



Overview of African swine fever situation in EU

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ASF: Mar 2007 to Apr 2007

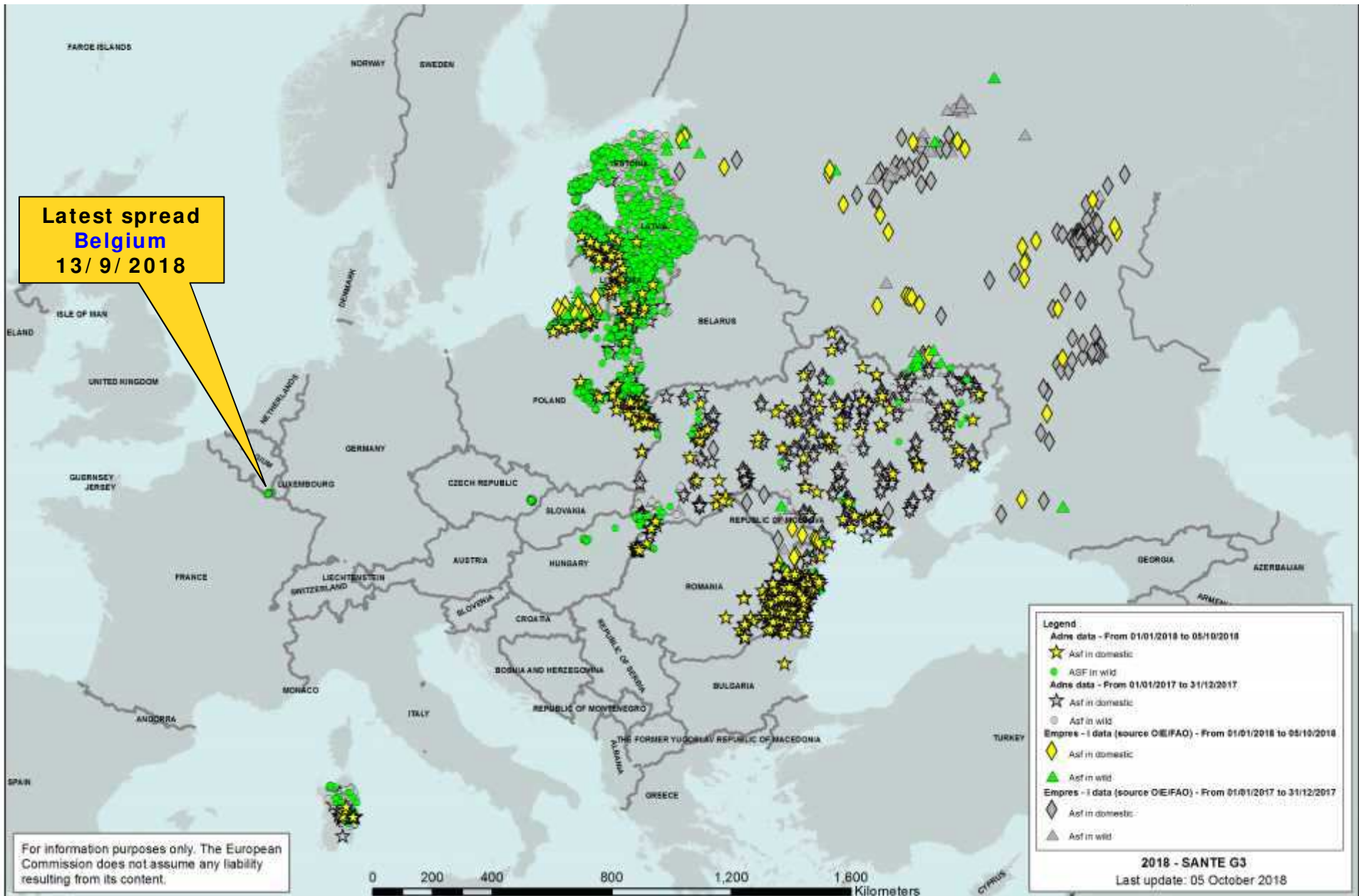
