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Subject: Persistence of Aujeszky's disease in wild boar and risks to dogs

Aujeszky's disease, caused by the Suid herpesvirus, has been the subject of effective eradication programmes in pig farms in several Member States. Thanks to these efforts, the disease has been largely brought under control in domestic pigs across much of the European Union.

However, the virus continues to circulate within populations of wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), which act as a natural reservoir for the disease. This situation poses a persistent health risk to pig farms, and also to other susceptible animals.

In particular, the disease is highly transmissible and almost always fatal to dogs, especially hunting dogs, which may become infected through contact with wild boar or infected carcasses. Cases are regularly reported in several Member States, causing alarm among hunters and veterinarians.

In light of the above, is the Commission considering a European strategy to enhance monitoring and curb the transmission of Aujeszky's disease within wild boar populations, in order to safeguard the progress made with pig farms and reduce the risk to dogs and domestic animals?

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