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PPR situation the EU



Peste des petits ruminants Background – occurrence in the EU as of 2024

- ✓ **Before 2024**: PPR was recorded only once in the EU (Bulgaria 2018, South East part of the country, few outbreaks quickly contained)

July 2024

- **Greece**: 11 July , report of the 1st ever PPR outbreak (Trikala - mainland Greece). From there secondary spread in various areas.
86 outbreaks in total , last outbreak : 01 Nov 2024, no new outbreaks ever since.
- **Romania**: 20 July, report of the 1st ever PPR outbreak (Tulcea county - east part of the country). From there secondary spread in Timis (to west part of the country) with no outbreaks in between.
67 outbr. in total (2024), last outbreak (2024): 04 Sep 2024, recurrence March 2025 (1 single outbreak).

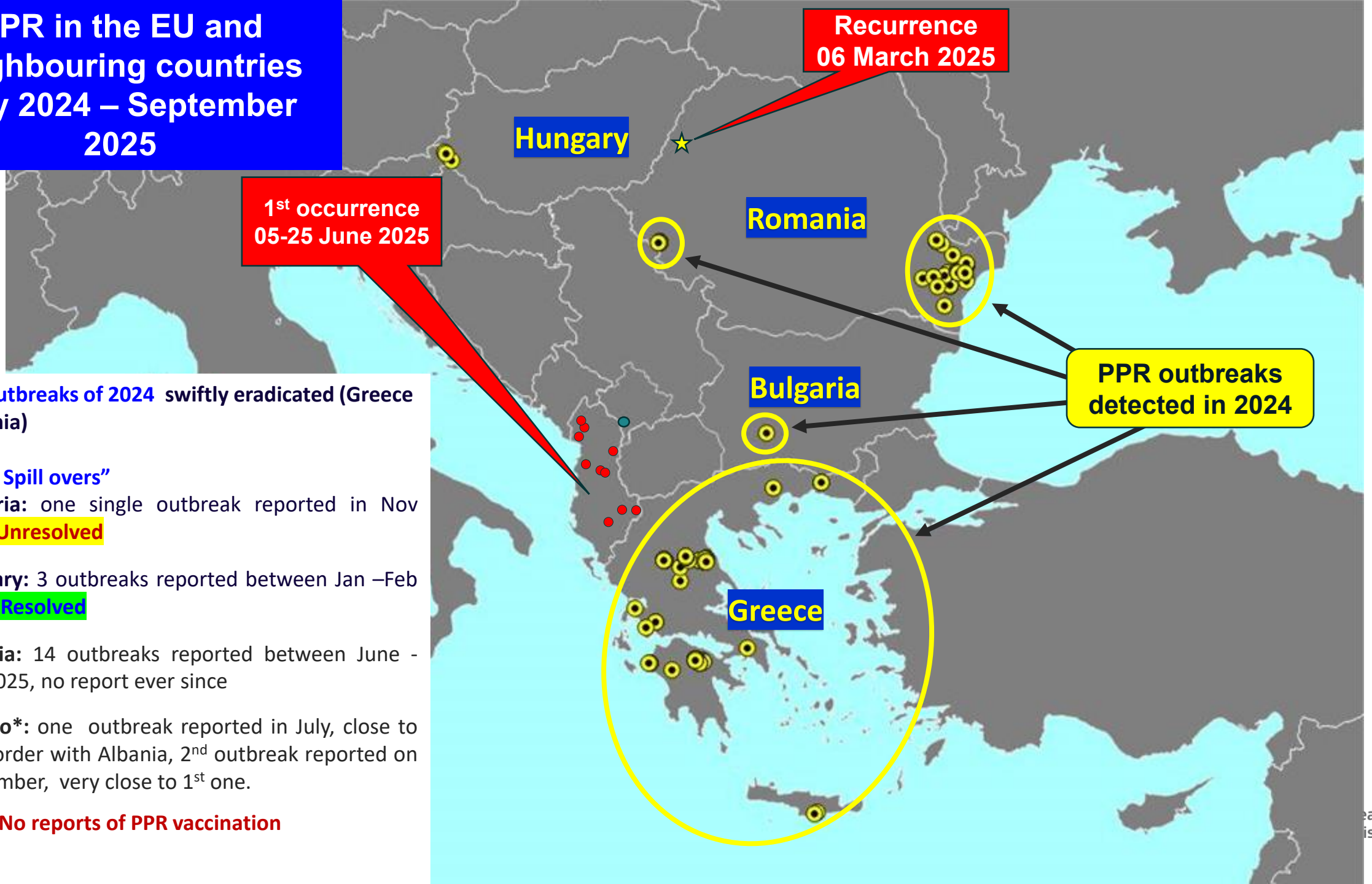
November 2024

- **Bulgaria**: 25 November, **1 single outbreak in Pazardzhik Province, no new outbreaks ever since.**

January 2025

- **Hungary**: 27 January, report of the **1st PPR outbreak** (Zala county, close to the border with Slovenia). **2 secondary outbreaks** (early Feb), all in the same province **(3 outbreaks in total, disease eradicated – all measures lifted as of 01 April 2025).**

PPR in the EU and neighbouring countries July 2024 – September 2025



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 outbreak reported in July, close to the border with Albania, 2nd outbreak reported on September, very close to 1st one.

