



<b>Activity Title and Number:</b> EU standards and regulations to control African Swine fever A371-C3	<b>Beneficiary:</b> Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
<b>Location and Date:</b> Qingdao, 13 October 2014	<b>Stakeholders:</b> Livestock producer, food industry, and academic institutions.

## Brief Activity Report

### Relevance and Impact

During the 2013 and 2014 SANCO AQSIQ and SANCO MOA dialogues there was a general consensus on the need to increase cooperation in the area of surveillance and control of key animal diseases. The detection of cases of African swine fever (ASF) in wild boars in Lithuania and Poland on January 2014 moved China to restrict pork imports from Poland. In May 2014, EUCTP II, together with the EU delegation and the Embassy of Poland, organised a roundtable to discuss with Chinese competent authorities (AQSIQ and MOA) the management of the ASF incident by the Polish and EU sanitary authorities. As a follow up activity, an internship will be implemented at the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)-EU reference laboratory for ASF, located in the Universidad Complutense in Spain. In preparation for the internship, and to create a platform to cooperate in the area of animal health reference laboratories, EUCTP II organised a preliminary meeting on surveillance of animal diseases at the Chinese Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC) in Qingdao.

### Activity Description

Chinese experts from China Animal Health and Epidemiology Center (CAHEC) and the director of the OIE/EU ASF reference laboratory participated in this roundtable and engaged in technical exchanges related to the following topics:

- Current needs in African Swine Fever (ASF) risk assessment and surveillance in China
- Current technical capacity of CAHEC in ASF diagnostic and surveillance
- Current situation of ASF in the world
- Mechanisms of sustainable cooperation between CAHEC and the OIE/EU ASF reference laboratory to enhance CAHEC's capacity on ASF risk assessment and surveillance in China.



EU and Chinese experts discussing laboratory cooperation on ASF

### Results and Dissemination

- ✓ The Chinese beneficiary acquired first-hand knowledge regarding the current international situation of ASF.
- ✓ CAHEC's experts learned about the ASF risk associated with international transportation.
- ✓ CAHEC and the OIE reference laboratory for ASF agreed to exchange technical materials and develop a proposal for cooperation on ASF surveillance.