



Update on the situation on Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) Sheep and Goat pox (SGP)

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1st SGE meeting on PPR and SPGP in Europe region

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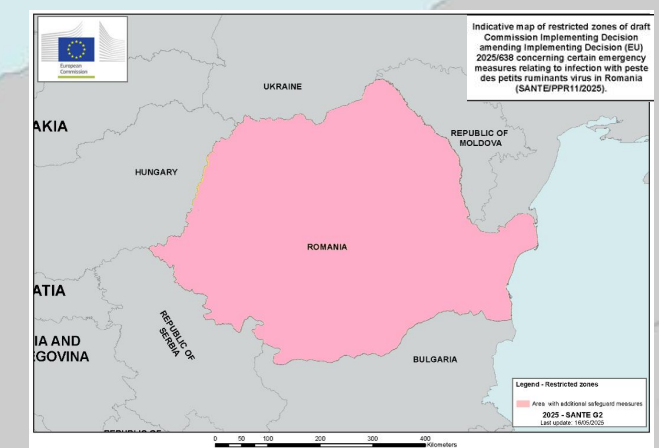
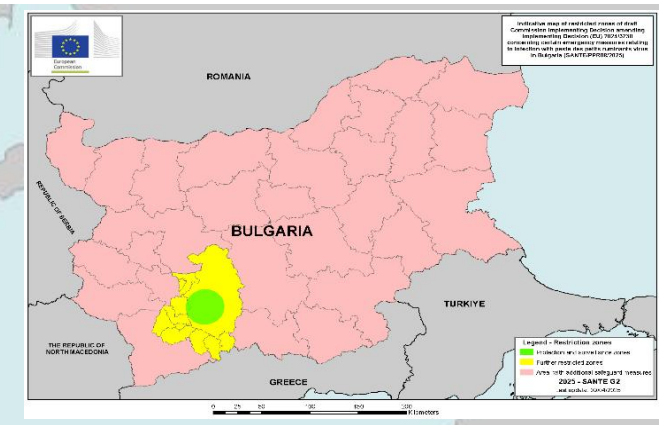
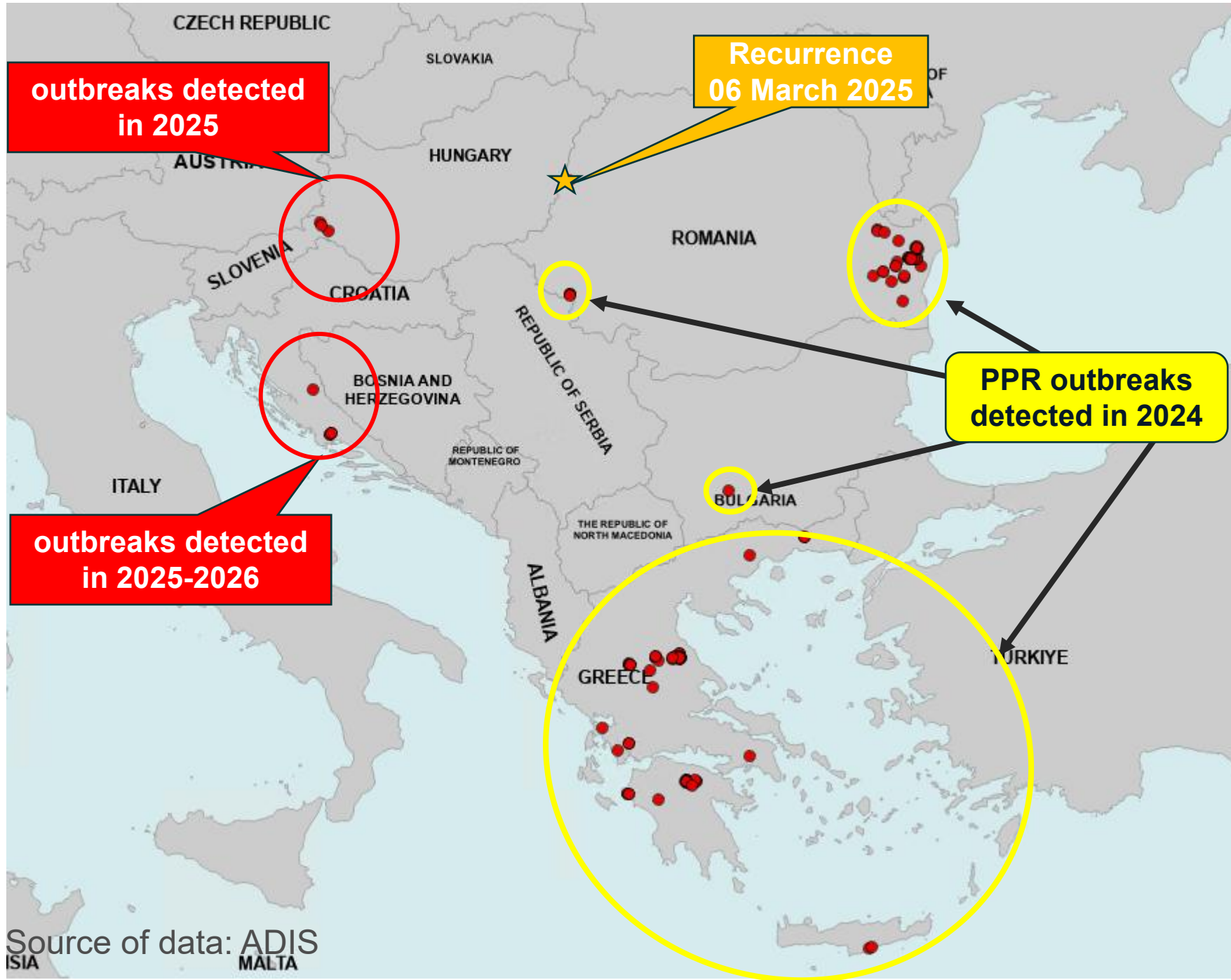
Peste de petits ruminants

