



# EURL activities of importance to the LSD diagnosis and the LSD vaccine control

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# 1) Use of DIVA PCR

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## Performance of the currently available DIVA real-time PCR assays in classical and recombinant lumpy skin disease viruses

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# 1) Use of DIVA PCR

## 2 commercial DIVA PCR:

- ID Vet
- Biosellal

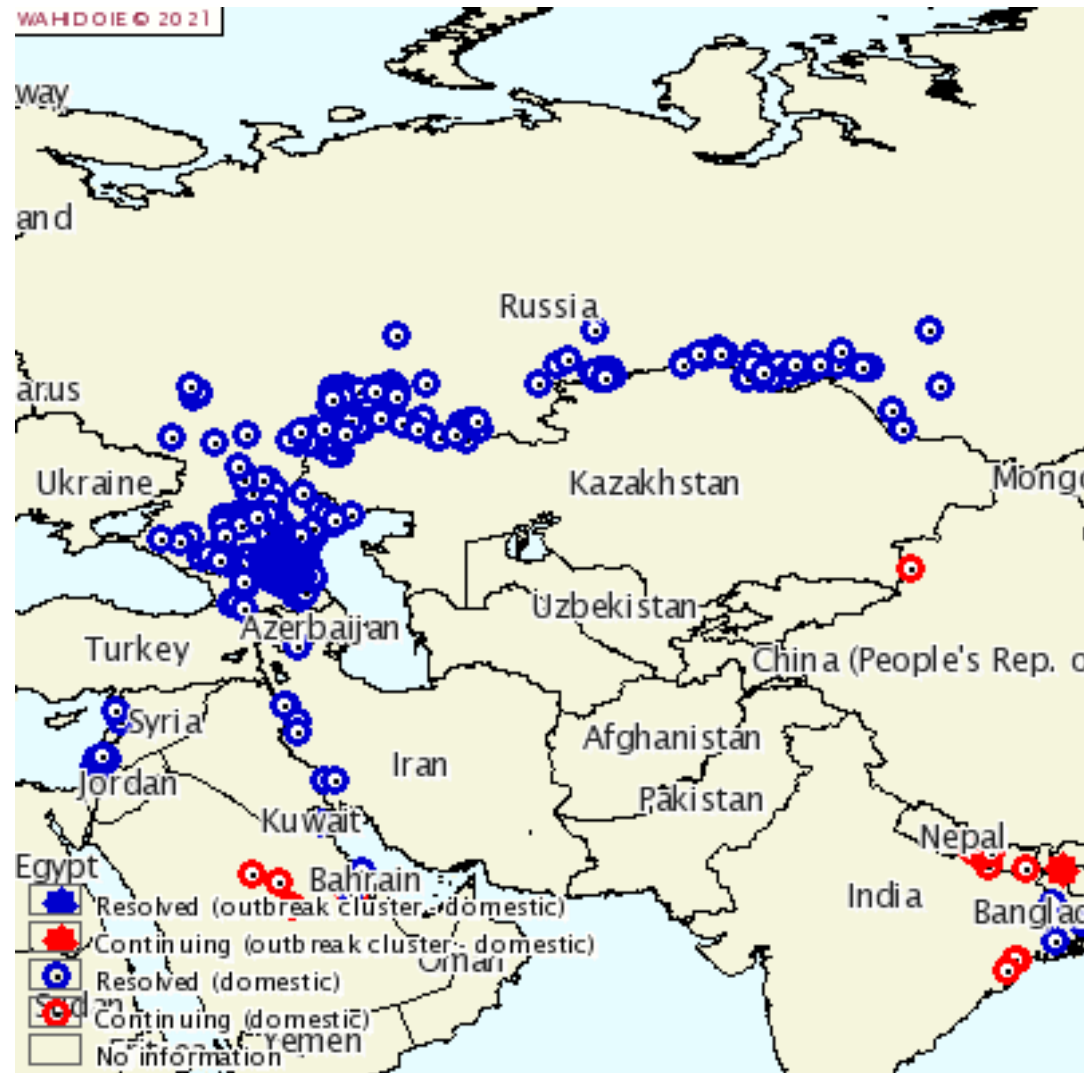
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- Agianniotaki 2017: (GPCR gene)
- Sprygin 2018/ Kononov 2019 (ORF008/ORF126)

