



# 1<sup>st</sup> GF-TADs Regional Conference in the European region

Overview of EC activities in animal health







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# Outline

- Animal Health situation in the EU:
  - FMD
  - HPAI
  - ASF
  - Rabies
  - LSD
  - SGP
  - PPR
- Regionalisation/zoning
- Compartimentalisation





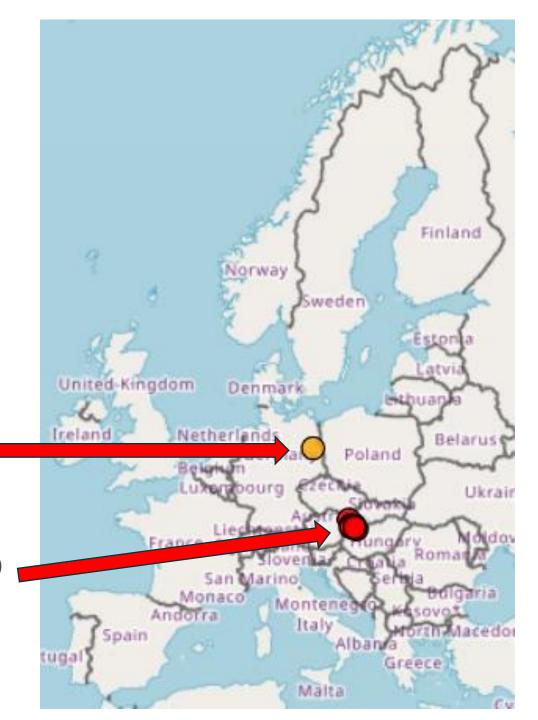
# FMD situation the EU



## FMD Outbreaks in the EU

 The EU was free from FMD since 2011 (Bulgaria)

- . Two **UNRELATED** events in 2025:
- . 10/01/2025 in Germany: FMD ser. O
  - 1 outbreak
  - · O/ME-SA/SA-2018 lineage
- 06/03/2025 Hungary + Slovakia: FMD ser. O
  - 11 outbreaks
  - O/ME-SA/Pan-Asia2/ANT-10 sub-lineage



## **EU** Measures

Regionalisation measures for FMD in the EU based on

 Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/672

EU measures expired as of 5.6.2025



### **EU** Coordination

- Early coordination already even before the confirmation (text messages and phone calls)
- PAFF meetings: FMD was discussed at PAFF 14 times (from13 Jan. to 21 May 2025)
- Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC): 24 January & 7 April
- EU CVO working party meetings: 21-22 January, 4 and 7 March, 9 April, 19 May
- Daily INFO NOTES dispatched to MS and third countries
- . ADIS + WAHIS information available
- EU Veterinary Emergency Team (EUVET)



Confirmation on 10 January in Germany→ ADIS alert message & WAHIS



Confirmation of 1<sup>st</sup> outbreak 6 March in Hungary → ADIS alert message & WAHIS

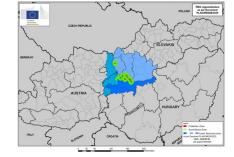
### **EU** Coordination

### **EU FMD emergency** measures were regulated by:

- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/672 of 31 March 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to
  outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in Hungary and Slovakia and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/613
  <a href="http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec\_impl/2025/672/oj">http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec\_impl/2025/672/oj</a>
- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/323 of 11 February 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Germany and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/186 http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec\_impl/2025/323

### Permanent measures in Comm. Delegated Regulation 2020/687 include:

- 1. immediate **on-the-spot killing** and **safe disposal** of all animals of susceptible species kept in the affected establishment (possibly coupled with pre-emptive slaughter/killing determined by the national authorities)
- 2. in some outbreaks emergency suppressive vaccination
- 3. cleaning and disinfection of the premises
- 4. prohibitions of movements of susceptible animals and their products
- 5. intensive **surveillance** in the 3 and 10 km zones
- 6. the **prohibition** to **move animals and products from the further restricted zone** (some derogations are can be granted by authorities after risk assessment and risk mitigation measures applied like heat treatment of products).

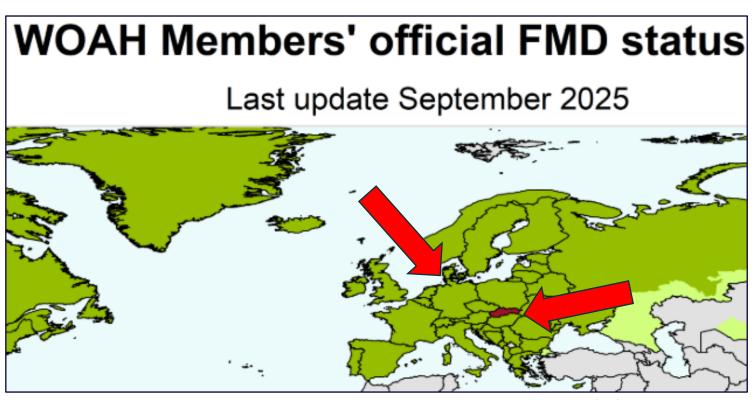




# Conclusions 1/2

### Official WOAH status regained

- WOAH recognised
   GERMANY & HUNGARY as
   FMD free where vaccination
   is not practised, according to
   the provisions of Chapter
   8.8. of the Terrestrial Code
- GERMANY has been reinstated by WOAH with effect from 14 April 2025
- HUNGARY has been reinstated by WOAH as of 10 September 2025





## Conclusions 2/2

- Measures put in place in Germany + Hungary + Slovakia were effective to eradicate
- EU regionalisation effective
- Very transparent communication (Info Notes/PAFF/webpage/ADIS/WAHIS/GFTADs)
- Remain Vigilant → joint effort from all stakeholders
- Access to FMD antigen banks is crucial for rapid response via suppressive vaccination
- Useful links:
  - PAFF Committees and PPT: <a href="https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations">https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations</a> en#20250113
  - SANTE FMD PAGE: <a href="https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-diseases/diseases-and-control-measures/foot-and-mouth-disease\_en">https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-diseases/diseases-and-control-measures/foot-and-mouth-disease\_en</a>
  - ADIS PUBLIC PAGE: <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/adis/public/notification">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/adis/public/notification</a>

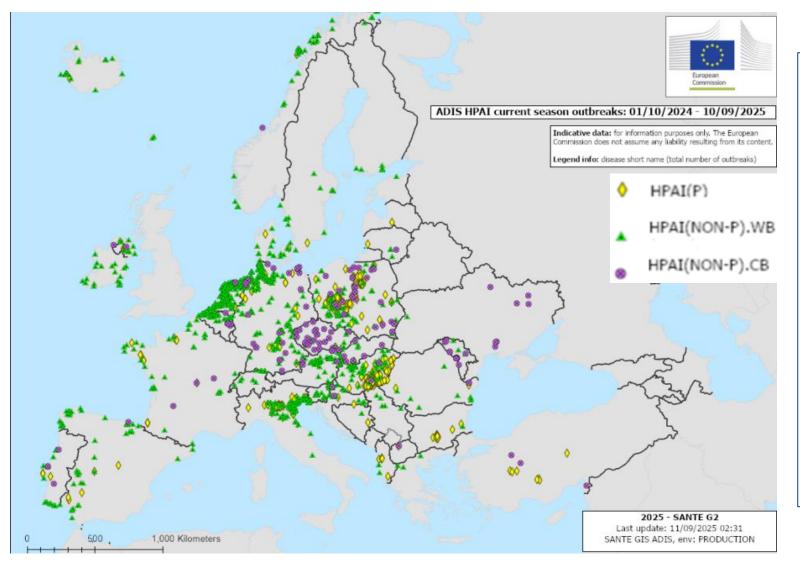




# HPAI situation the EU



# HPAI situation in 2024-2025 epidemic season

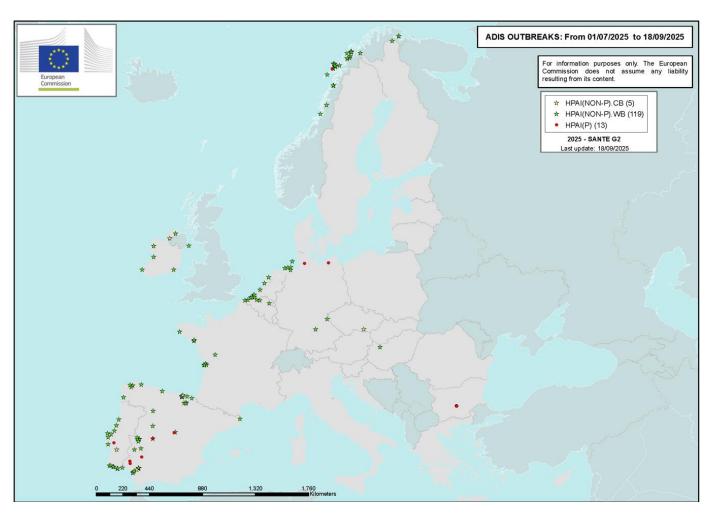


### **EU Member States:**

- 1039 outbreaks in wild birds in 23 Member States
- 544 outbreaks in poultry confirmed in 19 Member States
- 22.4 million poultry in the outbreak establishments (dead or culled)
- in certain areas, clusters of outbreaks involving ducks and turkeys