- ▲ / ■ Wild boar
- ◆ / ☆ Domestic pigs



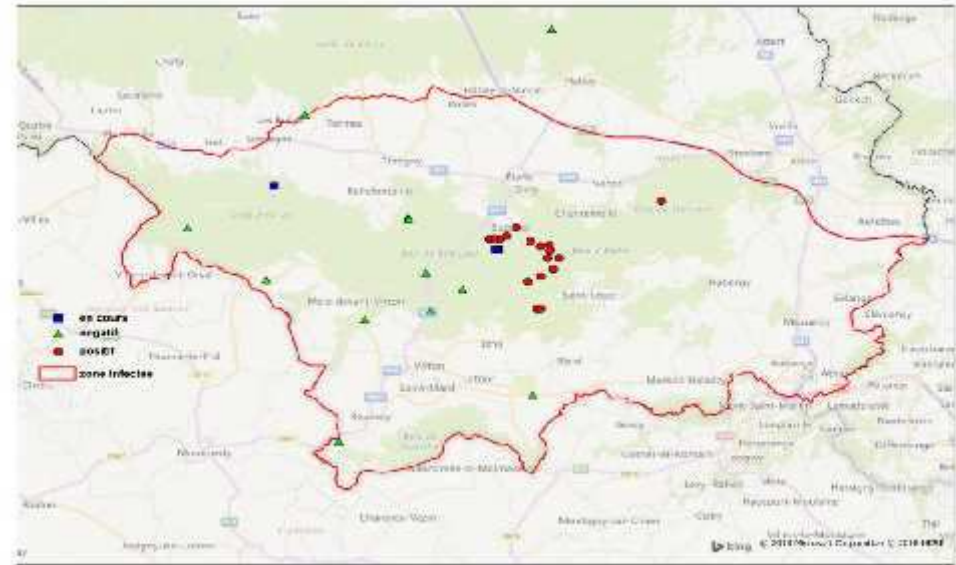
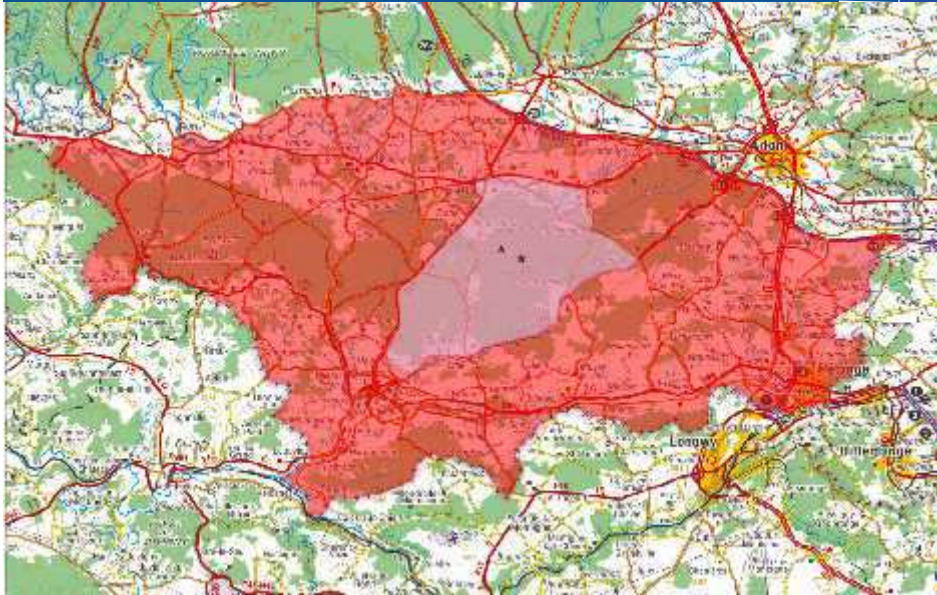
Sources: ADNS
OIE-FAO



