



Rabies situation and relevant activities in the EU

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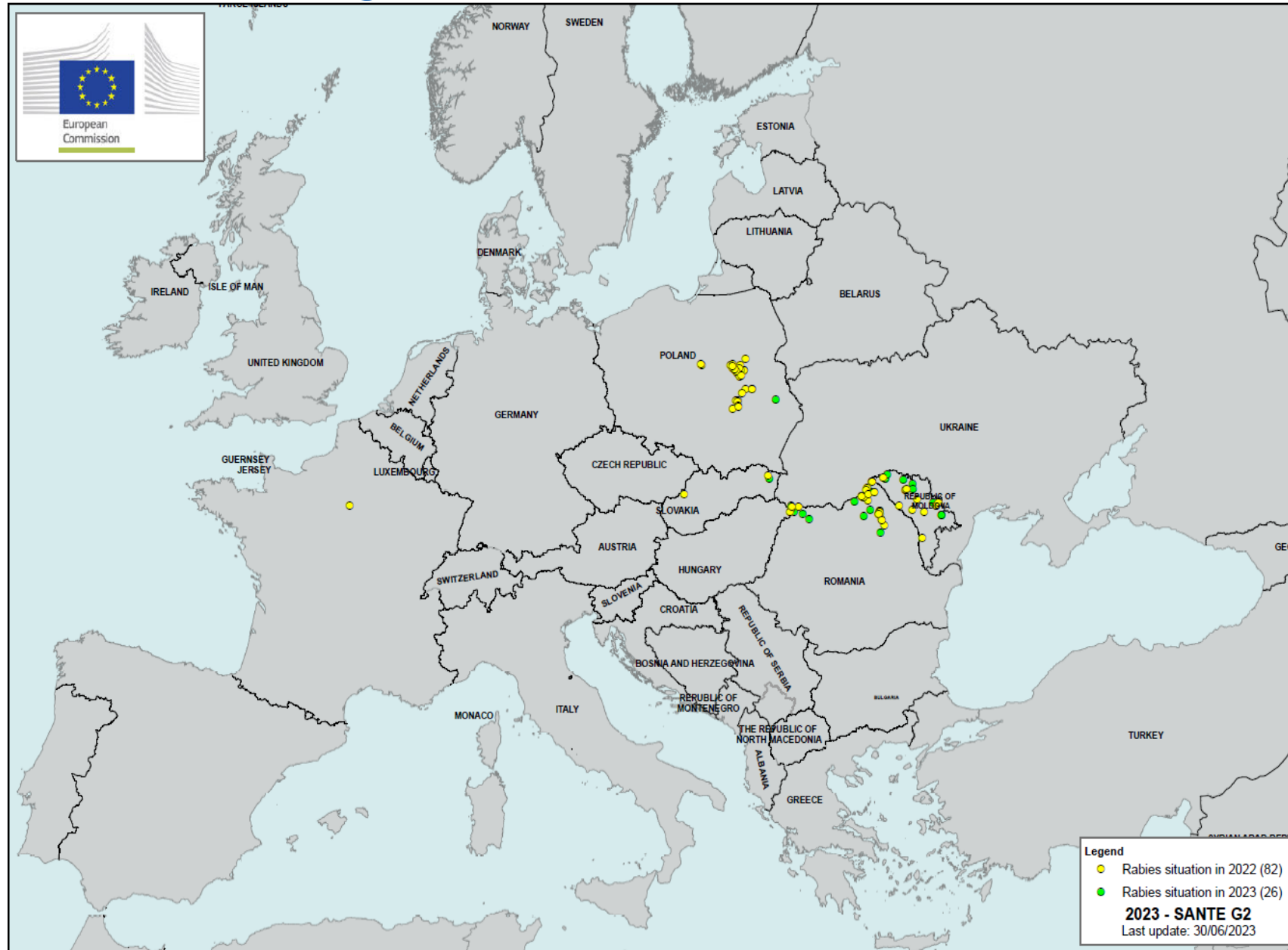
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Rabies in the EU

- Rabies eradication remains a priority for the EU
- EU experience shows that rabies can be eradicated, if oral rabies vaccination (ORV) campaigns, coupled with robust surveillance, are implemented consistently.
- Rabies situation
 - Close to complete eradication in 2019-2020
 - Resurgence in 2021 in Poland (2021: 113, 2022: 36, 2023: 1)
 - Incursions in 2022 from rabies endemic zones:
 - in free MS (eastern border): Hungary (2022: 4, 2023:1) and Slovakia (2022: 2, 2023:1)
 - in North – Northeast Romania (2022: 28, 2023: 16)