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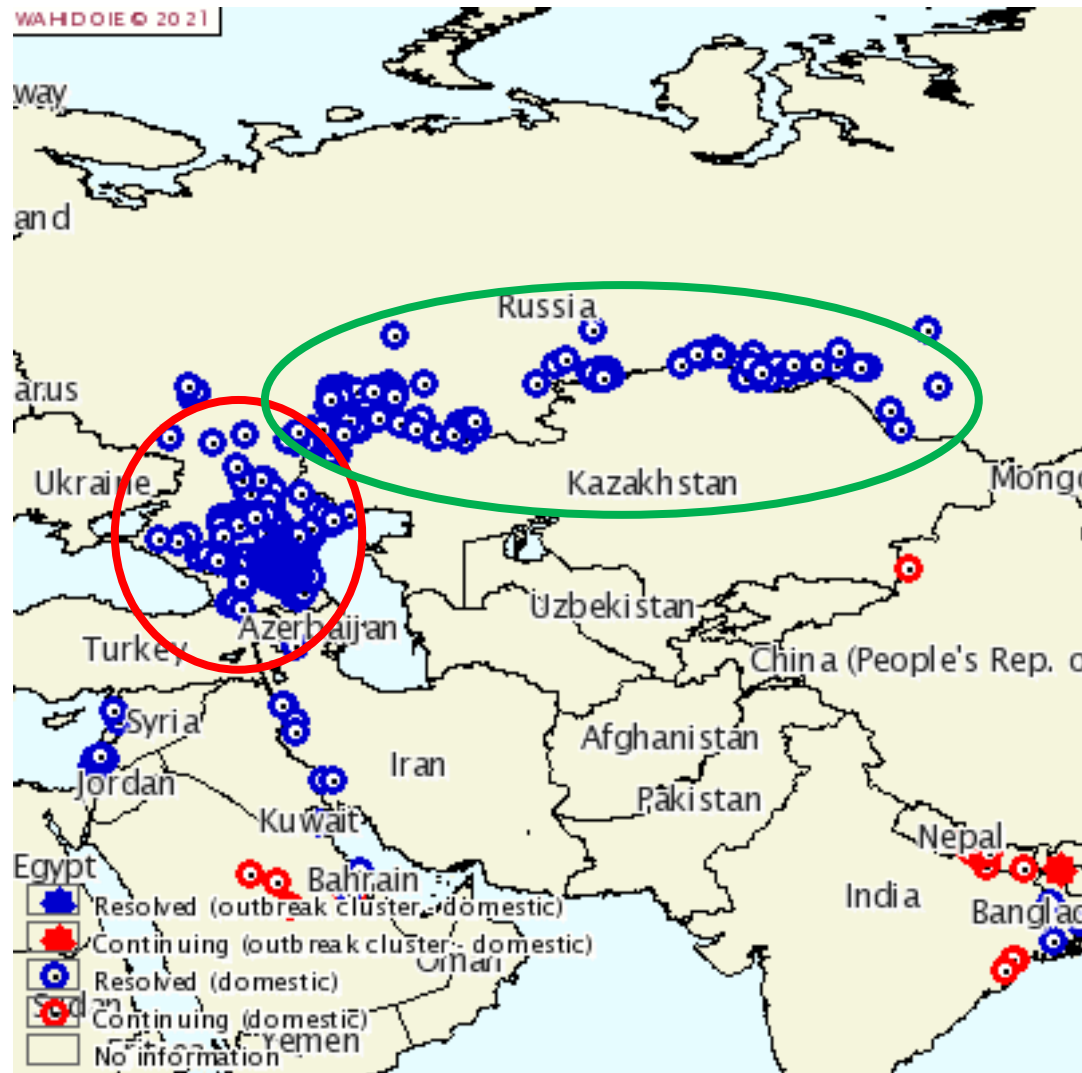
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Field strains before  
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Correctly identified by  
all but Biosellal

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OBP vaccine:  
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3/13 field  
6/13 vaccine  
4/13 undetected
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12/13 vaccine  
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# 1) Use of DIVA PCR

Authors conclusion:

- Current DIVA unable to correctly identify strains currently circulation in Russian and Asian regions.
- Large difference between field isolates in PCR profiles
- Raise issue of current OIE exemption on Neethling vaccine isolates

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EURL opinion:

- Very important findings
- Full genome sequencing of every isolate: useful, but not practical
- Development of new molecular assays: take time
- Agianniotaki 2017 detects all strains in panel. Field isolates with different PCR profiles (last group) are all detected as vaccine (no undetected).
- OIE LSD chapter should be reviewed, including notification
- Offering collaboration and independent confirmation
- Importance of strain sharing and characterization in the context of European preparedness

