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Answer given by Mr Várhelyi
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Competent Authority of Spain promptly informed the Commission about first the suspicion, and then the confirmation, of the first African swine fever (ASF) outbreak in Barcelona. Since then, the Commission is constantly informed and strictly monitors the evolution of the ASF situation as well as the implementation of all measures to avoid further disease spread.

Regional and Central Competent Authorities of Spain are working in a coordinated and efficient manner, putting in place adequate efforts and resources. So far, the disease is limited to the core area identified based on a risk assessment.

Given the urgency of the situation, the Competent Authority of Spain asked the Commission for support of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team (EUVET)¹ experts that were dispatched on-the-spot in two missions, on 3-5² and 10-12³ December 2025 to help handle the emergency and further investigate the origin of the virus causing the epidemic.

The Commission is in contact with the Competent Authority of Spain and promptly updates Member States and Third Countries on the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

¹ https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-diseases/veterinary-emergency-team_en.

² https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/1c5b6b6b-1fb4-4191-9296-ca1355b16ed1_en?filename=reg-com_ahw_20251215_pres-27.pdf.

³ https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/754658bf-ec0b-48e7-b9b1-2233de84f122_en?filename=reg-com_ahw_20251215_pres-08.pdf.