Current situation of ASF in Europe: 2017-2018



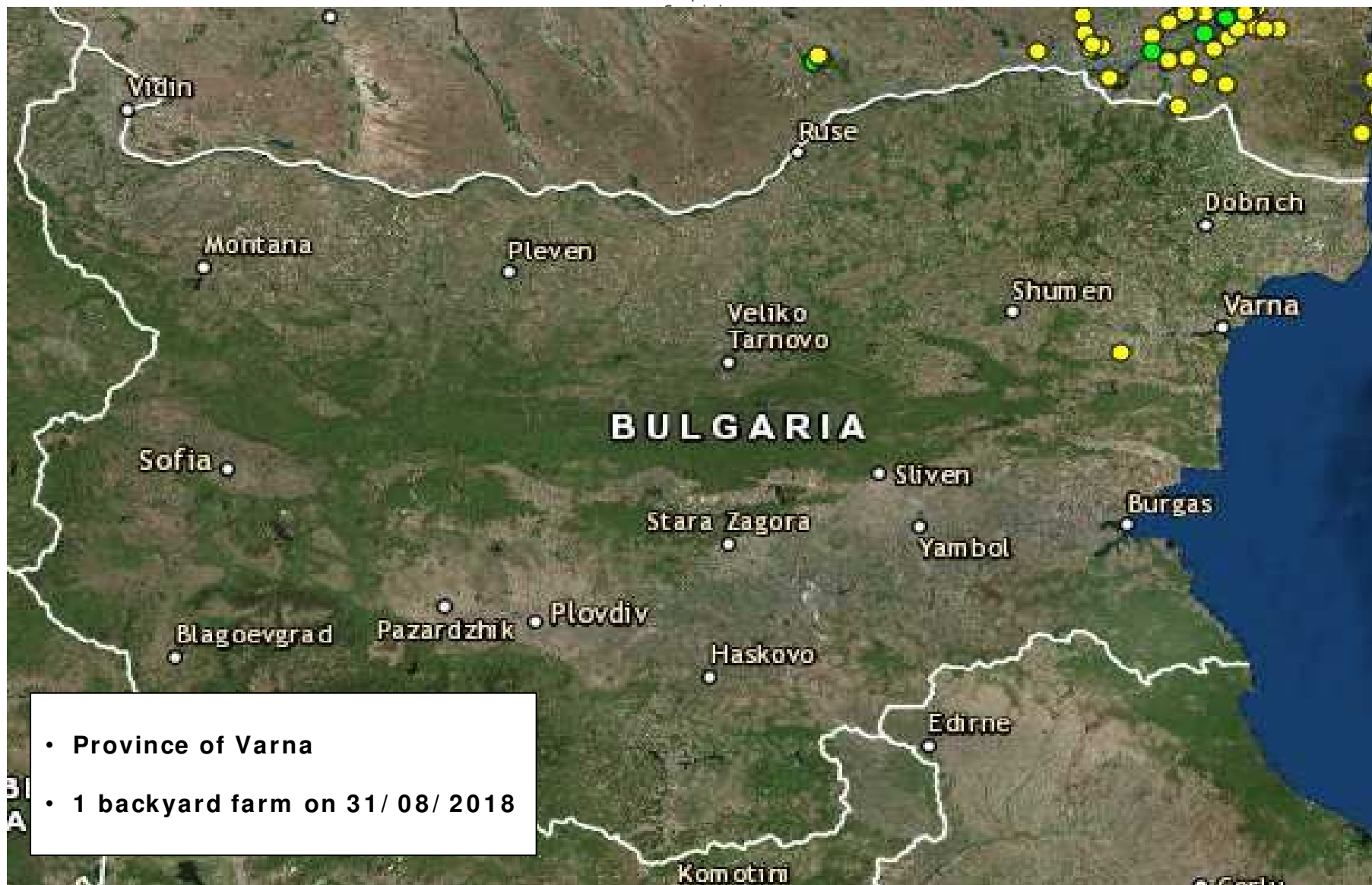
ASF in Belgium: from 13/ 09/ 2018



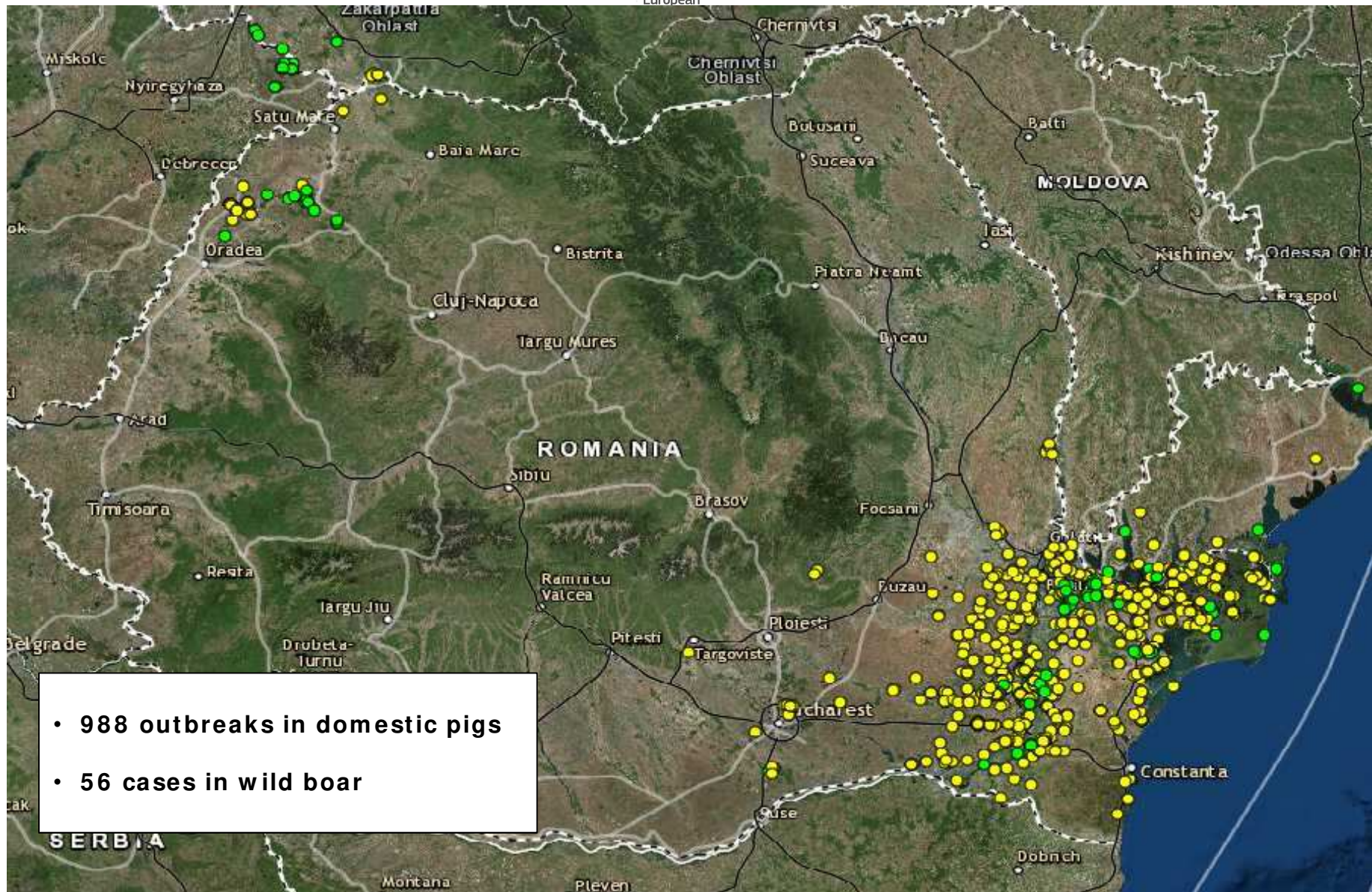
- **Etalle** region (Luxembourg province): ASF confirmed in 2 wild boar on 13/09/2018
- **EUVET** mission on the spot: 14-17 September 2018
- Up to 03/10/2018 - **12 ADNS notifications** (24 wild boar)



ASF in Bulgaria: from 31/08/2018



ASF in Romania: in 2018



ASF in 2018: EU

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ADNS DATA up to 05/10/2018	notification of cases in Wild Boar in 2018	Outbreaks in Domestic Pigs 2018
POLAND	1966	109
LITHUANIA	1258	50
LATVIA	561	10
ESTONIA	198	0
CZECH REPUBLIC	28	0
ROMANIA	56	988
HUNGARY	35	0
BULGARIA	0	1
BELGIUM	12	0
ITALY	41	10
TOTAL	4155	1168





EU Veterinary Emergency Team

EUVET missions on ASF in 2018

- Hungary: 24-25 April 2018 (wild boar)
- Romania: 5-9 June 2018 (wild boar)
- Romania: 2-4 July 2018 (domestic pigs)
- Bulgaria: 1-3 August 2018 (preparedness)
- Bulgaria: 4-7 September 2018 (domestic pigs)
- Belgium: 14-17 September 2018 (wild boar)



Next:

- 11-12 October 2018 (BE, follow-up),
- November 2018 (SI, wild boar management)



Audits, fact finding missions: **Directorate F**

- Audits on **implementation of border controls** against ASF in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland done in 2013. In 2014 follow-up audits on implementation of border controls against ASF in Latvia and Estonia (**6 audits**).
- Audits carried out on **animal health preparedness and eradication (12 missions)**: in relation to ASF in Poland and Lithuania (2014), Estonia (2015), Latvia and Estonia (2016), Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia and Romania (2017), fact finding mission to Moldova and audit in Czech Republic (2018).
- Two series of **fact finding mission (16 missions)**: carried out by the Commission in 2016 and in 2017 in Finland, Estonia Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia.