# HPAI situation in Europe in summer 2025



- 119 outbreaks in wild birds
- 5 outbreaks in captive birds
- 13 outbreaks in poultry (mainly turkeys and ducks)
- predominant in W and S-W of Europe
- more than 75% of detections in wild birds concerned colonybreeding seabirds, particularly European herring gulls



## Summary of HPAI epidemic seasons in figures

#### 2021-2022:

the most severe HPAI epidemic season ever experienced by EU

#### 2022-2023:

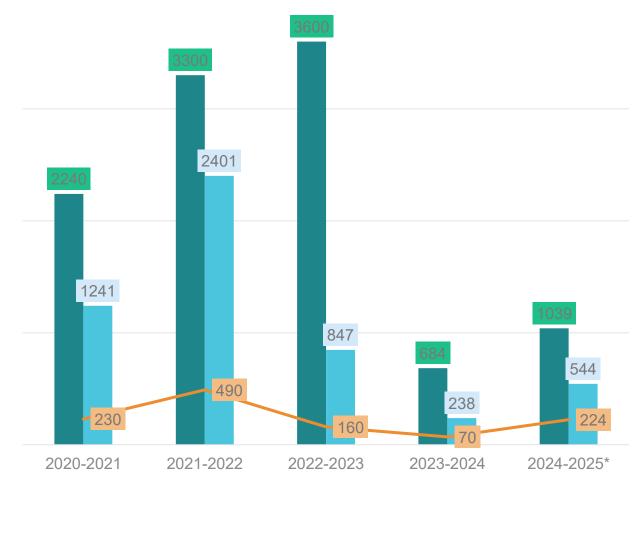
even with higher number of outbreaks in wild birds, less poultry outbreaks (improved biosecurity and preventive measures e.g. reduced density in high risk areas)

#### 2023 - 2024:

the least severe epidemic season since 2020 Start **preventive vaccination** of poultry (ducks) in France

#### 2024 - 2025:

Earlier start of season, more outbreaks than **previous season**. Vaccination of ducks in France continues

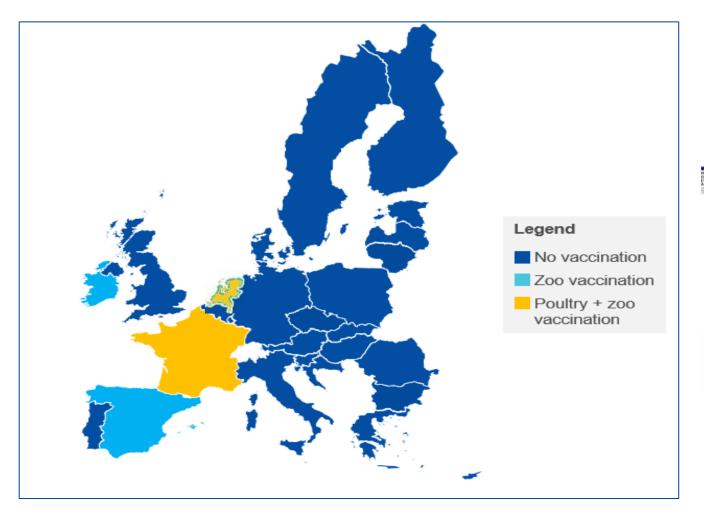






# Vaccination against HPAI in EU

#### Preventive vaccination in the EU



### **Results of poultry vaccination in France**





# HPAI vaccination in poultry in the EU

**France** 



Strategy

 Large scale preventive vaccination

Species

 Ducks for meat/foie gras production (Barbarie, mulard and Pékin)

Period

• Started 1 October 2023

the Netherlands



Strategy

• Small scale PILOT preventive vaccination (1 farm)

Species

Laying hens

Period

• **Started** 10 March **2025** 



# **EU preparedness for zoonotic HPAI**



SIMEX exercise focussed on zoonotic HPAI

- in Brussels on 10-11December 2024
- Participants: public health and animal health experts from EU/EEA countries, ECDC, EFSA, DG SANTE, DG HERA

### **EFSA** scientific work

- Opinion on preparedness, prevention and control related to zoonotic avian influenza (j.efsa.2025.9191)
- Jointly with ECDC report on coordinated One Health investigation and management of outbreaks in humans and animals caused by zoonotic avian influenza viruses
- Report on risk posed by the HPAI virus H5N1, clade
   2.3.4.4b. genotype B3.13, currently circulating in the US (j.efsa.2025.9508)

### **EC** guidance document

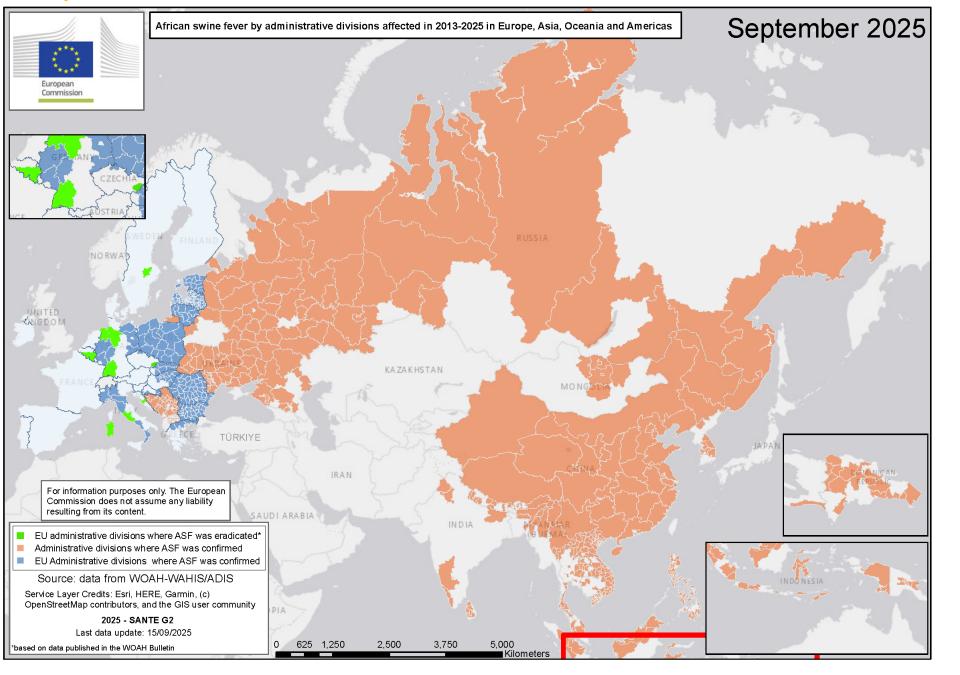
- supports MS in their actions and in decision making process
- shares EC internal reflections on possible EU actions to address the specific events of HPAI in dairy
- gives a comprehensive overview of ongoing actions and scenarios for possible future measures and available tools to react
- https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/ani mal-diseases/diseases-and-controlmeasures/avianinfluenza en#Zoonotic