## 2) Proficiency test

Objective:

to assess the ability of National Reference Laboratories to perform

Capripox Virus serological diagnosis

Capripox Virus molecular virology diagnosis

using their primary diagnostic assay(s)



ISO17043 'Conformity assessment - General requirements for proficiency testing'

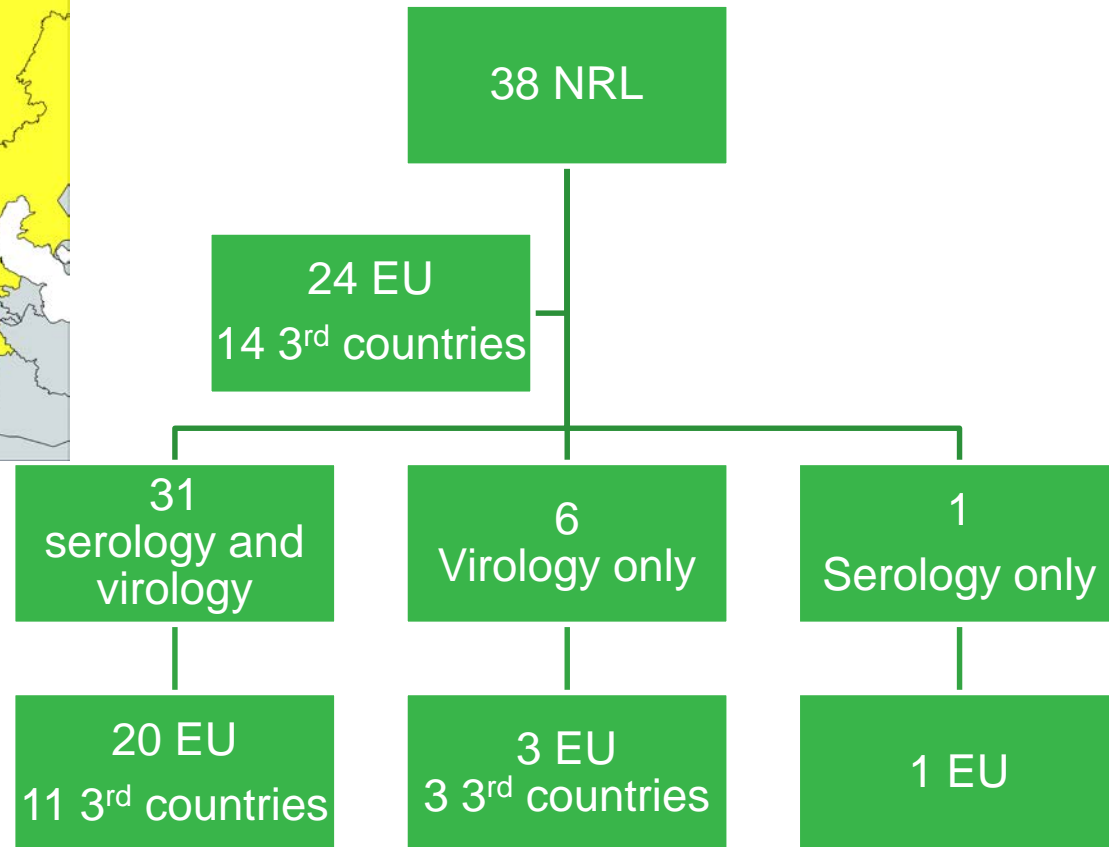
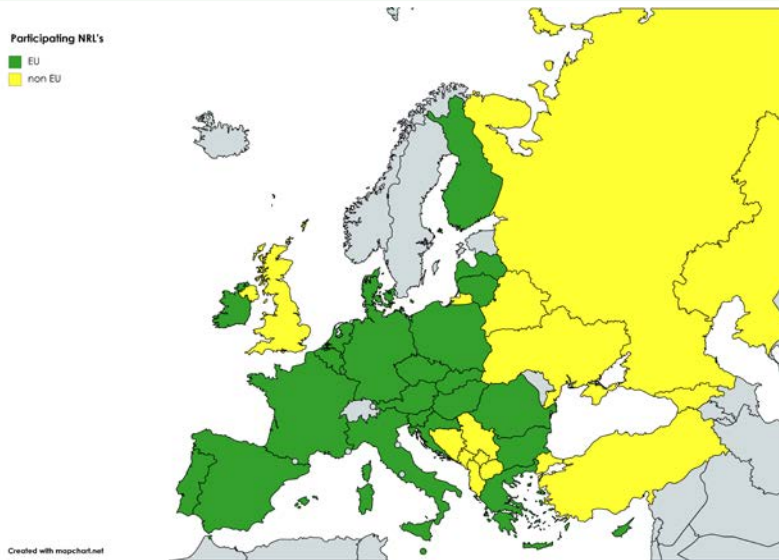
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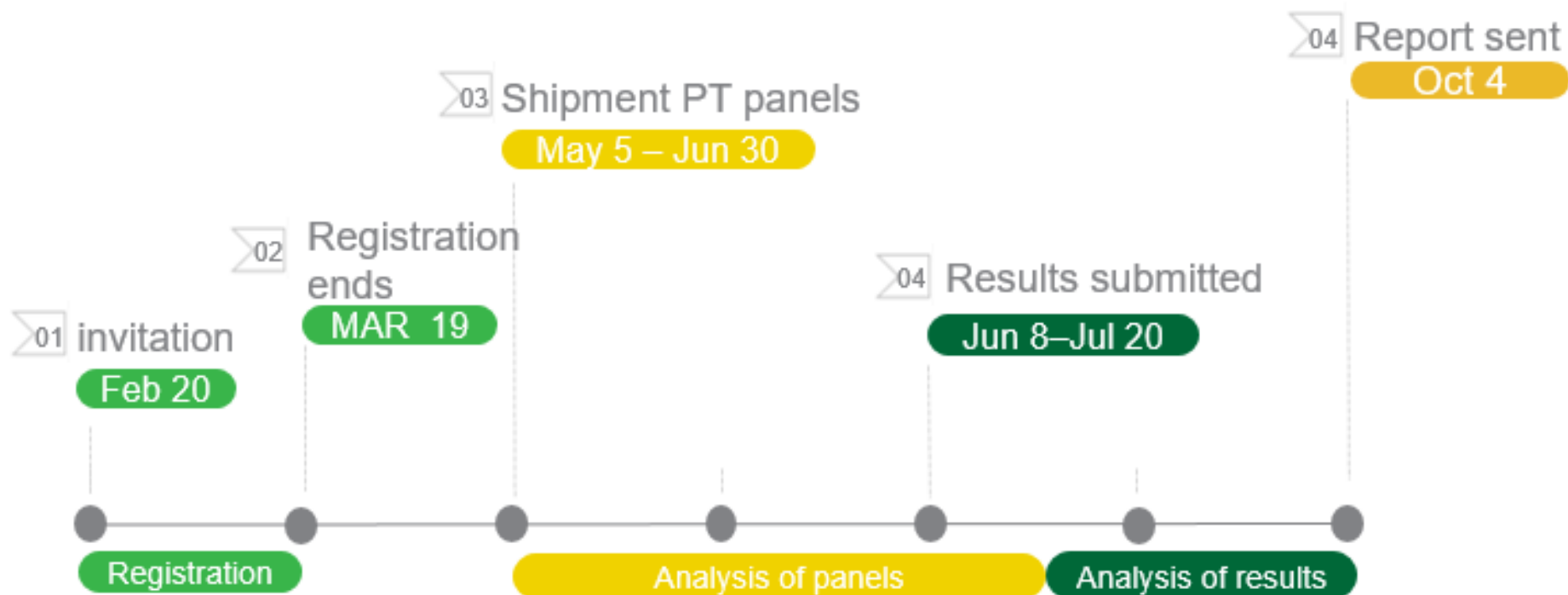
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- Serology: **all** participating laboratories achieved a satisfactory performance
- Virology: **34** out of **37** participating laboratories achieved a satisfactory performance
  - Follow-up for 3 laboratories
- In addition to PT for South Korea, help on diagnostics implementation and development for Vietnam
- Participation in GF-TADs LSD meeting for Asia and the Pacific



# 3) Vaccine control

- Independent vaccine testing
  - *In vitro*
  - *In vivo*
- Identification of BVD in 1 vaccine batch (not used in Europe)
- Severe local reaction in vaccinated animals with different vaccine batches (not used in Europe)

# 4) summary

## EURL

- Independent vaccine control
- Characterization of strains
- Validation of diagnostics
- Help for 3<sup>rd</sup> countries in LSD diagnostics

# Thanks to the EC for the support

## EU Reference Laboratory for Capripox viruses



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