

Standing Group of Experts on Rabies in Europe under the GF-TADs umbrella

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Rabies epidemiology – evolution since 2016

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total number of indigenous cases*	Fox: 4	Fox: 1	Fox: 1	0
Species / number of cases	Fox: 4	Fox: 1	Fox: 1	0
Number of cases < 50 km from a neighboring country (please detail)	4 cases • Carina-Osečina 1 Bobova- Valjevo 1 • Vragočanica- Valjevo 1 • Lopatanj- Osečina 1 Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 case Tomanj- Krupanj 1 Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 case Krupanj- Krupanj 1 Bosnia and Herzegovina	0

* If no case since 2016, date of the last indigenous case:

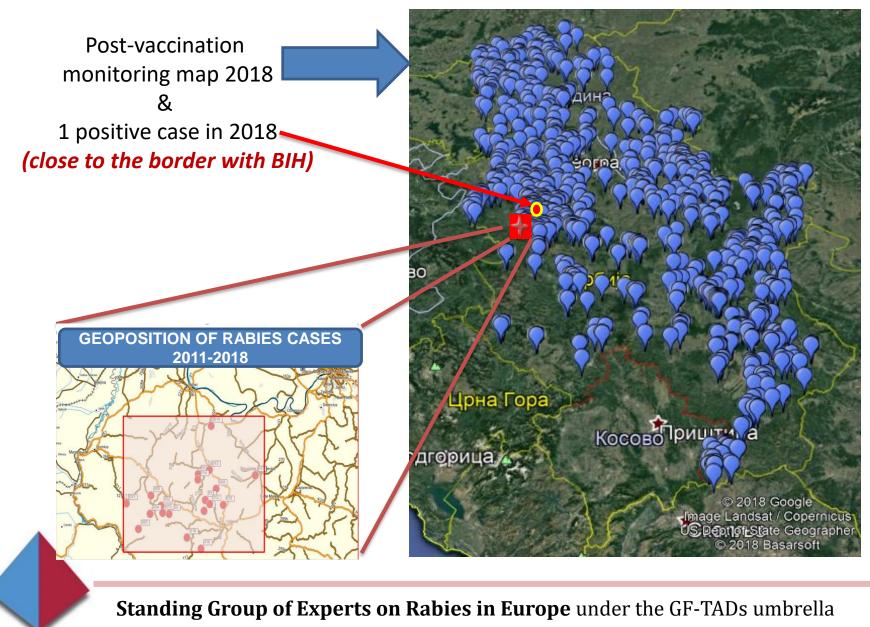
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Rabies monitoring / surveillance since 2016

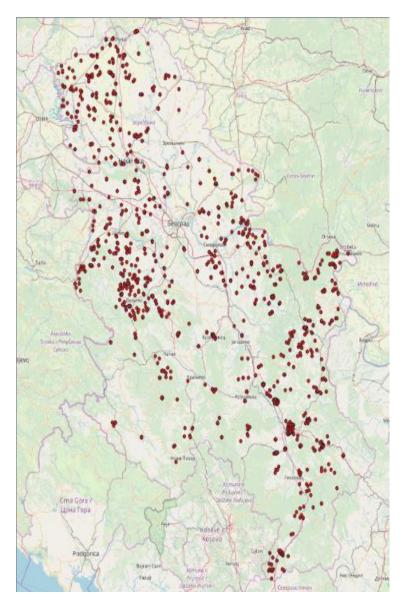
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total number of FATS ⁽¹⁾ performed on indicator animals ⁽²⁾	1031	1567	1489	Ongoing
Species	 FOX -859 SHAKAL- 149 MARTEN -18 WOLF - 1 WILD CAT -2 	 FOX -1246 SHAKAL - 246 MARTEN - 40 WOLF - 3 WILD CAT -15 	 FOX - 1134 SHAKAL -305 MARTEN - 23 WOLF -3 WILD CAT -24 	
Total number of biomarker tests and ELISA tests performed in hunted animals	743/247 72%/23%	1107/416 70%/ 26%	908/271 60 %/18 %	