# ASF situation the EU





#### ASF in Asia, the Pacific and the Americas

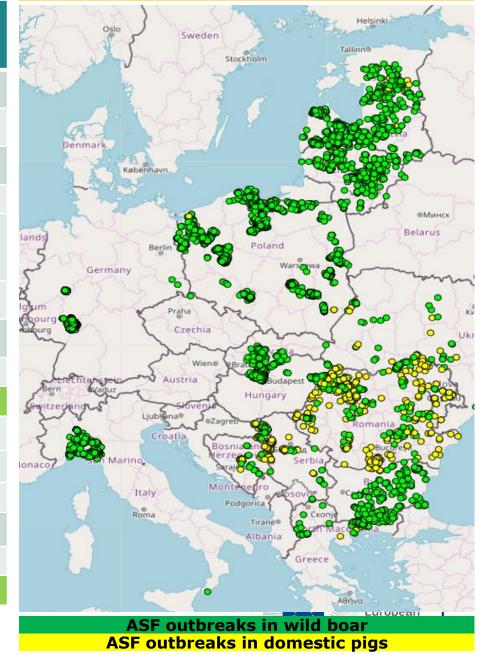
- 1. China (Aug 2018)
- 2. Mongolia (Jan 2019)
- 3. Vietnam (Feb 2019)
- 4. Cambodia (March 2019)
- 5. Hong Kong (May 2019)
- 6. Democratic People's Republic of Korea (May 2019)
- 7. Lao People's Democratic Republic (Jun 2019)
- 8. Myanmar (Aug 2019)
- 9. The Philippines (Jul 2019)
- 10. Republic of Korea (Sep 2019)
- 11. Timor-Leste (Sep 2019)
- 12. Indonesia (Nov 2019)
- 13. Papua New Guinea (Mar 2020)
- 14. India (May 2020)
- 15. Malaysia (Feb 2021)
- 16. Bhutan (May 2021)
- 17. Dominican Republic (July 2021).
- 18. Haiti (September 2021).
- 19. Thailand (January 2022).
- 20. Nepal (March 2022).
- 21. Singapore (February 2023).
- 22. Bangladesh (November 2023)
- 23. Sri Lanka (October 2024)

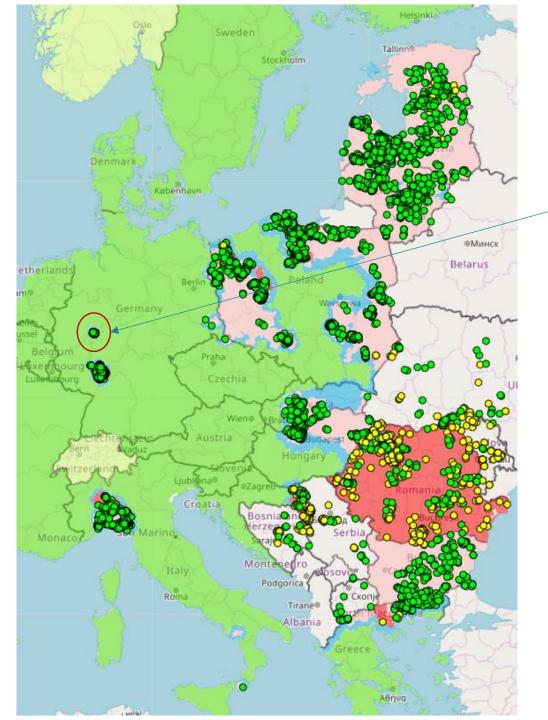


### ASF in the EU in **2014 - 2025**

No	MS	1 <sup>st</sup> ASF detection	Wild boar	Pigs	Remarks on the ASF situation in 2024 - 2025
1.	LT	1/2014	+	+	mainly in wild boar; 6 outbreaks in pigs in 2025
2.	PL	1/2014	+	+	mainly in wild boar; 17 outbreaks in pigs in 2025 ↓
3.	LV	6/2014	+	+	mainly in wild boar; 11 outbreaks in pigs in 2025
4.	EE	7/2015	+	+	mainly in wild boar; 10 outbreaks in pigs in 2025
5.	CZ	6/2017	+		ASF eradicated in 2019; new cases in wild boar at the border with PL since 12/2022. In 2025 no outbreaks in wild boars
6.	RO	7/2017	+	+	in wild boar; 339 outbreaks in pigs in 2024 / 150 in 2025 ↑
7.	HU	4/2018	+		in wild boar only
8.	BG	6/2018	+	+	mainly in wild boar. No outbreaks in domestic pigs in 2025 🗼
	BE	9/2018	+		free from ASF since 11/2020
9.	SK	7/2019	+	+	mainly in wild boar; 1 outbreak in pigs in 2025 =
10.	EL	2/2020	+	+	mainly in wild boar; 4 outbreaks in pigs in 2025
11.	DE	9/2020	+	+	mainly in wild boar; no outbreaks in pigs in 2025
12.	IT	1/2022	+	+	mainly in wild boar; 1 outbreak in pigs in 2025
13.	HR	6/2023	+	+	mainly in wild boar; 21 outbreaks in pigs in 2025 <sup>†</sup>
	SE	9/2023	+		free from ASF since 09/2024

#### ASF in the EU in pigs and WB in 2025 (15/09/2025)





### Highlights - EU 2025

Prevalence of outbreaks in wild boar in the majority of affected Member States

- In Germany new affected area in wild boar
- In Czechia no outbreaks in wild boar from August 2024
- Estonia: increased number of outbreaks in domestic pigs and wild boar
- High risk period for pig sector: outbreaks mainly in Baltic States, Croatia and Poland.

We strictly monitor the situation and adapt the control measures as needed.

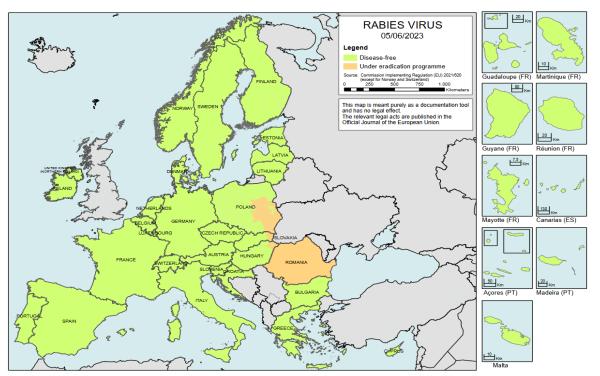




# Rabies situation the EU



# Highlights - EU 2025

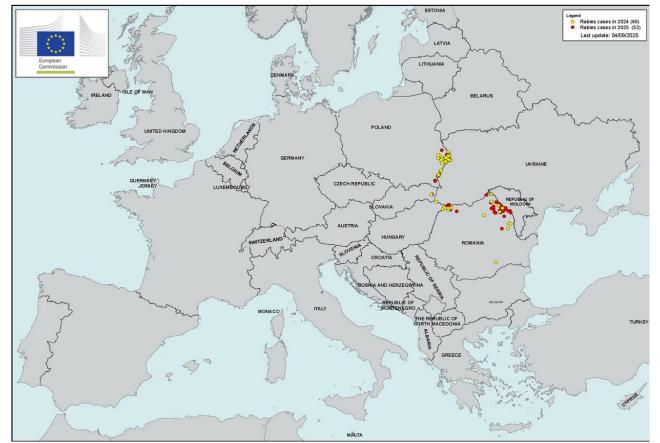


'Compulsory eradication programme' in MS not free

- which must consist of surveillance activities complemented by disease control measures in the event of positive surveillance results, and
- where vaccination plays a critical role and in particular, wildlife vaccination

Re-incursions from rabies endemic zones at eastern borders:

- in former free MS (eastern border): Hungary (2024: 18, 2025: 0)
   and Slovakia (2024: 1, 2025: 1)
- in Southeast : Romania (2024: 28, 2025: 40)
- In North Northeast: Poland (2024: 48, 2025: 14)



## Co-financed programmes on rabies

- Rabies elimination is 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
- EU specific support to EU countries but also some non-EU countries by co-funding or funding control programmes, which follow two main objectives:
  - Prevent re-incursions from non-rabies free areas
  - Eradicate the disease where present
- 2024: EU co-funded programmes still running at the eastern border of the EU territory, with ORV performed in 11 MS (Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia)
- For 2025-27, 12 EU countries were granted co-funding for their programmes together with 5 non-EU countries (Kosovo\*, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Ukraine)