No reports of PPR vaccination

Highlights - EU 2025

PPR Management in the EU

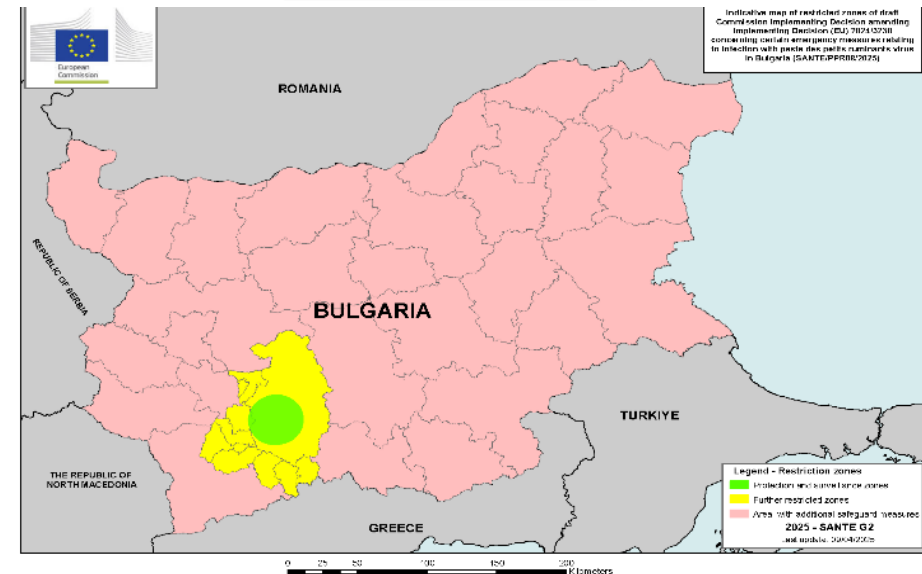
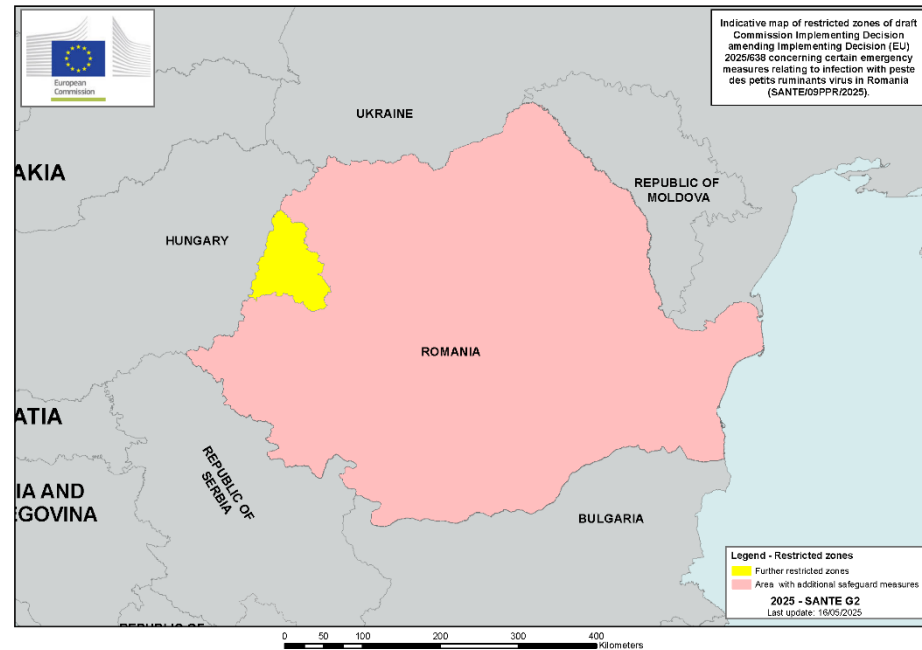
Romania - single recurrence - enhanced surveillance, prohibition of animal movements to other MS;

Bulgaria – nearing closure, no further outbreak, prohibition of animal movements to other countries;

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.



Concluding remarks on PPR

As of 2024 the EU faced successfully the first extensive incursion of PPR that included:

- **2 major incidents** (*Greece – Romania, now both eradicated*)
- **2 minor spill-overs** (*Bulgaria – Hungary*)
- **1 recurrence** (*Romania – under investigation – additional surveillance*)

Affected Member States have demonstrated **very strong commitment** to quickly contain and eradicate PPR, and even adopted **exceptional national disease control measures** that went **beyond the minimum measures required by EU legislation** such as:

- Total ban of movements of small ruminants across the entire country for several weeks (Greece)
- Self-suspension of all intra-EU movement and exports of live small ruminants to third countries for several weeks (Greece and Romania)
- Exceptionally large Protection and Surveillance zones (Romania)

EU neighboring countries:

- **First occurrence of PPR in Albania and Kosovo**
(*events in progress, origin of the disease under investigation*)



EU SUPPORT AGAINST PPR



EU support against PPR

➤ DG SANTE Coordination

- Remote meetings with affected / at risk countries to steer actions
- 2 (online) PAFF Committees dedicated to **PPR** (26 July and 28 August 2024)
- Adoption of Commission Implementing Decisions defining specific safeguard (emergency) measures for each MS: **PPR** (**30 Implementing Decisions adopted to date**)
- Regular info notes disseminating key information about the epidemic and measures to MS – TC
 - International Organisations (WOAH, FAO): **48** for **PPR** Mandates to EFSA for scientific opinions on **PPR** (2015, 2021)

➤ EU Reference Laboratories

(**PPR** CIRAD – France)

- 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

- **EUVET expert team:** Field missions to provide technical support in countries affected or at risk (MS or TC). To date **6 PPR** missions.

Peste des petits ruminants

- Greece (24-25 July 2024)
- Romania (30 July – 01 Aug 2024)
- Bulgaria (18-19 December 2024)
- Romania (13-14 Mar 2025)
- Albania (12-13 June 2025)
- Kosovo (16-17 July 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 surveillance activities (early detection) :**
EU financial support provided for the surveillance and early detection of exotic diseases of animals, including **PPR**, 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

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

Thank you