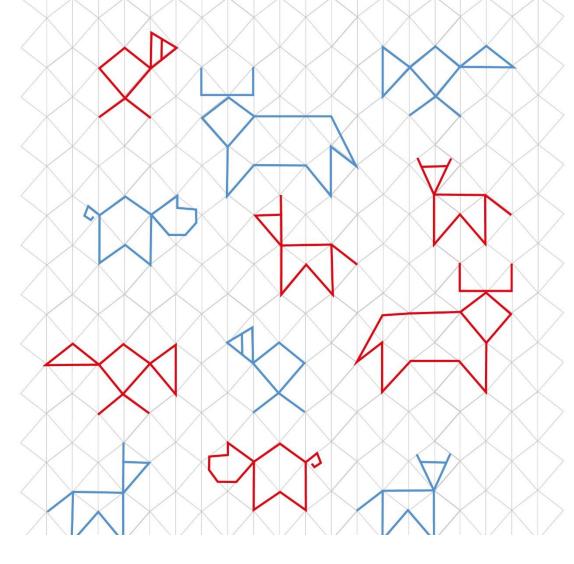




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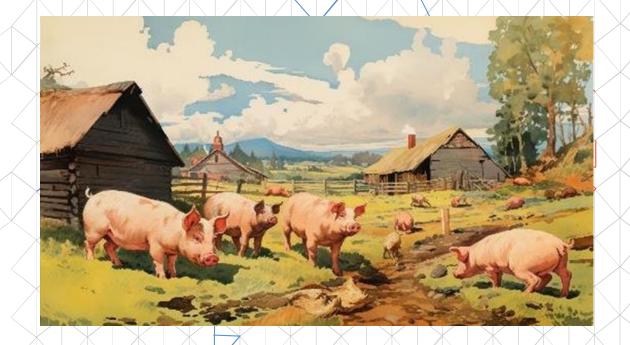