EU international cooperation: GF-TADs (FAO/ OIE):

- 11 meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on ASF in the Baltic and Eastern Europe region since 2014:
 - Bern (22/09/14) - **Kick-off**
 - Minsk (1-2/12/14) - **Wild boar management**
 - Tallinn (11-12/02/15) - **backyard holding management**
 - Moscow (15-16/03/16) - **reviewing the outcome of the ASF filed visits**
 - Lisbon (19/09/16) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
 - Vilnius (28-29/11/16) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
 - Paris (23/05/17) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
 - Moldova (20-21/09/17) - **awareness and communication**
 - Kiev (22-23/03/2018) - **cross border cooperation addressing (legal and) irregular movements of pigs and their products**
 - Paris (22/05/18) - **ASF situation and planning actions**
 - Warsaw (September 2018) - **ASF epidemiology in wild boar population and in the environment**
- 10 Field visits by GFTADs experts in Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, the Czech Republic and Romania.



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Recommendations



Wild boar management in ASF free areas (1)

- Efforts in ASF free areas should be undertaken to partially reduce the growth of wild boar populations:
 - **hunting** management
 - **ban of supplementary feeding**
 - **agricultural practises**

Link to recommendations:

[http://web.oie.int/rr-europe/eng/eng/Regprog/docs/docs/SGE%20ASF11/SGE%20ASF11%20\(Sept2018\)%20-%20Recommendations%20\(final\).pdf](http://web.oie.int/rr-europe/eng/eng/Regprog/docs/docs/SGE%20ASF11/SGE%20ASF11%20(Sept2018)%20-%20Recommendations%20(final).pdf)



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Wild boar management in ASF free areas (2)

- The risk and the consequences of any new invasion of ASF in a ASF-free wild boar population should be effectively minimised through preventive and **long term management of wild boar population aimed at reducing wild boar density and size in ASF-free areas.**
- This long term management requires **coordination** with forestry management bodies and hunters.



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- **Next meeting: March 2019 in Prague**
 - Practical field management of ASF and stakeholders' coordination



Handbook on African Swine Fever in wild boar and biosecurity during hunting



EU international cooperation on ASF: **Ministerial meetings**

- **6 High level Ministerial meetings on ASF:**
 - Vilnius – 17/05/15
 - Tallinn – 26/02/16
 - Warsaw – 28/10/16
 - Riga – 02/06/17
 - Prague - 08/11/17
 - Warsaw – 26/03/2018
- **High-level conference** on transboundary diseases
 - Brussels – 06/09/2018

EU Strategic approach to the management of ASF in the EU

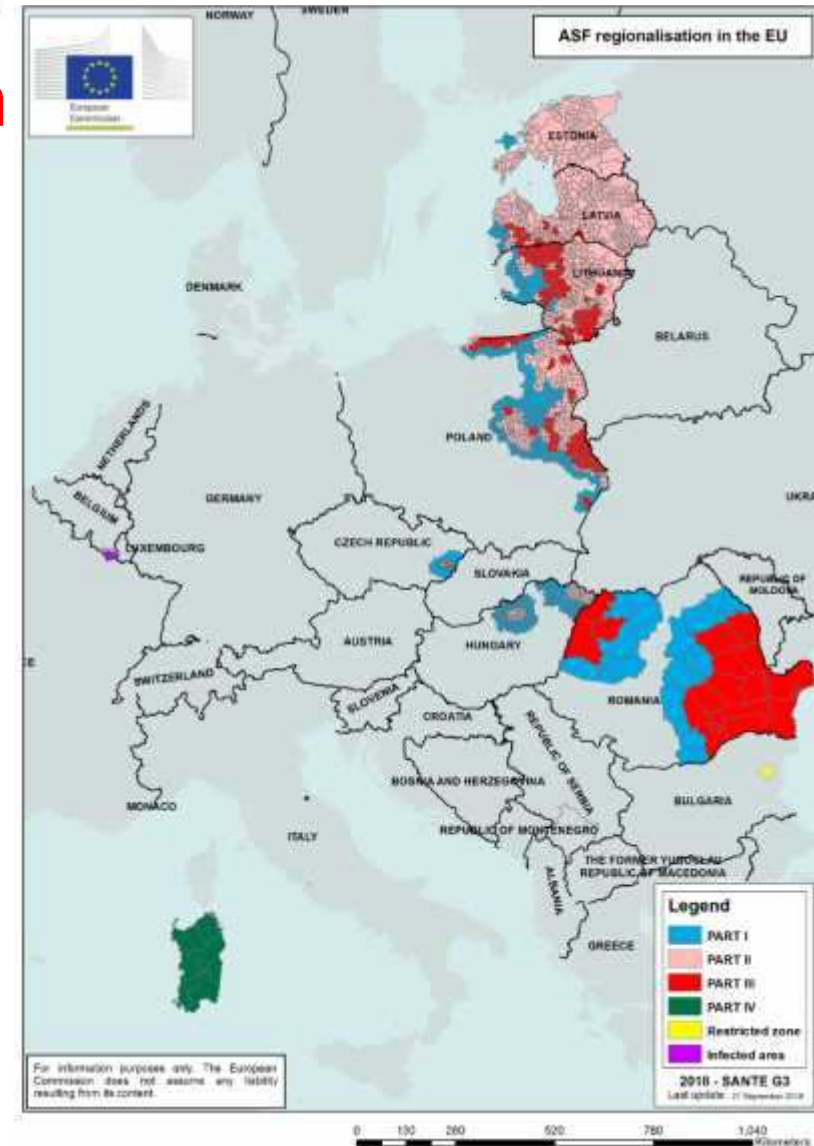
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- Harmonised approach towards ASF in the EU
- next Revision 10
- More emphasis on **preparedness of free MS** with a focus on wild boar management
- Annex of concrete **recommended measures**, for ex.:
 - Fencing of parking places on international highways
 - Limited access to the waste bins on the highways
 - Rendering of collected waste