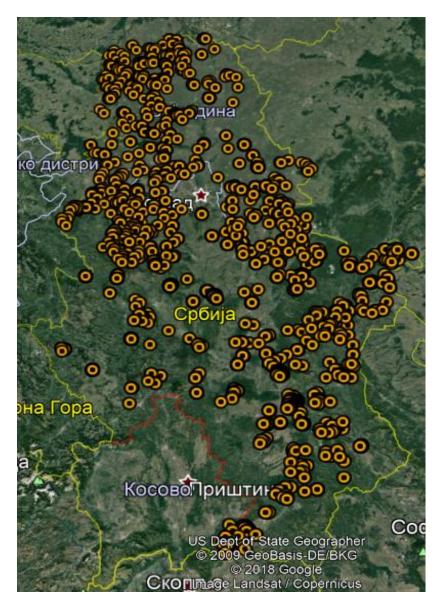
- 1) FATS = fluorescent antibody test ;
- 2) Indicator animals = animals that show clinical signs or abnormal behavior suggestive of rabies, animals found dead, road kills and animals involved in human exposure

Map of Rabies cases

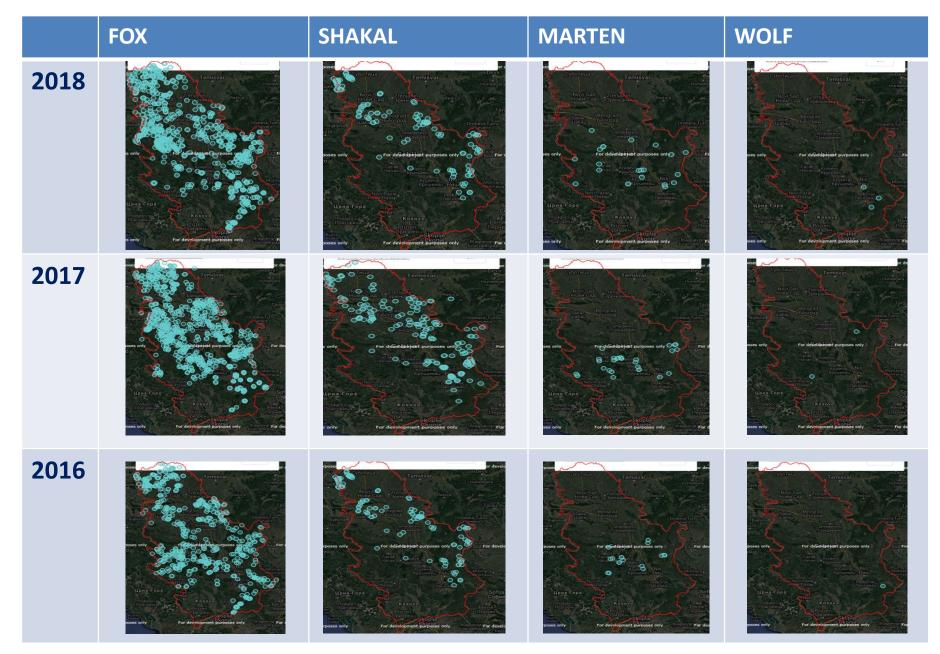


Monitoring 2018





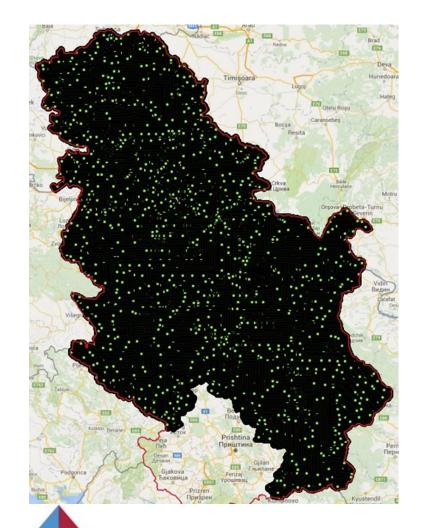
MONITORING 2016 - 2018

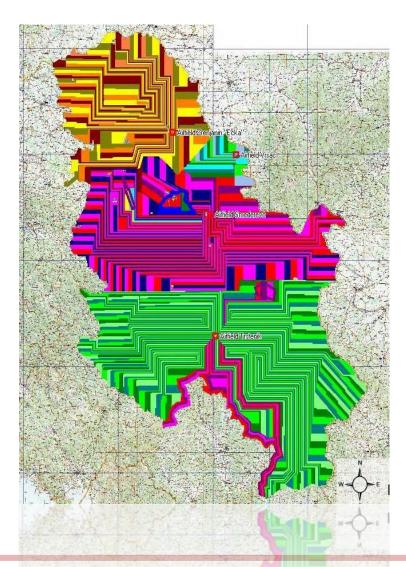


Rabies oral vaccination campaigns since 2016

	2016	2017	2018
Spring campaign	Dates:	Dates:	Dates:
	X Whole country	X Whole country	X Whole country
	Parts of country	Parts of country	Parts of country
	and area vaccinated	and area vaccinated	and area vaccinated
	(km ²): app 75000 km ²	(km ²): app 75000 km ²	(km ²): app 75000 km ²
Fall campaign	Dates:	Dates:	Dates:
	Whole country	Whole country	Whole country
	Parts of country	Parts of country	Parts of country
	and area vaccinated	and area vaccinated	and area vaccinated
	(km ²): app 75000 km ²	(km²):	(km ²): app 75000 km ²
Oral vaccin used	Vaccine: Lysvulpen	Vaccine: Lysvulpen	Vaccine: Lysvulpen
(Raboral, Rabigen, Fuchsoral, Lysvulpen , or Other – please detail)	Bait density: 22 baits/1 km ²	Bait density: 22 baits/1 km ²	Bait density: 22 baits/1 km ² 25 baits/1 km ² - in high area with rabies cases

Map of Vaccination areas





Specific Plans for 2019

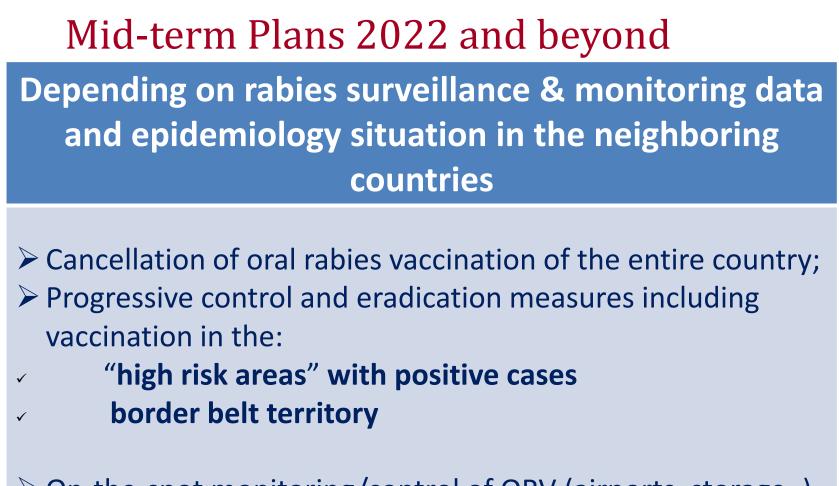
	Spring campaign	Fall campaign
Dates - At national level	- April/May	New Tender procedure to be initiated
