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African swine fever: responding to the global threat



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The emergence of African swine fever (ASF) in Europe – infected wild pigs were detected in Belgium (September 2018) and Poland (autumn 2019)⁽¹⁾ – triggered tightening of existing preventive measures to protect the pig industry and wildlife of neighbouring countries. These measures are based on risk mitigation strategies, and are designed to produce readiness to implement zoning or compartmentalisation policies. This allows trade to be maintained from disease-free zones or compartments, avoiding discontinuation of the exportation of certain products from the country.

Public–private partnership

A public–private partnership (PPP) is a joint approach in which the public and private sectors agree on responsibilities and share resources and risks to achieve common objectives and deliver sustainable benefits. Under PPP, actions against the spread of ASF can be coordinated more efficiently between swine interprofessional organisations and the animal health authorities. A PPP policy can be adapted to improve biosecurity within zones and compartments. In addition, PPP contributes to rebuilding trust between trading partners. This requires all stakeholders to have awareness and knowledge of biosecurity measures and their own roles and responsibilities.

(1) See updated information regarding the ASF situation in Europe in the [OIE World Animal Health Information System database](#).

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Role of swine interprofessional councils or organisations in efficient prevention and control of ASF

The public–private partnership policy in action

SUMMARY

In the face of African swine fever (ASF), public–private partnerships can improve the implementation of contingency plans, help ensure biosecurity within zones free of disease, and rebuild trust in trade. Action against the spread of ASF requires activity to be coordinated between swine interprofessional councils or organisations and veterinary authorities.

KEYWORDS

#African swine fever (ASF), #Europe, #public-private partnership.

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