Disease in South East Europe** (hereafter referred as 'SGE LSD') was launched on 4-5 July 2016 under the GF-TADs umbrella to build up a closer cooperation among countries affected by Lumpy Skin disease (LSD) and thereby, address the disease in a more collaborative and harmonised manner across the region. It is a unique opportunity to engage affected countries into a fruitful regional dialogue and increased transparency. The GF-TADs offers the ideal framework to discuss common / harmonized mitigation measures based on scientific and technical grounds. LSD was discussed during the 8th meeting of the GF-TADs for Europe Steering Committee (RSC6).

The Standing Group of Expert on LSD builds on the successful experience of a similar mechanism for African swine fever in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region established in 2014 ([link to the SGE ASF](#)).

Governance

LSD SGE Members:

- **Chair:** President of the GF-TADs for Europe (Dr B. Van Goethem)
- **Vice-chairs:** President of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe (Dr M. Belodis); Vice-President of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe and Vice-President of the GF-TADs for Europe (Dr U. Herzog);
- **Affected and at-risk countries:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey and Russia
- **Observer country:** EU Presidency (currently Slovakia)
- **Organisations:** EC - OIE - FAO
- **Experts:** designated on an ad hoc basis

Secretariat: OIE sub-regional Representation in Brussels (sr.brussels@oie.int)

SGE LSD Meetings

- First meeting (SGE LSD1) - Brussels, July 2016
- Second meeting (SGE LSD2) - Lisbon, September 2016
- Third meeting (SGE LSD3) - Skopje, December 2016
- SGE LSD Teleconference on LSD vaccination programmes for 2017
- Fourth meeting (SGE LSD4) - Paris, May 2017
- 5th meeting (SGE LSD5) - Brussels, October 2017 **NEW**

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CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Importance of the SGE mechanisms reiterated during the RSC7 (Rec2/7 and 8; Rec2/22 and 23)**
- 2. GF-TADs 3rd evaluation : new guidance for the SGE mechanisms?**
- 3. How to better share the SGE ASF and LSD work?**