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ASF in the EU in 2014-2020

1. **Lithuania** (1/2014)
2. **Poland** (1/2014)
3. **Latvia** (6/2014)
4. **Estonia** (7/2015) – last ASF outbreak in pigs 9/2017
5. **Romania** (7/2017)
6. **Hungary** (4/2018) – only in wild boar
7. **Bulgaria** (6/2018)
8. **Slovakia** (7/2019)
9. **Greece** (2/2020) – one outbreak in pigs
10. **Germany** (9/2020) – only in wild boar, close to PL border

11. Sardinia, IT – unrelated epidemiological situation

Czechia – 6/2017, free from ASF since 02/2019

Belgium – 9/2018, free from ASF since 11/2020



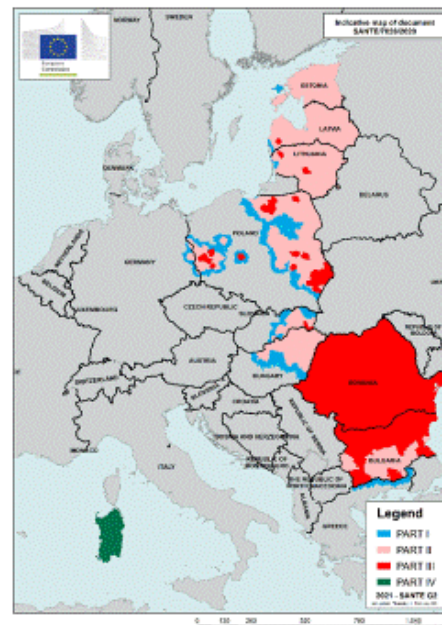
Main EU initiatives on ASF

- Preparedness
- Scientific advice (EFSA)
- Network of labs (+ EURL)
- Research
- Legislation (horizontal + specific)
- EU Guidelines
- Regionalization (zoning)
- Border controls
- Audits
- Financial support
- Training (BTSF)
- Public awareness
- Urgent intervention (EUVET)
- International cooperation
 - GF-TADS



EU regionalization (zoning) policy on ASF

- **Applied:** since 2014
- Current **EU regionalisation** (zoning):
 - **Part I:** ASF not present. High risk zone.
 - **Part II:** ASF only in wild boar.
 - **Part III:** ASF in domestic pigs and wild boar.
 - **Part IV:** specific situation in Sardinia
- **EU guidelines:** the Strategic approach and the Principles and criteria available online
- Online interactive map
- **Urgent and transparent information** to trading partners

