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European Bank
for Reconstruction and Development

Regional African swine fever online Forum: Bulgaria and Romania

Thursday, 2 June 2022
online via Zoom

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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), has launched an online forum to establish a dialogue with policy makers and other stakeholders on how to improve ASF prevention and control on pig farms in Romania and Bulgaria.

This meeting is a follow-up event to the kick-off meeting organized on 17 March 2022.

The Event

Organizer: EBRD and FAO

Date and time: Thursday, 2 June 2022, 9:00 – 12:30 CEST

Languages: English

Technical equipment: The virtual meeting will be held via Zoom. Registration for the event is required. [Please click here to register.](#)

Expected participants:

- Representatives of state and private veterinary sector;
- Representatives from agricultural and livestock policy;
- Representatives from the pig production and breeding sector;
- Academic community;
- Representatives of other countries;
- Observers from international organizations such as FAO, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and the European Commission (EC)

Agenda

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Time (CEST)	Topics	Speakers
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome and opening remarks	Katinka de Balogh , Senior Animal Health and Production Officer/One Health focal point at FAO Investment Centre
ASF control in domestic pig and wild boar		
09:10 - 09:30	African swine fever control in Bulgaria	Aleksandra Miteva , Bulgarian Food Safety Agency, Bulgaria
09:30 - 09:50	African swine fever control in Romania	
09:50 - 10:10	African swine fever control in Lithuania	Marius Masiulis , State Food and Veterinary Service, Lithuania
10:10 - 10:30	Questions and Answers on ASF control	Moderator: Mark Hovari , Animal Health Preparedness Expert, FAO
Improving biosecurity of pig farms		
10:30 - 10:50	Applying theory in practice: farm biosecurity	Klaus Depner , Senior scientist, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute Germany
10:50 - 11:10	Systems for auditing pig farms	Joeren Dewulf , University of Ghent
11:10 - 11:30	How pig farm biosecurity was changed in Bulgaria: practical solutions	Aleksandra Miteva , Bulgarian Food Safety Agency, Bulgaria
ASF decision support tools		
11:30 - 11:40	FAO OUTbreak COSTing Tool (OutCost)	Daniel Beltran-Alcrudo , Technical Advisor (Animal Health), FAO
Panel session: The way ahead for ASF control in Bulgaria and Romania		
		Moderator: Adrian Balaban , Consultant
		Panelists:
	Government to Industry: what do we need from industry?	Aleksandra Miteva , Bulgarian Food Safety Agency, Bulgaria
11:45 - 12:30	Industry to Government: what do we need from government?	Ventsislav Slavov , Representative of the Bulgarian Pig Industry
	Government/Industry to partners: what do we need from partners?	Ioan Ladoși , Chairman of Romanian Pork Producers Association, Romania
Closing of event		