# LSD situation the EU

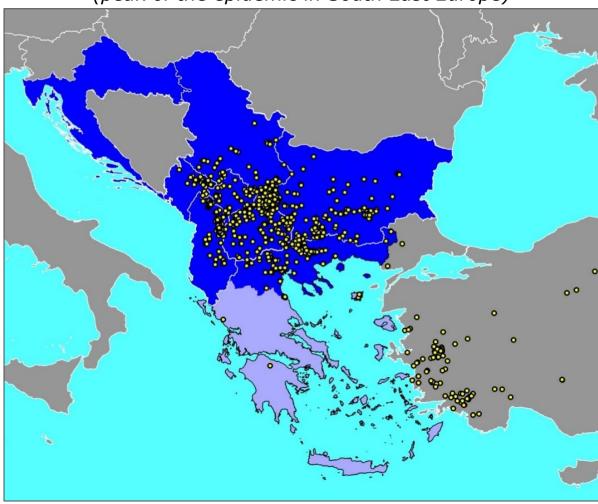


### Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) Background (2013 - May 2025)

- ✓ LSD endemic in Africa present in the Middle East
- ✓ 2013 : LSD enters Turkiye
- ✓ 2015: First incursion of LSD in Greece
- ✓ 2016: Numerous outbreaks of LSD in South East Europe: Greece, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, Albania). Mass vaccination campaigns launched in affected countries.
- ✓ 2017: Numerous outbreaks in Albania, few sporadic outbreaks in Greece and North Macedonia. Annual revaccination in all previously affected countries.
- ✓ 2018-2019: No outbreaks of LSD (excluding Turkiye), annual revaccination continues
- ✓ 2019-2022: Countries gradually stop LSD vaccination and replace it with surveillance (2021: Last LSD outbreak reported in Turkiye)
- ✓ 2023: Last year of vaccination in Greece and Bulgaria. Vaccination continues only in Turkiye (East Anatolia)
- ✓ 2024 May 2025: No LSD outbreaks in South East Europe. Reports of LSD outbreaks in Northern Africa (Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt)

#### LSD outbreaks-vaccination in 2016

(peak of the epidemic in South East Europe)



#### >7.000 outbreaks in 7 countries (excl. Turkiye)

Completion of annual vaccination

Vaccination in progress

LSD outbreaks (ADNS)



<sup>\*</sup>This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244(1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

### Incursion of LSD in the EU in 2025

### 23 June 2025

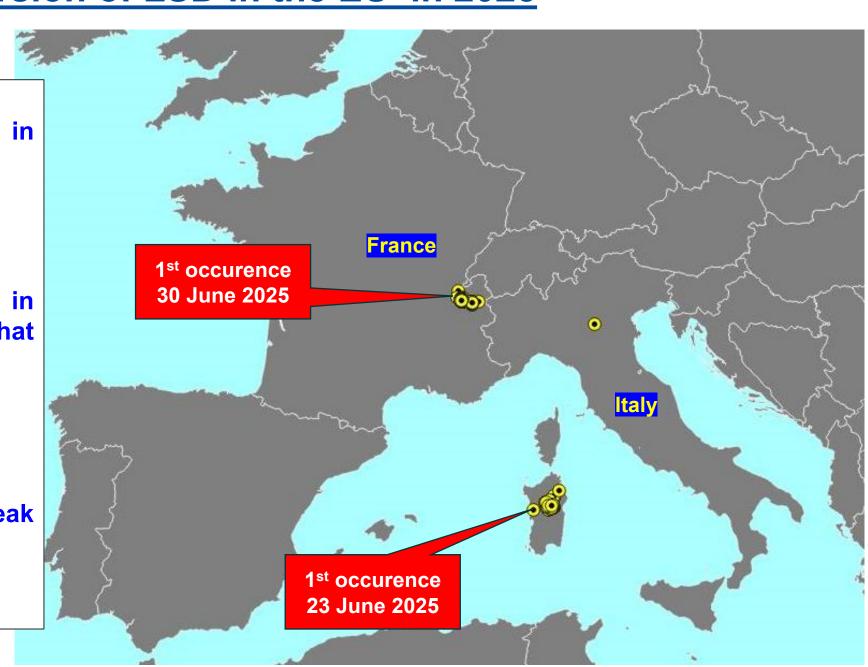
ITALY reports 1<sup>st</sup> ever outbreak in Sardinia – secondary outbreaks (63 outbr. until 19/9/2025)

### **25 June 2025**

ITALY reports 2<sup>nd</sup> outbreak in Mantua - Lombardy (farm that received animals from Sardinia) no secondary outbreaks

### 30 June 2025

FRANCE reports 1<sup>st</sup> ever outbreak in Savoie - secondary outbreaks (78 outbr. in total until 19/9/2025)



### Incursion of LSD in the EU in 2025

### regionalisation and vaccination

### **July 2025**

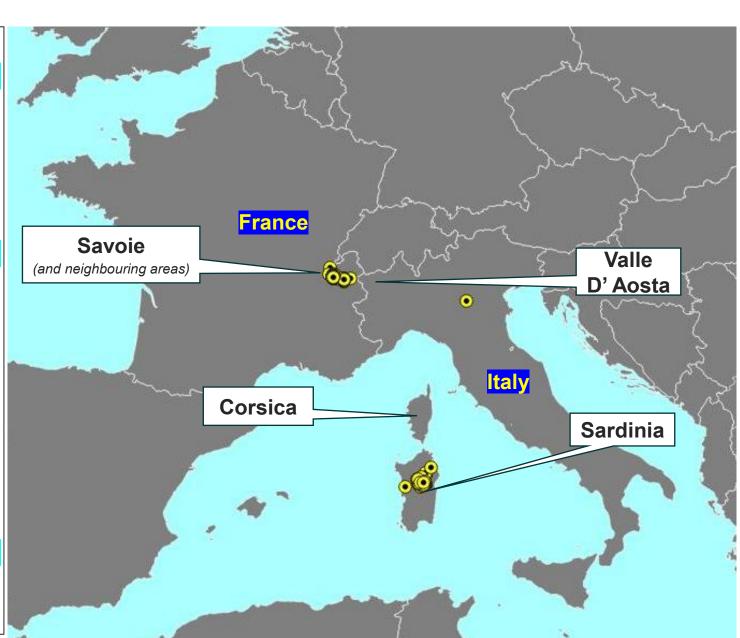
- ITALY launches vaccination of entire Sardinia
- > FRANCE launches vaccination in the restricted zone, in and around Savoie
- SWITZERLAND announces vaccination in the part of the LSD restricted zone that enters their territory, close to the border with France.

### August 2025

> ITALY launches vaccination in Valle D'Aosta, on the border with France, due to proximity with outbreaks in Savoie

### September 2025

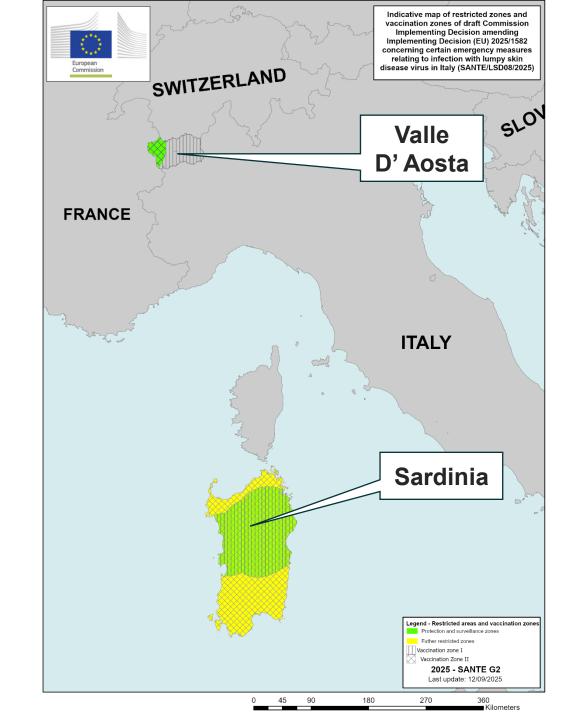
FRANCE launches vaccination of entire Corsica, due to proximity with outbreaks in Sardinia.