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Covered territory	Whole country	Whole country
Oral vaccine used	Lysvulpen, Bioveta CZ	Tender award related
Particular needs	25 baits/km ² in 2 districts with rabies cases	25 baits/km² in 2-3 districts



Specific Plans for 2020 and 2021

	Spring campaign	Fall campaign
Dates - At national level And specifically at	- April/May	- October/November
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Covered territory	Whole country	Whole country
Oral vaccine used	Tender award related	Tender award related
Particular needs	Evaluation conclusions related	





- On-the-spot monitoring/control of ORV (airports, storage..)
- Improving of post-vaccination monitoring programme
- Enhancing surveillance programme
- Public awareness campaign

Conclusions and challenges

Regional level

Coordination with the neighboring countries/territories

- ✓ Long term planning (borders!)
- ✓ Funding & Procurement
- ✓ Quality of vaccines

Country level

- Proper planning of the Rabies control & eradication program
- Vaccination campaigns/program
 - ✓ Design, implementation, funding
 - ✓ Vaccination area
 - ✓ Duration and timing
 - ✓ On-the-spot monitoring of campaigns important!
- Public information and awareness raising
- Strong post-vaccination monitoring (No of samples ?) important!
- Surveillance program (No of samples ?) important!
- > Annual evaluation and update of Rabies control & eradication program

THANK YOU