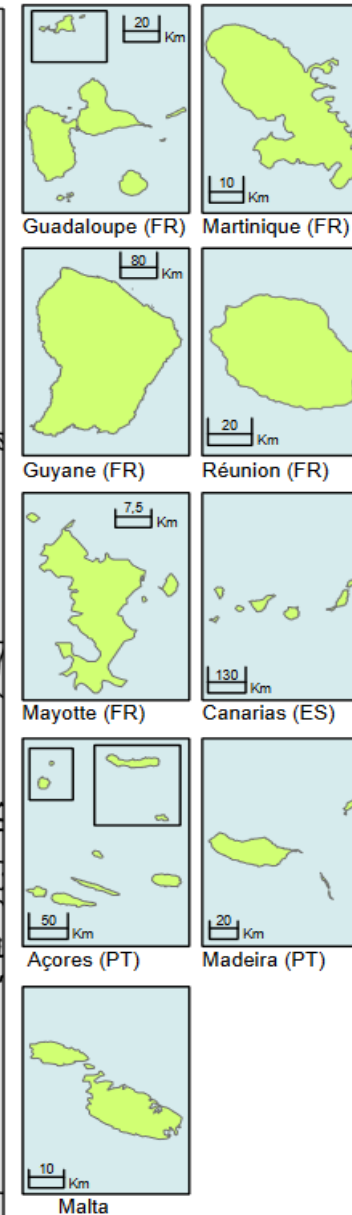
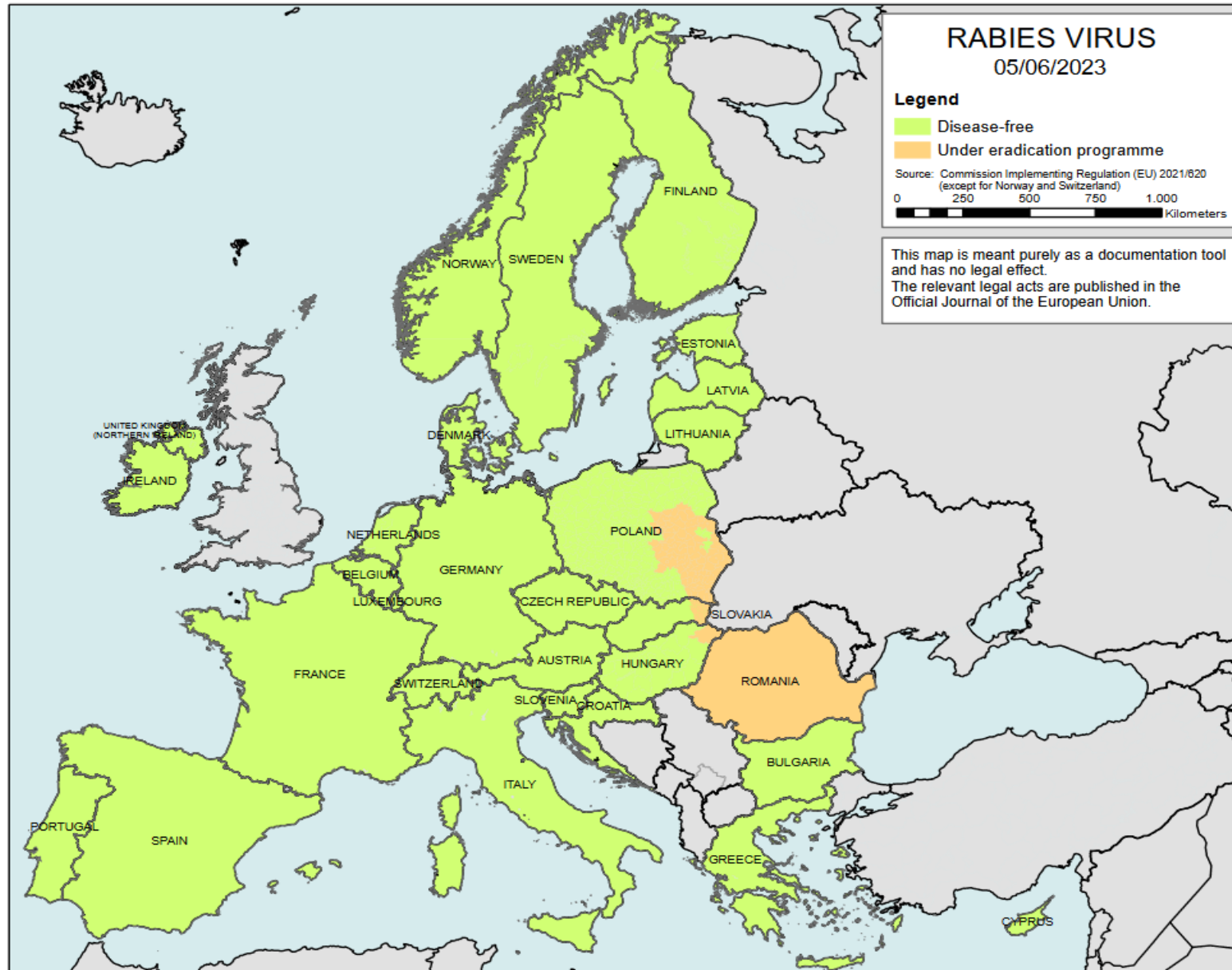
Epidemiological situation in 2022-2023



Legal framework

- Rabies is a **Category B disease**
 - = a listed disease which must be controlled in all MS with the goal of eradicating it throughout the Union
- Subject to early detection and mandatory notification
- If MS not free, **must** establish a programme for the eradication of rabies
 - = '**compulsory** eradication programme', which must consist of at least
 - Critical role of oral vaccination in wild foxes

Maps of areas with disease status



Co-financed programmes on rabies

- Rabies is still considered as a priority disease for co-financed programmes with two main objectives
 - Prevent re-incursions from non-rabies free areas
 - Eradicate the disease where present
- EU co-funded programmes still running at the eastern border of the EU territory, with ORV performed in 10 MS (Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia)

Thank you



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