## Incursion of LSD in the EU in 2025

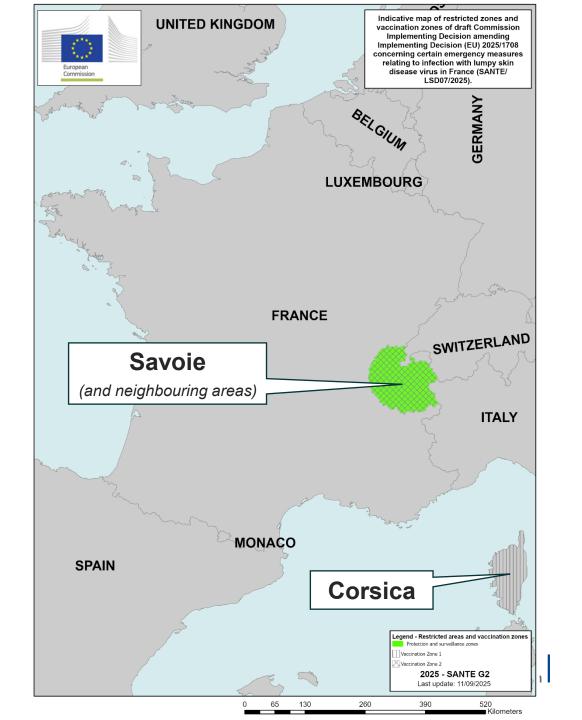
regionalisation and vaccination

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/1582 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with lumpy skin disease virus in Italy (amendment in progress).



# Incursion of LSD in the EU in 2025 regionalisation and vaccination

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/1708 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with lumpy skin disease virus in **France** (amendment in progress).





# SPGP situation the EU



### **Sheep Pox & Goat Pox (SGP) Background (2024)**

- ✓ Sheep pox and goat pox endemic in Africa, the Middle East and Asia
- ✓ SGP eradicated from most EU countries decades ago
- ✓ Most recent outbreaks in Europe:
  - ➤ Greece: more extensive epidemics
    2024: Extended epidemic, >300 outbreaks in mainland
    and North-East territories
  - ➤ Bulgaria: sporadic occurrence
    2024 : Small scale incursion , 12 outbreaks in the South



### SGP in the EU Jan –Sep 2025

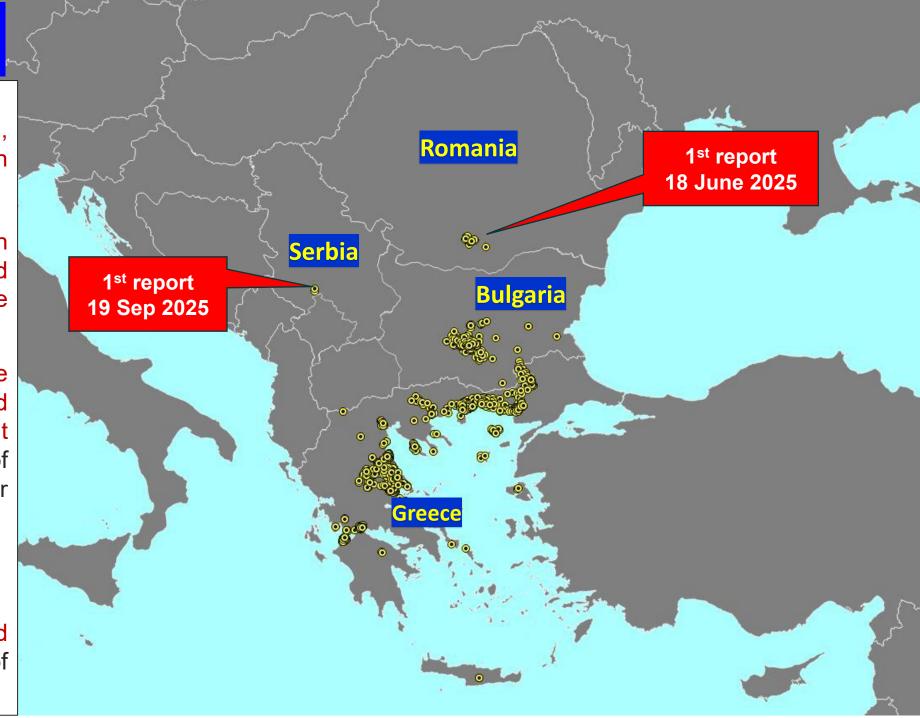
### 01 Jan - 17 Sep 2025

**Greece:** 688 outbreaks in total, mostly in mainland and northern areas

- ➤ Bulgaria: 159 outbreaks in total, mostly in the center and south areas (recurrence since May 2025).
- ➤ Romania: 23 outbreaks since
  18 June 2025 clustered
  around Teleorman and Olt
  counties. 1st occurrence of
  SGP in the past 20 years or
  more

#### **LATEST NEWS**

Serbia: 2 outbreaks, reported on 19 Sep. 1st occurrence of SGP in the past decades



#### **Protection Zones**

5 km radius – 45d

#### **Surveillance Zones**

20 km radius – 55d

#### **Further Restricted Zones (FRZ)**

Appr. 40 km radius (admin. boundaries), 85d

**PZ**, **SZ**, **FRZ**: no exit of small ruminants to the rest of the country, from the outer perimeters of the FRZs, including movements to other FRZs.

Only movements for slaughter within the same zone with PCR testing

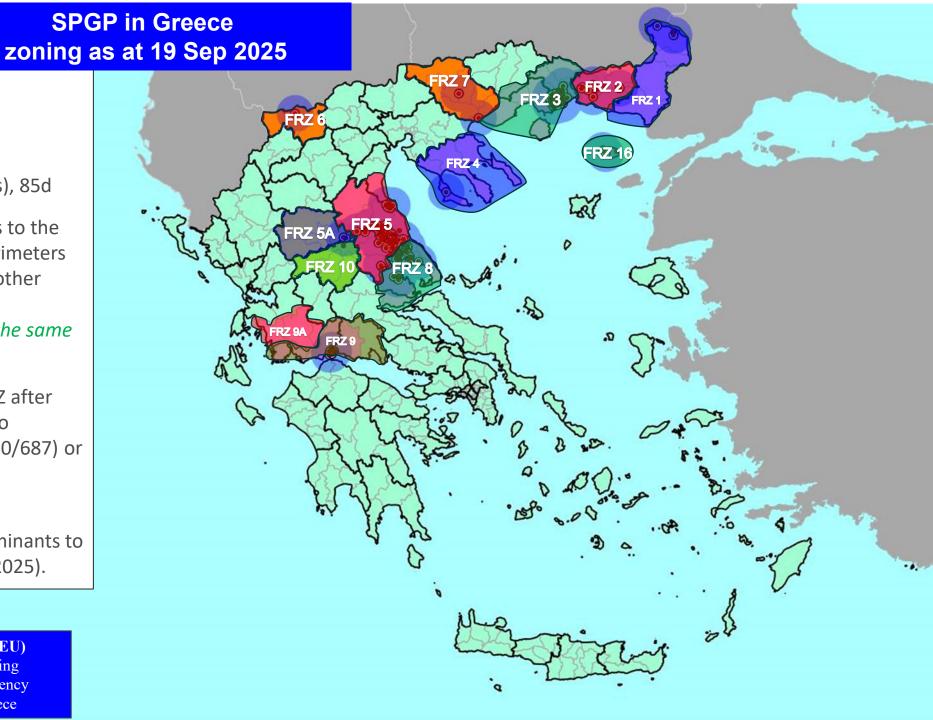
Exit of dairy products from PZ, SZ, FRZ after risk mitigation treatments (Annex VII to Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/687) or risk assessment (as before)