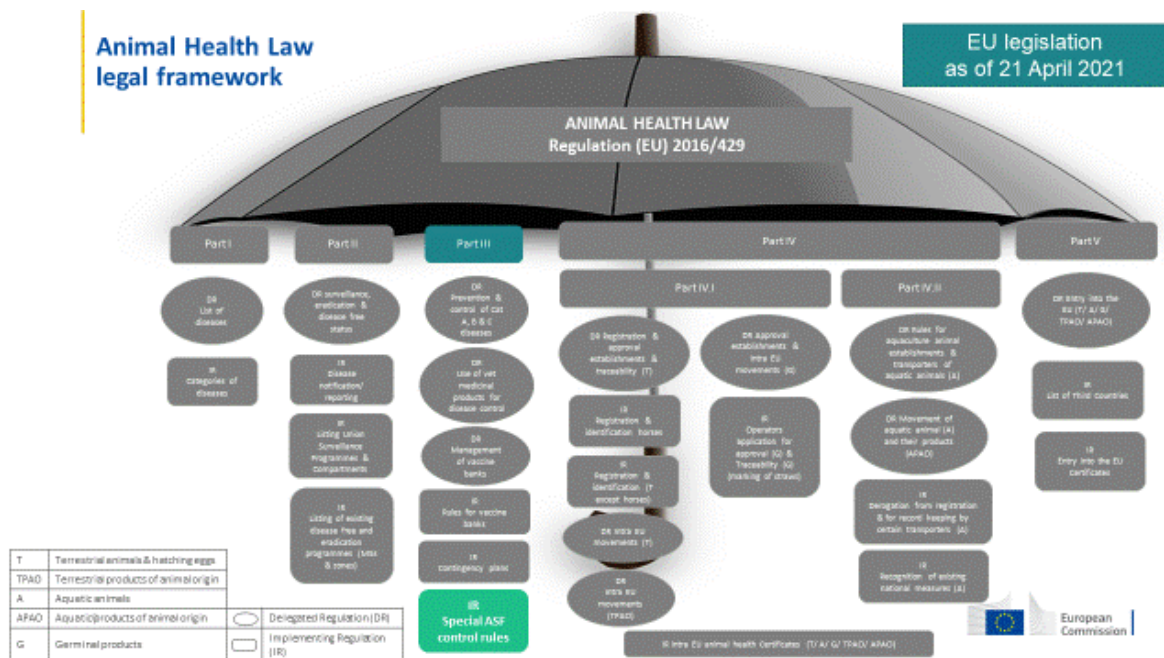


EU regionalisation (zoning) measures = guaranty for safe trade

- **The EU legislation** foresees strict measures to apply regionalisation (zoning):
 - based on **science**;
 - fully in line with the **international standards** (e.g. OIE)
 - in areas affected - **risk mitigation measures**
- **Business continuity**:
 - the negative impact of animal diseases is reduced (safe trade from non-restricted areas, safe derogations for affected areas, etc.)
- Proven to be **effective to prevent/control/slow down the spread of diseases**
 - eradication in certain situations: Czech Republic, Belgium
- **Recognized internationally and by certain trading partners**

Countrywide bans by some trading partners, targeting also areas of the EU that are not affected by the disease, are unnecessary and disproportionate

Animal Health Law legal framework



Special ASF control measures (conditions for safe trade): examples

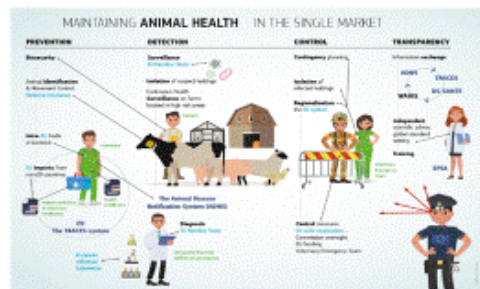
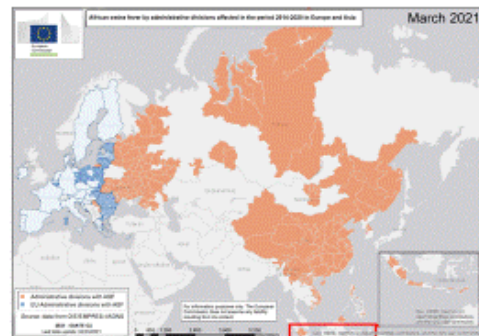
- **Restricted zones** categorised by the epidemiological ASF situation = **regionalisation** (zoning) in line with international standards
- **Prohibitions** of movements of certain commodities out of restricted zones
- **Derogations** from prohibitions only under specific **conditions** (surveillance, official control, a clinical examination, etc.) and **authorisation** by the competent authority
- Special **designation** of establishments and **requirements**
- **Information** and **training obligations**, public **awareness**
- Reinforced **biosecurity measures**

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Conclusions

- Overall, **ASF remains under control in the EU**
- It **remains a challenge in certain/limited areas**/regions/MS (regionalisation applied!)
 - Small - scale (backyard) farms
 - ASF control and eradication in wild boar in wide areas
- EU has a **knowledge** and **expertise to control and eradicate ASF**
 - in wild boar: ASF has been eradicated from CZ and BE
 - in domestic pigs: many good examples exist in the EU
- Overarching **EU animal health control = guaranty for safe trade**
 - **no outbreaks of diseases caused through (legal) trade (intra-EU or to other trading partners)!**



Thank you

Dedicated website of the Commission:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-diseases/control-measures/asf_en

Interactive tool of EU regionalisation (zoning) for ASF:

<https://santegis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=45cdd657542a437c84bfc9cf1846ae8c>



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