EU ASF regionalisation measures

- Clearly defined roles for Member States and Commission
- Rapid flow of information
- Urgent adoption of emergency measures
- Agreed with Member States
- Immediately applicable
- Decisions published in the Official Journal of the European Union in 23 languages
- Next revision: PAFF on 17 October 2018



OVERVIEW OF EFSA'S PAST ASSESSMENTS ON ASF

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/topics/topic/african-swine-fever>



- *Scientific opinion (published in July 2018):*
 - Wild boar density and threshold for ASF transmission
 - Wild boar depopulation methods
 - Fencing methods
 - Surveillance strategy

- *Epidemiological assessment*
 - Autumn 2018





EU Financial support

- EU Member countries: in 2013-2018 support (**59.2M€ in total**) has been provided to prevent or eradicate the disease using two different tools: **emergency measures (10.9 M€)** and **eradication programmes (48.3 M€)**.
- Non EU Member countries:
 - For 2017: for **Ukraine: 225 000 EUR** allocated for surveillance and collection of dead wild boars; for **Moldova: 150 000 EUR** allocated to purchase of material to control the disease
 - For 2018: **345 000 EUR** for **Ukraine** - **121 000 EUR** for **Moldova** allocated for (i) testing; (ii) collection of wild boar carcasses; and (iii) awareness campaigns.



Ongoing initiatives

- **Review of the current ASF legislation and EU Strategy:** simplification, certain flexibility, science and experience
- **Prohibition of dispatch of wild boar** to other MS and third countries (except local movement) – Commission Implementing Decision 2018/ 834 of 4 June 2018
- **No derogation for the registration of 1 pig holding** –voted in PAFF on 13 of June 2018.
- **Launching research for development of ASF vaccine** – under Horizon 2020, at least 25 million euros are committed/ planned for research on the control of ASF, from which 10 million will be devoted to the development of a vaccine
- **Total financial allocation to MS for ASF in 2013-2018: 59.2M€**
- eradication programmes (48.3 M€) and emergency measures (10.9 M€).



Key actions

- **Public awareness campaigns** for targeted groups
- **Coordinated actions** between farmers, hunters, other stakeholders and official services
- Small non-commercial (also small commercial) **farmers need to be involved** in the fight against this disease
- **Human factor** – increased checks at EU external borders (personal consignments, unauthorised goods, smuggling of commodities etc.)
- Farmers and hunters need to upgrade their practices to be ready for African swine fever: **biosecurity** is a key





Next steps

- **AGRI FISH** - 15 October 2018 (ASF preparedness!)
- **Cooperation with environmental institutions** (letter to be sent)
- **Ministerial conference** on 19 December
- **Common event of ASF with FACE** – January 2019



Thank you!

**CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN INITIATIVE TAKEN OR
SUPPORTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/
docs/ad-control_measures-asf-chronology_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/ad-control_measures-asf-chronology_en.pdf)