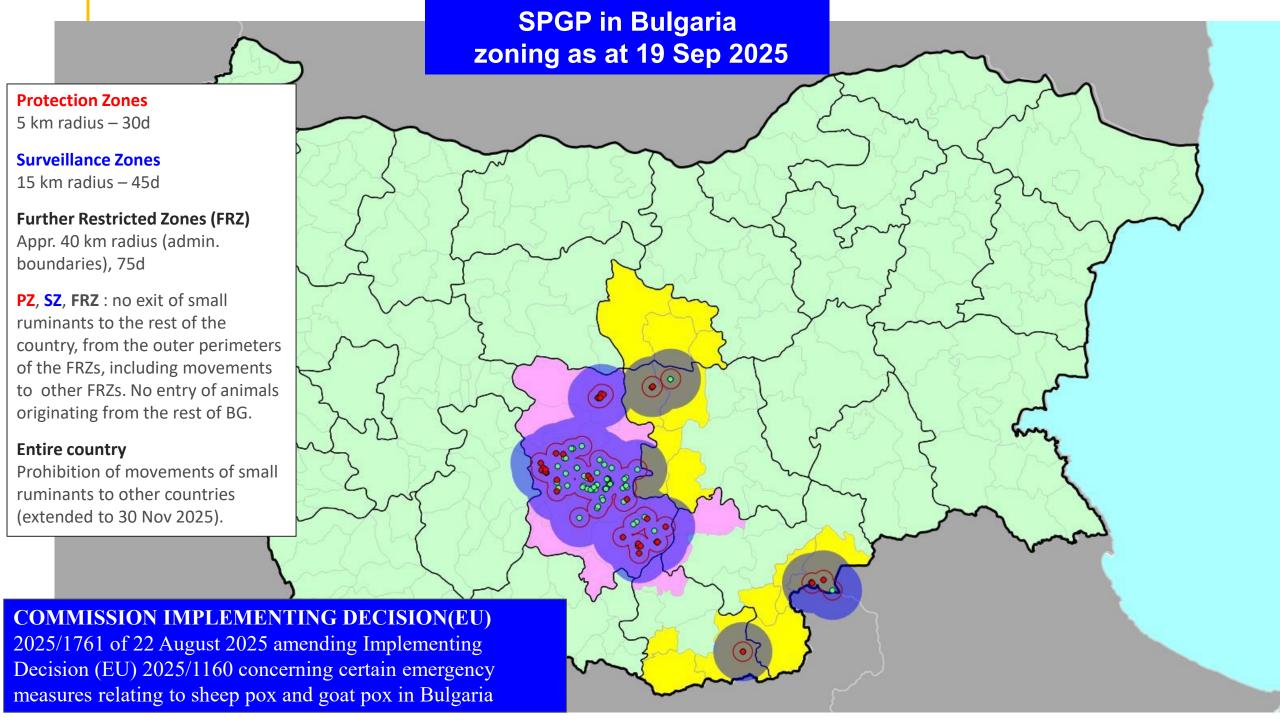
#### **Entire country**

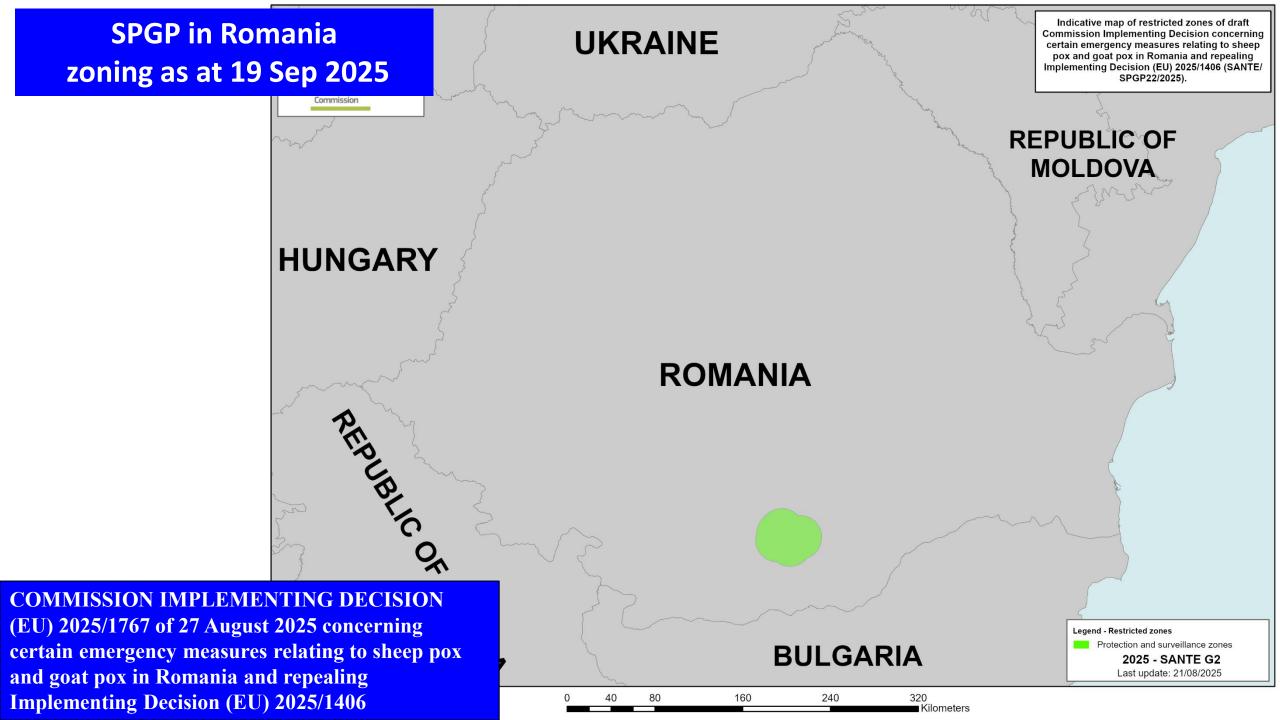
Prohibition of movements of small ruminants to other countries (extended to 31 Dec 2025).

#### **COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION(EU)**

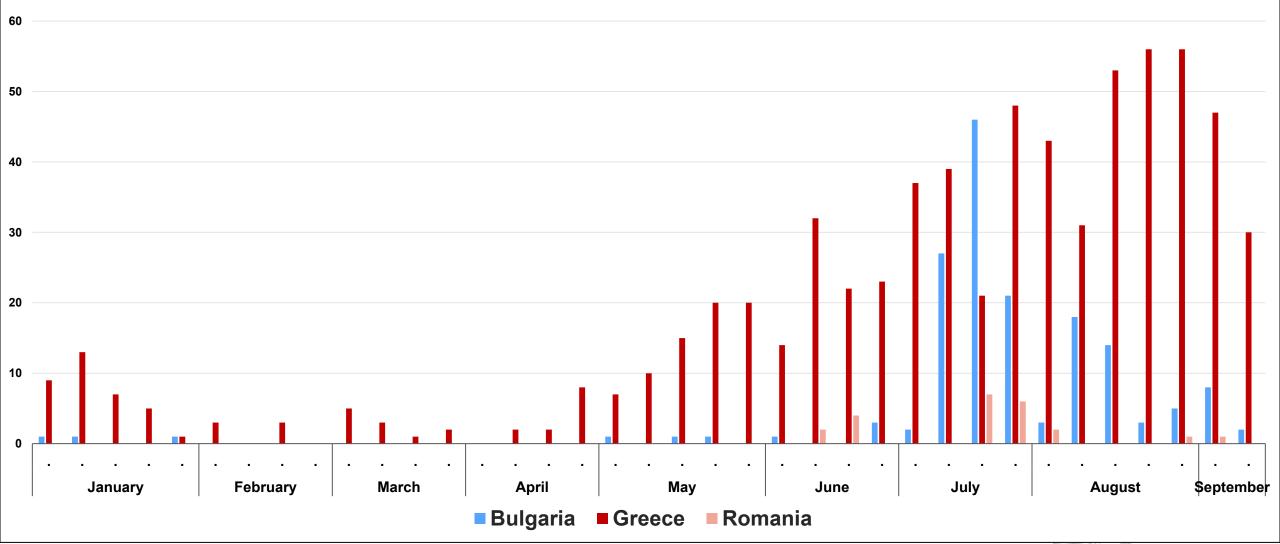
**2025/1756** of 19 August 2025 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Greece







