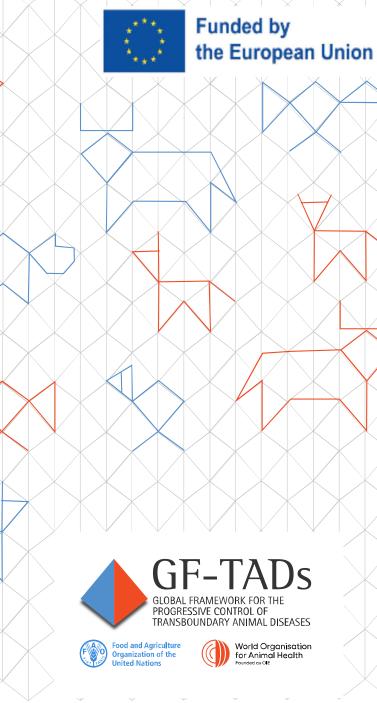




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# **Kosovo Food and Veterinary Agency**



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- KFVA have started passive monitoring in Kosovo since Albania following outbreaks and have organized training for field veterinarians and farmers of sheep and goats on clinical signs, sampling, and reporting to the competent authority.
- preventive measures -
- Border control and restriction of animal movements from Albania.
- **Awareness campaigns for Veterinarians and farmers.**
- **Frequent visits to villages bordering Albania, especially those with common pastures**

#### First PPR Case in Kosovo -

**Date:** 3 July 2025

**Location:** Prizren region (near border with Albania).

Farm affected: 178 goats and 13 sheep.

**Confirmation:** Laboratory testing confirmed PPR virus.

#### Epidemiological Investigation -

- According to our investigation, the farmer purchased sheep and goats in Albania at the time the disease outbreaks began.

#### **Epidemiological and Control Measures**

#### Immediate response:

- Culling of infected animals
- Quarantine and movement restrictions. Definition of infected zone (farm and immediate surroundings).
  - Establishment of **protection zone** (3 km radius).
  - Establishment of **surveillance zone** (10 km radius).
  - Farms within these zones placed under active monitoring

#### Epidemiological investigations and contact tracing.

- Collection of detailed farm data (animal species, numbers, health history).
- Clinical examination of all animals on the protection zone affected farm.
- Assessment of biosecurity measures applied.

#### Laboratory Confirmation

Sampling: blood EDTA, blood, nasal swabs, ocular swabs, tissues from suspected animal carcases.

Testing at the National Kosovo Food and Veterinary Laboratory, For confirmation referent EU laboratory.

#### Strengthened surveillance:

- 6 farms in the protection zone were visited for the second and third time and 158 animals has been sampled – <u>all negative</u>
  - 48 farms in the surveillance zone were visited and 948 animals has been sampled all negative

- •Furthermore, a contact farm outside the surveillance zone was identified from which the farmer of the affected farm had purchased animals. However, clinical and serological tests have shown that the farms are negative for PPR. In principle, most measures were implemented according to the EU legislation.
- Increased border inspections.

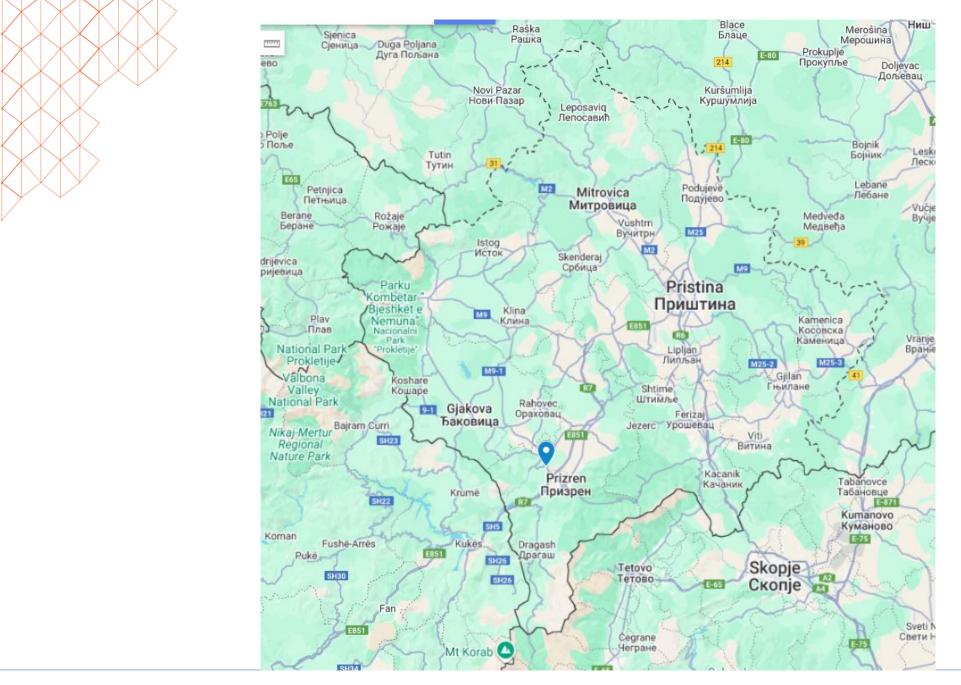
All common pastures with the state of Albania for this period have been checked for the second and third time.

Farmer awareness on early reporting.

It has been going on since the first days of the appearance of the disease in Albania

#### Legislation on force

- ✓ Animal Health Law in line with EU Regulation 2016/429, has been finalized we are in process of Kosovo assemble Approval
- ✓ It has been finalized and approved Contingency planning for an outbreak of Pest de Pestis Ruminants (PPR) in Kosovo
- ✓ Nacional Surveillance plan for PPR in Kosovo.







### THANK YOU

