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# Session on rabies surveillance

## GF TADs SGE RAB6

# **Report by Greece**

# *Rabies epidemiological situation*

- **Last year of occurrence of Rabies in domestic animals: 2014**  
*[two (2) dogs, Larissa and Thessaloniki Regional Units (RUs)]*
- **Last year of occurrence of Rabies in wildlife: 2014**  
*[eight (8) red foxes, Kilkis, Thessaloniki, Trikala and Pella RUs]*
- **Last year of occurrence of Rabies in humans: 1970**  
*1 Man*
- **Last year of occurrence of imported Rabies cases:**
  - **In animals: N/A**
  - **In humans: N/A**



# *Oral rabies vaccination*

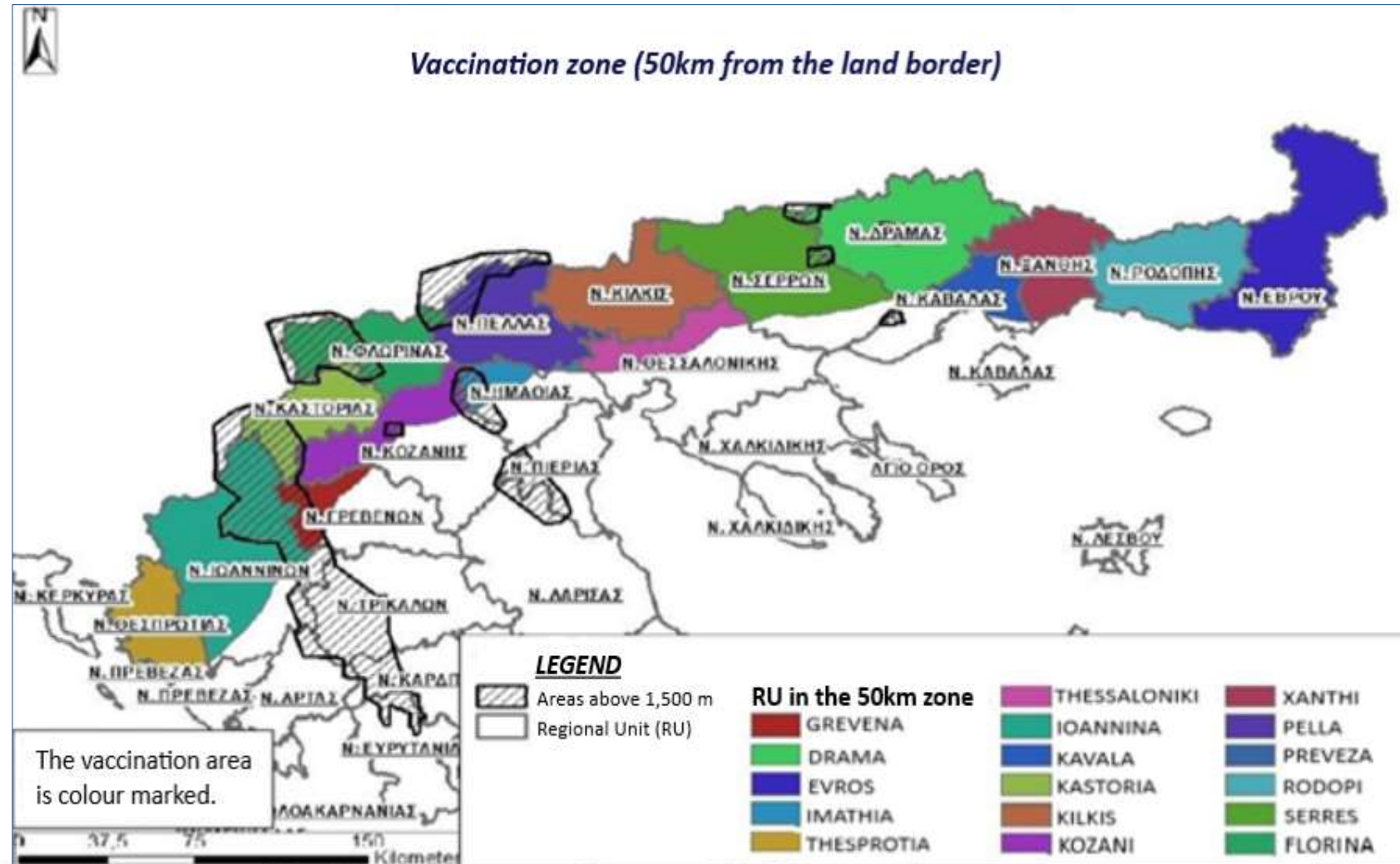
Year*	Campaign carried out		Spring campaign		Autumn campaign		Area covered (please mark with X as appropriate )		Financing (EU/ National/other)
	Yes	No	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date	Whole country	Other (please describe)	
2019	x		03.04.2019	11.05.2019	10.10.2019	09.11.2019	-	54,834km <sup>2</sup> spring campaign & 54,649km <sup>2</sup> autumn campaign	
2020	x		12.05.2020	07.06.2020	02.10.2020	15.10.2020	-	54,769km <sup>2</sup> spring campaign & 54,762km <sup>2</sup> autumn campaign	
2021		x	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2022	x		07.04.2022	15.04.2022	11.10.2022	20.10.2022	-	29,161km <sup>2</sup> spring campaign & 29,242km <sup>2</sup> autumn campaign	
2023	x		25.05.2023	08.06.2023	23.09.2023	06.10.2023	-	29,277km <sup>2</sup> spring campaign & 29,318.9km <sup>2</sup> autumn campaign	
2024	x		10.04.2024	26.04.2024	planned	planned	-	29,284km <sup>2</sup> spring campaign	