### Sheep pox and goat pox in the EU - Number of new outbreaks per week January until 17 Sep 2025





#### **Concluding remarks on SGP for 2025**

- ➤ Greece: Situation remains complicated (major resurgence of the epidemic as of May 2025)
  - 688 outbreaks (~176.000 animals culled), exceptional measures in place to stop spread including standstill in restricted zones (national measure)
- Bulgaria: resurgence since May 2025
  159 outbreaks (~17.000 animals culled), additional measures in place
- Romania: Incursion after more than 20 years of absence 23 outbreaks (~17.000 animals culled), situation manageable for the time being



## PPR situation the EU





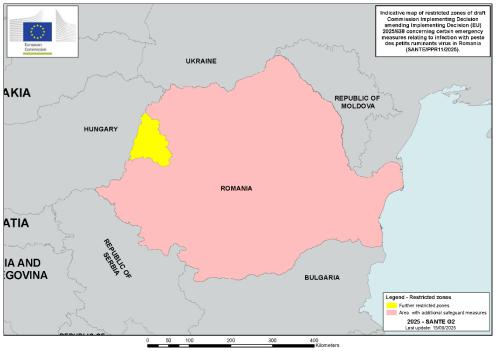
Major outbreaks of 2024 swiftly eradicated (Greece – Romania)

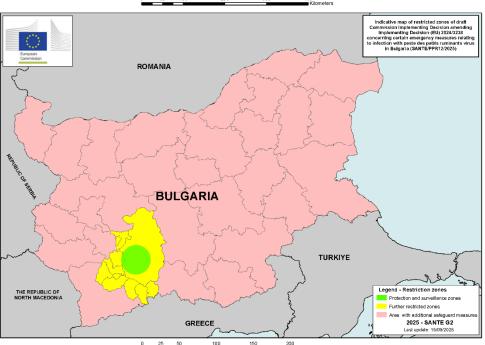
#### **2025 – " Spill overs"**

- ➤ Bulgaria: one single outbreak reported in Nov 2024 Unresolved
- > Hungary: 3 outbreaks reported between Jan –Feb 2025. Resolved
- ➤ Albania: 14 outbreaks reported between June - July 2025, no report ever since
- **≻Kosovo\*:** one single outbreak reported in July, close to the border with Albania, no report ever since

#### No reports of PPR vaccination

> \*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244(1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.





### EU 2025

#### **PPR Management in the EU**

**Romania** - single recurrence - enhanced surveillance, prohibition of animal movements to other or through other MS until surveillance proves disease absence;

**Bulgaria** – no further outbreaks, restricted zone in place and prohibition of animal movements to other countries until outbreak is resolved

### Swift and decisive measures, strong commitment by the affected MSs, even going beyond EU legal requirements:

- Prohibition of animal movements to other countries;
   (Romania, Bulgaria)
- Expanded protection and surveillance zones (Romania, Bulgaria)

The effective implementation of control measures has contained the PPR situation in the EU and set it clearly on a pathway toward complete eradication.

PPR restricted zones in place in the EU (as 19 Sep 2025)



## EU SUPPORT AGAINST LSD – SPGP - PPR



#### EU support against PPR, SPGP and LSD

#### DG SANTE Coordination

- Remote meetings with affected / at risk countries to steer actions
- 2 extraordinary (online) PAFF Committees dedicated to PPR (26 July and 28 August 2024)
- Adoption of Commission Implementing Decisions defining specific safeguard measures for each MS: PPR (30 Implementing Decisions adopted to date), SPGP (40 Implementing Decisions adopted to date), LSD (7+2 due for adoption)
- Regular info notes disseminating key information about the epidemic and measures to MS TC
   International Organisations (WOAH, FAO) :48 for PPR and 77 for SPGP , 34 for LSD
- Mandates to EFSA for scientific opinions on PPR (2015, 2021) SPGP (2014, 2021) LSD (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

#### > EU Reference Laboratories

(PPR CIRAD - France, SPGP / LSD Sciensano Belgium both appointed 2017, financed by the EU)

- Regular annual meetings and proficiency tests for the National Reference Laboratories of EU
   MS and neighboring non-EU countries.
- Technical support (distribution of Standard Operating Procedures, reference materials for diagnostic tests, training of lab personel etc.)
- Diagnostic services, e.g. confirmatory testing of index cases, specialized tests in samples collected from disease outbreaks in the affected Member States (e.g. sequencing).

#### EU support against PPR, SPGP and LSD

**EUVET expert team:** Field missions to provide technical support in countries affected or at risk (MS or TC). To date **6 PPR** missions, **2 LSD** missions, **1 SPGP** mission.

Peste des petits ruminants	Lumpy skin disease	Sheep pox and goat pox
<ul> <li>Greece (24-25 July 2024)</li> <li>Romania (30 July – 01 Aug 2024)</li> <li>Bulgaria (18-19 December 2024)</li> <li>Romania (13-14 Mar 2025)</li> <li>Albania (12-13 June 2025)</li> <li>Kosovo (16-17 July 2025)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Italy (26-27 June 2025)</li> <li>France (15-16 July 2025)</li> </ul>	• Greece (13-16 May 2025)

- **EU financial support to MS**: Costs of selected control measures incurred by the Member States, eligible for EU co-financing (i.e. compensation of farmers for the cost of the animals killed/destroyed, the cost of products destroyed, costs of cleaning and disinfection of establishments etc.)
- EU support for PPR SPGP LSD surveillance activities (early detection):

  EU financial support provided for the surveillance and early detection of exotic diseases of animals, including PPR SPGP and LSD, in high risk areas, through the Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) programme (Greece, Bulgaria) and the T.H.R.A.C.E programme (= Trans-boundary High Risk Area Coordinated Epidemio-surveillance programme, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkiye).

#### EU support against PPR, SGP and LSD

#### **EU VACCINE BANKS**

LSD vaccine bank

Italy: 300,000 doses (Sardinia) + 40,000 doses (Valle d'Aosta)

Shipments
July 2025
France: 352,500 doses (2,500 doses of those were transferred to Switzerland)

- **PPR** vaccine bank
- **SGP** vaccine bank

If needed and upon request, shipment of PPR vaccines and SGP vaccines to support the early stages of a vaccination campaign (no request received so far).





# EU Regionalisation (zoning)



### EU regionalisation: principles



- Clearly defined roles for the EU Member States and the Comm
- Diseases and control measures

- Clear criteria, principles and measures
- Rapid flow of information
- Transparency!
- Permanent rules in place, complemented by urgent adoption of emergency measures
- Agreed with Member States (regular Committees)
- Immediately applicable
- Legal acts published in the Official Journal of the European Union in all 24 EU languages





# Regionalisation in the EU: the basic disease control measures

- Disease confirmation and stand-still measures
- Establishment of restricted (e.g. protection and surveillance, 3-10-150 km)
   zones depending on risk / disease characteristics
- Establishment of further restricted zones, as necessary
- Wildlife considered, incl. establishment of infected zones
- Tracing / Epidemiological investigations
- Additional Surveillance and Testing
- Emergency vaccination possible (based on EU rules)



• is based on science and applied in the EU in line with WOAH standards

CHAPTER 4.4.



The purpose of this chapter is to provide recommendations on the principles of zoning and compartmentalisation to Member Countries wishing to establish and maintain different subpopulations with specific health status within their territory. These principles should be applied in accordance with the relevant chapters of the Terrestrial Code This chapter also outlines a process by which trading partners may recognise such subpopulations.

Establishing and maintaining a disease-free status throughout the country should be the final goal for Member Countries. However, given the difficulty of achieving this goal, there may be benefits to a Member Country in establishing and maintaining a subpopulation with a specific health status within its territory for the purposes of international trade or disease prevention or control. Subpopulations may be separated by natural or artificial geographical barriers or by the application of appropriate biosecurity

While zoning applies to an animal subpopulation defined primarily on a geographical basis, compartmentalisation applies to an animal subpopulation defined primarily by management and husbandry practices related to biosecurity. In practice, spatial considerations and appropriate management, including biosecurity plans, play important roles in the application of both concepts.

