



# GF-TADs

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## PPR occurrence in Europe region

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

***Bulgaria***  
Country Update

# PPR – Background information

- **PPR Vaccination, including preventive:** Vaccination has never been used in Bulgaria.
- **PPR surveillance (active) and post vaccination surveillance:** *The active surveillance in Bulgaria started in 2017. It includes monthly examinations in 25 settlements near the border with the Republic of Turkey, monthly examinations have been carried out also in in the six Southern regions of Bulgaria. In the six Southern regions of Bulgaria blood samples from small ruminants are taken every 3 months .*



# Clinical examinations in TADs areas in 2024

Region	No of clinical checks in holdings	Number of clinical examinationed animals			Number of samples		
		Bovines	Sheep	Goats	Bovines	Sheep	Goats
Blagoevgrad	569	7614	26299	4559	135	723	0
Kardzhali	922	10800	18006	3665	0	223	0
Smolyan	1224	10166	16837	1153	149	213	24
Haskovo	880	10331	14105	3037	0	240	0
Burgas	533	6783	12262	2291	0	184	20
Yambol	608	7430	8932	1810	0	135	2

- PPR occurrence: In 2018 there were 7 PPR outbreaks in Bulgaria which were in Burgas and Yambol region.
- On 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 there was a confirmed outbreak of PPR in the city of Velingrad, Pazardzhik region.
- The most recent surveillance activities are provided in tables in the next slide



# The recent surveillance

Clinical  
examinations  
in RZ

Region	Municipal ity	Total no. of small ruminant holdings	Total no. of small ruminants	No. of small ruminant holdings checked	%	No. of small ruminants clinically examined	%
Pazardzhik	Pazardzhik	6	512	6	100	512	100
	Batak	3	201	3	100	201	100
	Velingrad	105*	9896	100	95.24	7800	78.82
	Septemvri	10	869	10	100	869	100
	Rakitovo	43	4947	43	100	4700	95.01
Blagoevgrad	Bansko	48	6102	4	8.33	234	3.83
	Razlog	80	7998	6	7.5	700	8.75
	Satovcha	204	12003	13	6.37	2164	18.03
	Garmen	42	5497	7	16.67	993	18.06
	Belitsa	65	6202	4	6.15	274	4.42
	Yakoruda	85	6805	6	7.06	517	7.58
Smolyan	Dospat	74	3585	35	47.30	1215	33.90
Sofia-district	Kostenets, Dolna Banya	65	3229	25	38.46	1175	36.42

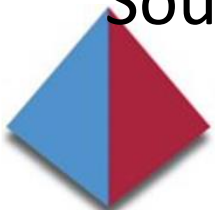
- No further suspicions based on the clinical examinations so far in the RZ**
- No further positives from the laboratory testing in the 5-km zone**

Sampling in  
5-km PZ

total no. of holdings in the 5- km zone	total no. of populat ed holdings	total no. of animals therein	total no. of affected holdings (on 25 Nov 2024)	total no. of animals therein	total no. of holdings checked, other than the affected ones	%	total number of animals therein	%	total number of samples from holdings , other than the affected ones	%	no. of holdings with negative results
23	19	3521	5	1769	14	100*	1661	47.17	572	34.44	14

## PPR – 2025 plans

- **PPR Vaccination including preventive:** Vaccination in Bulgaria is not considered in 2025.
- **PPR surveillance (active and post vaccination):**
  - Due to the outbreak in Velingrad enhanced surveillance is being carried out in the regions of Pazardzhik, Blagoevgrad, Smolyan and Sofia- district.
  - The current surveillance in Bulgaria is for the period 2025-2027. It will include clinical examinations and sampling in holdings from the 25 settlements near the border with the Republic of Turkey, monthly examinations have been carried out also in in the six Southern regions of Bulgaria.



# Current measures

- **Other PPR measures** : Clinical examinations and sampling of the animals have been carried out in the restricted areas in the regions of Pazardzhik, Smolyan, Blagoevgrad and Sofia-district.
- Establishing protection and surveillance zone with ban of movement except for slaughter within the zones -> 5 km PZ and 20 km SZ
- Establishing further restriction zone – the entire Pazardzhik region + certain municipalities from Blagoevgrad region, Smolyan region, Sofia-district region
- Movement controls applied
- Epizootic commission and BFSA and MAF joint meetings in Pazardzhik region
- Meeting of the Central Epizootic Council to the Prime Minister
- Common measures with the law-enforcement bodies (police, gendarmerie) in place

**Thank you for the attention!**