\*No ORV campaign: "not planned"/ ORV Planned but not implemented: "omitted"



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# Map of the last vaccination area



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# *Surveillance* (Detection of rabies virus)

Year	Number of tested animals-passive surveillance		Number of tested animals-active surveillance					
	<i>Detection of rabies virus (FAT) in the framework of passive surveillance</i>		<i>Detection of rabies virus (FAT) in the framework of monitoring programme - active surveillance</i>		<i>Bait uptake (biomarker)</i>		<i>Seroconversion (antibodies to rabies virus)</i>	
	Total number of animals tested	Number of positive cases	Total number of foxes tested	Number of positive cases	Number of foxes tested	Number of biomarker positive samples	Number of foxes tested	Number of foxes positive for antibodies to rabies virus
<b>2019</b>	790	0	502	0	505	375	446	239
<b>2020</b>	773	0	187	0	187	110	183	102
<b>2021</b>	1,008	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>2022</b>	725	0	211	0	218	150	208	117
<b>2023</b>	739	0	298	0	300	190	225	109
<b>2024 (up to 30.06.2024)</b>	327	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

- **Passive surveillance:** tests performed in suspect and dead wild animals (FAT/RT-PCR).  
 - **Active surveillance:** tests performed in healthy hunted animals in the frame of the monitoring programme to verify effectiveness of vaccination.



# Plans for 2025

VACCINATION	Yes	No	Still to be decided	Yes under conditions (please describe)	Area	Period /dates	Comments
ORV Campaign	X				Approximately 30,000km <sup>2</sup>		
Spring campaign	X				Approximately 30,000km <sup>2</sup>	April-May 2025	
Autumn campaign	X				Approximately 30,000km <sup>2</sup>	October-November 2025	
SURVEILLANCE							
Passive surveillance	X				Whole country	01.01.2025-31.12.2025	
Active surveillance (like the one accompanying all ORV)	X				Regional Units (RUs) of the vaccination area [Evros (excluding Samothaki), Xanthi, Rhodope, Drama, Kavala (part), Imathia (part), Thessaloniki (part), Kilkis, Pella, Serres (part), Grevena (part), Kozani, Kastoria, Florina, Preveza (part), Thesprotia, Ioannina (part)]	Starting one (1) month after the completion of ORV campaigns, lasting for approximately two (2) months. Extension is approved until the beginning of the next campaign.	
Other type of active surveillance (please describe)							

*Thank you for your attention!*