Zoning may encourage the more efficient use of resources within certain parts of a country. Compartmentalisation may allow the functional separation of a subpopulation from other domestic or wild animals through biosecurity, which would not be achieved through geographical separation. In a country where a disease is endemic, establishment of free zones may assist in the progressive control and eradication of the disease. To facilitate disease control and the continuation of trade following a disease outbreak in a previously free country or zone, zoning may allow a Member Country to limit the extension of the disease to a defined restricted area, the status of the remaining territory. For the same reasons, the use of compartmentalisation may allow a Member Country to take advantage of epidemiological links among subpopulations or common practices relating to biosecurity, despite diverse geographical locations

A Member Country may thus have more than one zone or compartment within its territory.





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#### ANNEX V

#### MINIMUM RADIUS OF PROTECTION AND SURVEILLANCE ZONES

(as referred to in Article 21 of this Regulation)

Indicated as radius of a circle centred on the establishment

Category A diseases	Protection Zone	Surveillance Zone
Foot and mouth disease	3 km	10 km
Infection with rinderpest virus	3 km	10 km
Infection with Rift Valley fever virus	20 km	50 km
Infection with lumpy skin disease virus	20 km	50 km
Infection with Mycoplasma mycoides subsp. mycoides SC (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia)	Establishment	3 km
Sheep pox and goat pox	3 km	10 km
Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus	3 km	10 km
Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia	Establishment	3 km
African horse sickness	100 km	150 km
Infection with Burkholderia mallei (Glanders)	Establishment	Establishment
Classical swine fever	3 km	10 km
African swine fever	3 km	10 km
Highly pathogenic avian influenza	3 km	10 km
Infection with Newcastle disease virus	3 km	10 km

• proven to be effective in the EU to prevent / control / slow down the spread of diseases and eradicate them, where feasible, enabling safe trade



- Regulation (EU) 2016/429 (AHL)
- Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687
- Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/594 (ASF)

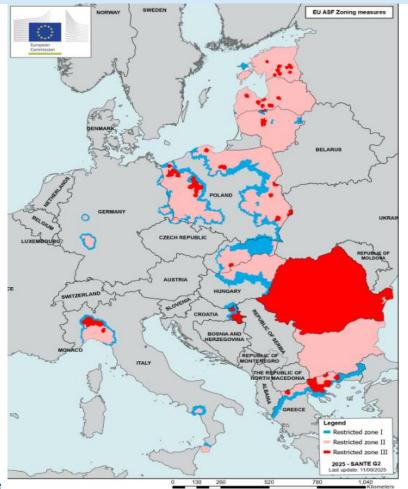
#### **EU ASF** guidelines

https://eurlex.europa.eu/eli/C/2023/1504/oj



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Regionalization is done by the Commission adopting amendments to Implementing Regulation 2023/594 (59 times since March 2023):

- Restricted zone I ('an additional further restricted zone') zone, bordering zone II or III, where relevant (no ASF)
- Restricted zone II ('an infected zone') –
   ASF in wild boar
- Restricted zone III ('a further restricted zone', in addition to PZ/SZ) – ASF in domestic pigs (with or without ASF in wild boar)

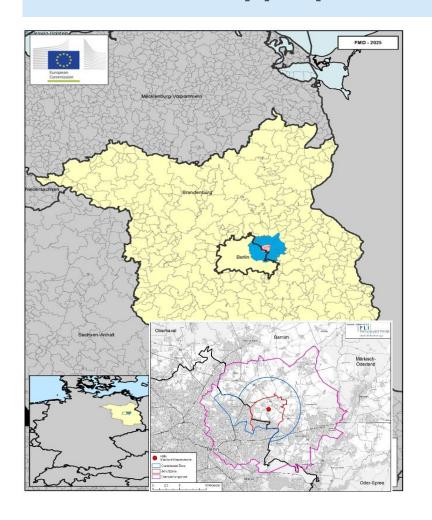


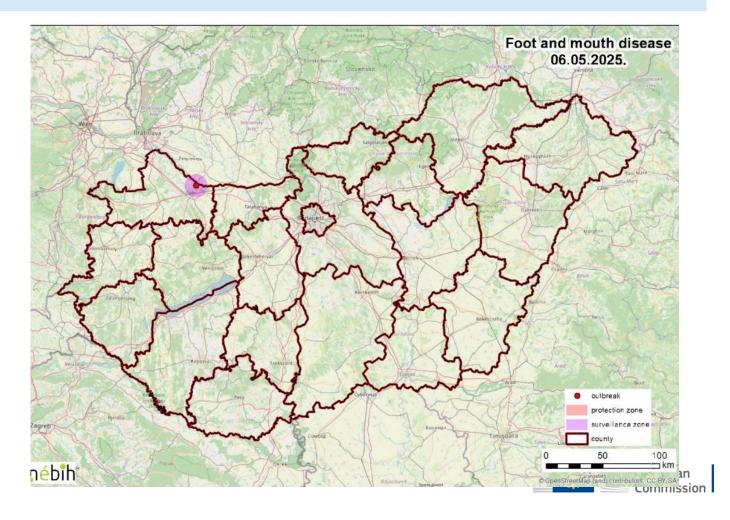


Example: FMD

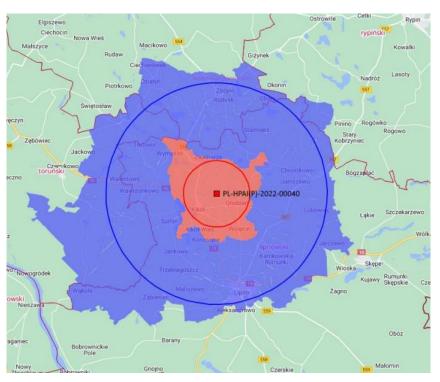
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• is efficiently used as **emergency response tool** to control animal diseases and ensure **appropriate risk mitigation measures** 





 is highly efficient instrument as part of a comprehensive and overarching veterinary control system





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#### **Protection zone**

### Part A of Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2447

ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Area comprising:	Date until applicable in accordance with Article 39 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687
PL-HPAI(P)-2025-00014	W województwie lubuskim:  1) w powiecie nowosolskim, w gminie Kolsko, miejscowości: Konotop, Lipka  2) w powiecie zielonogórskim, w gminie Bojadła, miejscowości: Pyrnik Młynkowo, Kartno, Susłów.	26.2.2025

#### Surveillance zone

### Part B of Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2447

ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Area comprising:	Date until applicable in accordance with Article 55 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687
PL-HPAI(P)-2025-00014	W województwie lubuskim,  1) w powiecie nowosolskim, w gminie Kolsko, miejscowości: Konotop, Lipka	7.3.2025
	2) w powiecie zielonogórskim, w gminie Bojadła, miejscowości: Pyrnik Młynkowo, Kartno, Susłów	

# EU regionalisation (zoning) measures = guaranty for safe trade

- The EU legislation foresees strict measures to apply regionalisation:
  - based on science
  - in line with the WOAH international standards
  - in the areas affected establishment of restricted zones and risk mitigation measures
- Business continuity:
  - the negative impact of animal diseases is reduced (safe trade from non-restricted areas, safe derogations for affected areas, if relevant)
- Proven to be effective to prevent / control / slow down the spread of diseases and eradicate them, where feasible, enabling safe trade
- Conditions for exports are similar (or even stricter) to conditions for intra-Union movements
- Recognized internationally (e.g. WTO cases) and by certain trading partners





## Compartmentalisation in EU



### Compartmentalisation in EU

- For aquatic animals:
  - the use of compartments for aquaculture in line with the AHL in the EU was possible since 2021 (AHL entry into application)
- For terrestrial animals:
  - The use of compartments in the EU is possible with the adoption of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2623 as regards rules for approval and recognition of disease-free status of compartments keeping terrestrial animals
  - This new possibility is valid for poultry compartments in respect of HPAI and Newcastle disease and applicable for Intra-EU movements



### EU Delegated Regulation on compartments

- <u>General conditions</u> for the application of compartmentalization for category A diseases in terrestrial animals as a tool to guarantee animal health status, and to provide for derogations to some disease control measures (e.g. depopulation and movement restrictions)
- Compartment status based on
  - biosecurity management
  - surveillance plans
  - implemented by operators, and verified and approved by Competent Authorities: detailed procedures and conditions
- Not an alternative to regionalisation/zoning, but to complement it on a voluntary basis; not a replacement but an addition to compulsory biosecurity
- Specific conditions
  - established for poultry compartments free from HPAI and ND







### THANK YOU

