



# 1st GF-TADs Regional Conference in the European region

GF TADs SGE RAB7
2025-2026 Rabies Control Plans

Reported by SGE RAB Members

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## **Overview**

#### **16 SGE RAB Members**

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo\*, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine

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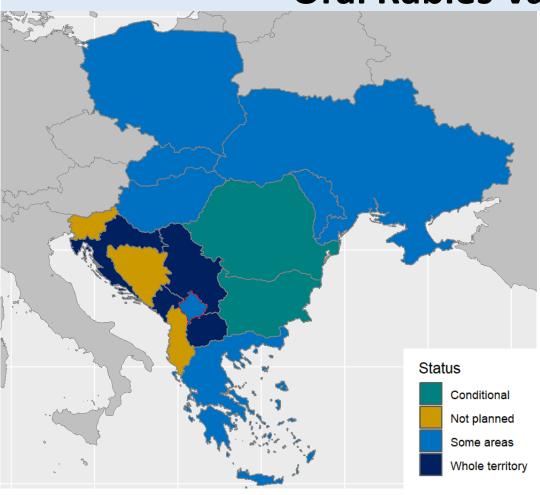
#### **Key focus areas:**

Oral Rabies Vaccination (ORV) campaigns

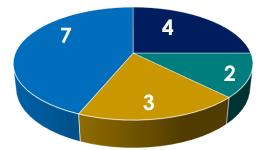
Active surveillance

Passive surveillance

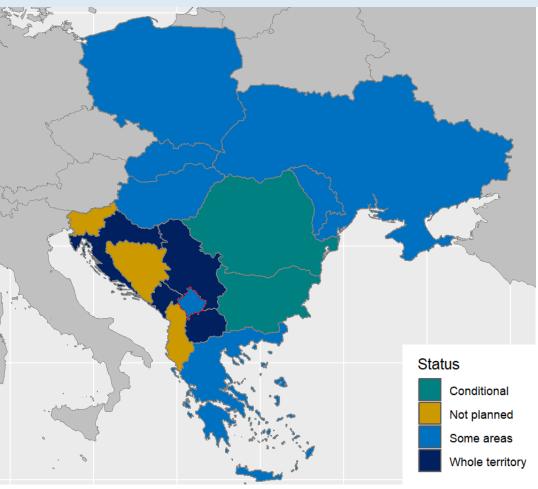
Additional initiatives: awareness campaigns, cross-border activities, trainings



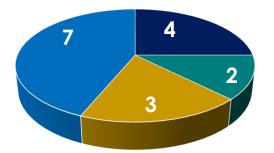
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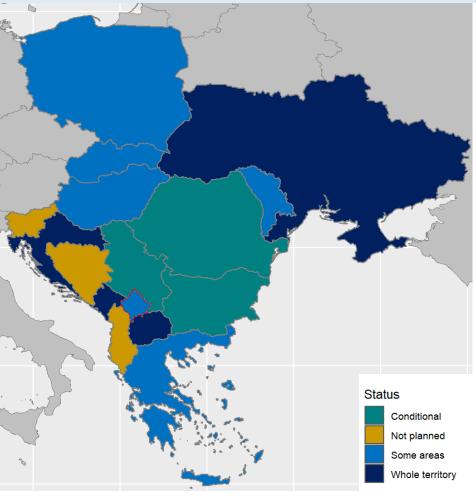
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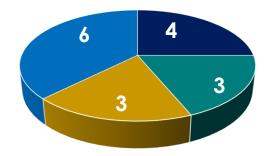
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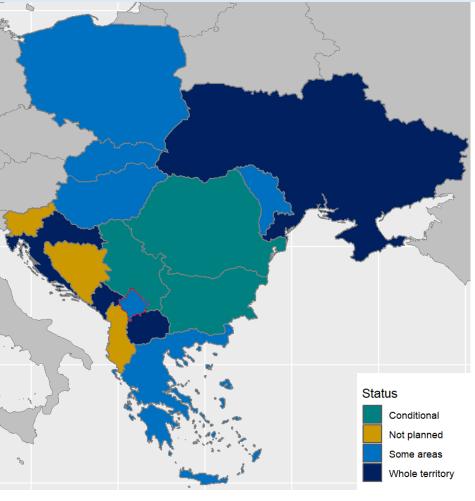
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- 2 Members: -Conditional
  - > ORV campaign along the border
  - > Emergency manual vaccination, some areas
- 1 Member: -Postponed
  - > Spring campaign to September
  - > Autumn campaign to December



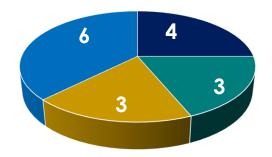
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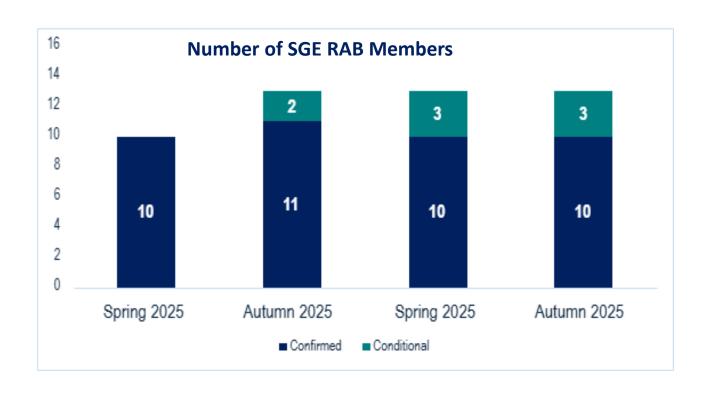


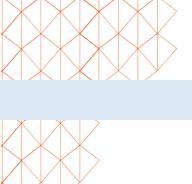
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- Aerial distribution (except 2 Members
   > manual / mixed distribution)
- 1 Member: ORV whole territory> up to security factors and the availability of funding
- 3 Members: Conditional
  - > 1 along the border
  - > 2 whole territory







• Intensified bait distribution along the border + two additional campaigns in the southeastern border region (Lubelskie and Podkarpackie, **Poland**)

# Additional ORV strategies

 Double baiting density in non-rabies-free areas in the eastern border region (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county, Hungary)

Provisions for emergency vaccination in case of resurgence -Slovenia

Emergency vaccination in a 50 km² buffer zone around outbreaks -Romania





## Active surveillance



- Croatia: additional 840 hunted fox samples
- ➤ Hungary: increased testing of healthy-looking hunted animals outside post-vaccination monitoring



## Passive surveillance

All 16 Members, year-round, whole territory

## **Additional Activities**





• 9 Members: ORV info exchange among neighbors (dates, vaccine, areas)

• 3 Members: positive border cases reported directly to neighbours

## **Additional Activities**



- 6 Members: communication campaigns for ORV (e.g. public & stakeholders: farmers, hunters, veterinarians)
- 9 Members: Rabies awareness campaigns for different audiences (schools, authorities, World Rabies day events)
- 3 Members: trainings for hunters & veterinarians



ORV campaigns 13\*/16 Members

#### Surveillance

Passive: 16/16 Members, year-round, whole territory.

• Active: 13/16 Members, seasonal, vaccinated area.

### **Key takeaways**

- 1. Strong regional commitment to ORV in wildlife, with variation in timing and resources.
- 2. Cross-border collaboration and surveillance remain challenging, with assets and progress in some Members.







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