Report from TAIEX seminar on ASF/CSF in Vilnius

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Workshop on Strengthening and Adaptation of the Preventive Measures to the Existing Risk of Classical and African Swine Fever Introduction into the EU

Venue:

Vilnius, Lithuania
3 and 4 September 2013
The audience

• Welcoming – LT Prime minister, LT Minister of Agriculture

• Representatives of the OIE, FAO, European Commission

• Representatives (CVOs) of the EU and the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey.

• In total: 164 participants
Objectives of the workshop

• to review the current Classical and African Swine Fever situation in Europe

• to discuss possibilities to strengthen and adapt preventive measures to the existing risk of introduction of these animal diseases into the EU.
Workshop conclusions (1)

• Cooperation
  • transparency
  • trust
  • should be strengthened at both regional and sub-regional level

• Good functioning of veterinary services
  • need to be thoroughly prepared for crisis situations
Workshop conclusions (2)

• Application of preventive measures
  • ASF/CSF prevention and control: responsibility of governments/the lead of robust veterinary services
  • progressively modernizing the pig production
  • strengthening surveillance programmes
  • and etc.

• Control measures
  • suitable and updated contingency plans
  • enhancing biosecurity
  • measures to address wildlife
  • vaccination programmes in endemic zones
  • measures in coordination with neighbouring countries with possible joint programmes
  • and etc.
Workshop conclusions (3)

• Communication
  • transparent, open and fast
  • has to cover all sectors
  • continuous professional training, seminars, simulation exercises
  • and etc.

• Promoting initiatives at international level
  • establishing a regional network of laboratories
  • using the existing regional platforms (for ex. OIE/FAO GF-TADs)
  • cooperating with the European Commission
  • and etc.
Workshop conclusions (4)

• Resources
  • contributions both at national and European Union level are required to prevent and eradicate certain animal diseases
  • countries should consider the following other resources: TAIEX study tours, experts missions and workshops, and FAO/OIE CMC-AH and EU Veterinary Emergency Team missions
  • and etc.

Conclusions:
Thank you for your attention
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