ASF Situation in Europe

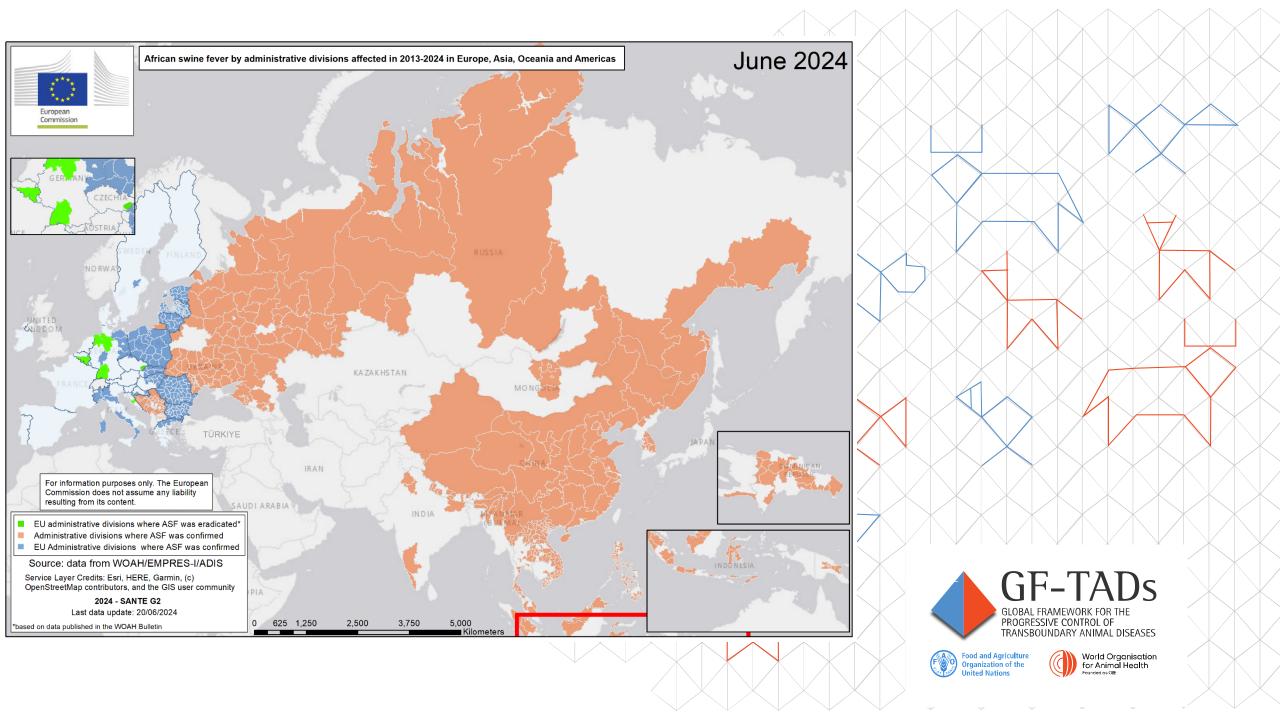


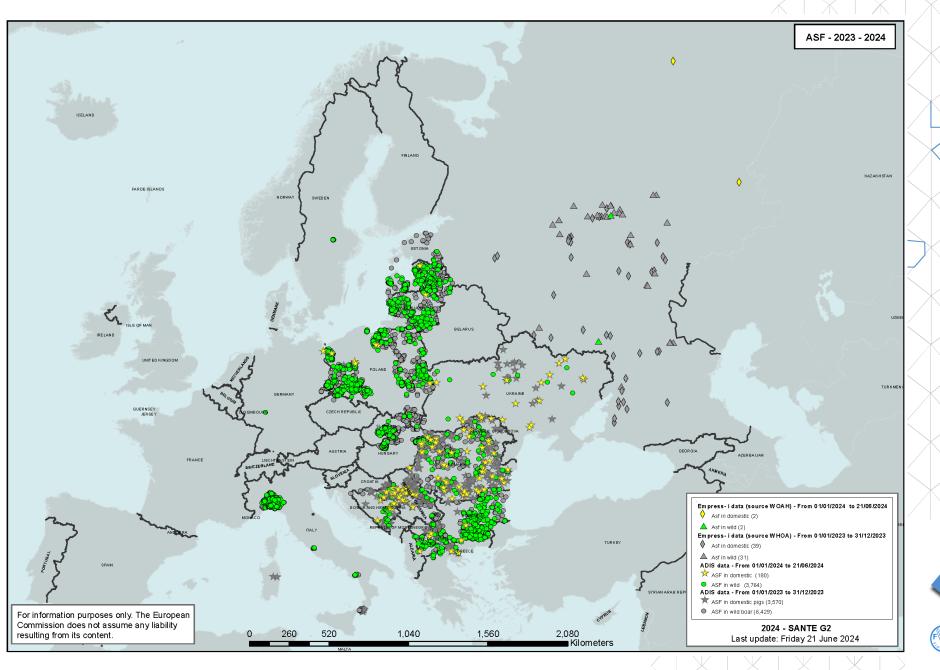
Dr Bernard Van Goethem, President of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for Europe

















ASF in Europe – main challenges

- Backyard/small-scale farms with poor biosecurity
- Wild boar management (appropriate movement control/population reduction)
- Risk of ASF introduction by international travelers and human mediated 'jumps'
- Recognition and proper enforcement of WOAH international standards (zoning) by trading partners
- Absence of effective and safe ASF vaccines







SGE on ASF in Europe – key tool to address the main challenges

- 22 meetings since it was set up in 2014 to build closer cooperation among CVOs of affected countries and addressing the control measures in an harmonized and science-based manner in Europe
- The most recent meeting: April 2024 (Strategic fencing to contain the wild boar population to prevent, control and eradicate African swine fever) Germany
- Rich history of ASF in Europe allowed European experts to accumulate field experience: 17 field visits by ASF experts (Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, the Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Belgium, Serbia, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania).

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Awareness – e-depository

- E-depository to help countries benefit from each others experience – NEW VERSION RECENTLY UPDATED
- many resources/information on ASF including ASF awareness material from the majority of the European countries (in their language)
- EU/FAO/WOAH "GF-TADs handbook on African swine fever in wild boar and biosecurity during hunting"
- links to the best sources of general information on African swine fever



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Best practises in Europe (1) Czechia and Belgium – ASF eradication

The Czech Republic



Urgent response

Zoning

Expert missions

Active search of carcasses

Strategic fencing

Tailor made hunting

Trapping

Coordination and close cooperation at all levels

Belgium



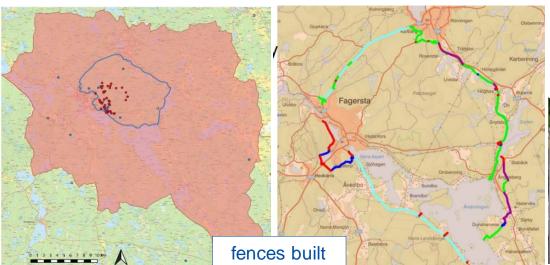
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Best practices in Europe (2) Germany (certain zones) – ASF eradication



Best practices in Europe(3)

Sweden



Next success story?

The last (PCR positive) ASF cases found in May and June are **old carcasees = old infection**!!!





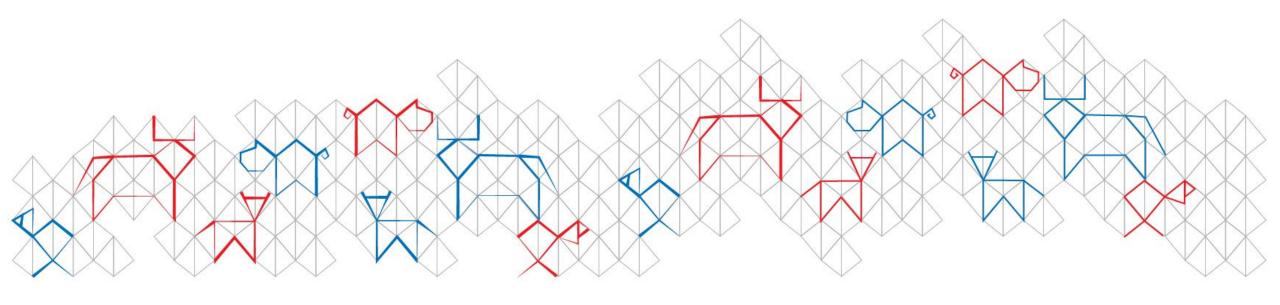






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