



Food and Agriculture Organization  
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**European Bank**  
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## Regional African swine fever online Forum

held online on 17 March 2022, Thursday

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### *Background*

Considering the importance of African swine fever (ASF) for the agribusiness sector of Southern and Eastern Europe the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in partnership with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is launching an online forum to establish dialogue with policy makers and other stakeholders on how to improve ASF prevention on pig farms. To discuss the topic we encourage the participation of representatives from the veterinary, livestock policy, pig production sectors and academia from Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia. Following the kick of event in March, two technical discussions with Bulgaria & Romania (joint) and Serbia will be organized in May 2022.

### *The Event*

**Organizer:** European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**Date and time:** 17 March 2022, Thursday, 9:00 – 12:00 CET

**Languages:** English (no interpretation provided)

**Technical equipment:** The virtual meeting will be held via Zoom. Registration for the event is required.

### **Expected participants:**

- Representatives of Veterinary Services of Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia respectively;
- Representatives from agricultural and livestock policy departments (Ministry of Agriculture) from Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia;
- Representatives from the pig production and breeding sector such as Breeding Associations and Chambers of Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia, as well as interested pig farmers;
- Academic community;
- Observers from international organizations such as Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and European Commission (EC)

## Agenda

17 March 2022		
Time (CET)	Topics	Speakers
09.00 - 09:10	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	<i>Nemanja Grgic, Technical Cooperation Manager, Agribusiness, EBRD</i>
09:10 - 09:30	<b>Impact and importance of African swine fever</b>	<i>Daniel Beltran-Alcrudo, Technical Advisor (Animal Health), FAO</i>
09:30 – 09:50	<b>African swine fever situation in the region</b>	<i>Mark Hovari, Animal Health Preparedness Expert, FAO</i>
09:50 – 10:15	<b>Questions and Answers on ASF</b>	<i>Moderator: Milos Milovanovic, Agribusiness Investment Support Specialist, FAO</i>
10:15 - 11:00	<b>Changing pig farm biosecurity in view of ASF</b>	
	Bulgaria (15 minutes)	<i>Daniel Fridental and Yordan Atanasov, Agrotaim EOOD, Bulgaria</i>
	Romania (15 minutes)	<i>Ioan Ladoși, Chairman of Romanian Pork Producers Association, Associate Professor at Faculty of Animal Science and Biotechnologies of Cluj Napoca, Romania</i>
	Serbia (15 minutes)	<i>Milan Graora, Head of Pig Production, Mitros Fleischwaren doo - Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia</i>
		<i>Moderator: Mark Hovari, FAO</i> <i>Panelists:</i>
		<i>Aleksandra Miteva, Bulgarian Food Safety Agency, Bulgaria</i>
11:00 – 11:45	<b>Panel discussion on biosecurity measures for commercial and non-commercial pig farms</b> “From policy to practice”	<i>Ioan Ladoși, Chairman of Romanian Pork Producers Association, Romania</i>  <i>Tomislav Topalović, policy officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Serbia</i>
11:45 – 12:00	<b>Questions and Answers on pig farm biosecurity</b>	<i>Moderator: Mark Hovari, FAO</i>
	<b>Closing of event</b>	