Situation in the EU in 2025 – 2026

EU support and control measures

Year	Country/Territory	N°outbr.	Outbreaks (ADIS)	Restrictions (regionalisation)	Other prohibitions -still in place	Source of data: ADIS
2024						
1	Greece	86	11 July -1st PPR outbreak (Trikala - mainland Greece). Secondary spread in various areas. Last outb. 01 Nov 2024. no new outbreaks ever since.	Regionalisation lifted	-	
2	Romania	67	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. last outbreak (2024): 04 Sep 2024	Regionalisation lifted	Prohibition of movements from the entire territory of Romania to a destination located in or passing through another Member State	
3	Bulgaria	1	25 November 2024, 1 single outbreak in Pazardzhik Province, no new outbreaks ever since.	Protecion, Surveillance and further restricted zones in the region of Pazardzhik prolonged until 30 June 2026.	Prohibition on movements of ovine and caprine animals from the entire territory of Bulgaria to other Member States prolonged until 30 June 2026.	
2025						
1	Hungary	3	January - February 2025	Regionalisation lifted	-	
2	Romania	1	March 2025. (Reoccurrence)	All restriction lifted in Bihor Country (31 December 2025)	Prohibition of movements from the entire territory of Romania to a destination located in or passing through another Member State - until 30 June 2026.	
3	Croatia	3	December 2026	Protection and surveillance zone (5 and 20 km) around the outbreaks; enhanced surveillance + preventive culling	-	
-	Albania	14	June-July 2025 no report ever since	-	-	
-	Kosovo*	2	July- one outbreak reported in July, close to the border with Albania, 2 nd outbreak reported on September, very close to 1 st one.	-	-	
2026						
1	Croatia	3	February 2026 (one establishment depopulated in December)	All restrictions lifted (19 February 2026)	-	
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*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.



Major epidemics of 2024 swiftly eradicated (Greece 86 – Romania 64) Resolved

“ Spill overs”

- **2024 Bulgaria:** 1 single outbreak reported in Nov **Unresolved**
- **2025 Hungary** 3 outbreaks reported between Jan –Feb. **Resolved**
- **2025 – 2026 Croatia :** 6 outbreaks. **Resolved**

No reports of PPR vaccination

EU support for PPR in 2025-2026

EU Measures and Support

- **Safeguard measures** :17 CID to amend size and duration of the restricted zones 2025-2026
- **Current control measures EU**: total ban on movements of sheep and goats from Romania and Bulgaria despite no more outbreaks notified.
- **EUVET missions (2025)**: Romania 13-14 March 2025, Albania 12-13 June 2025, Kosovo* 16-17 July 2025.
- **EUVET missions (2026)**: Croatia (19–22 January 2026).
- **EURL-PPR**: Participation to field missions (EUVET), confirmatory diagnosis, supports to NRLs, full genome sequencing on at least one positive sample, phylogenetic analyses and genome comparisons.
- **EU co-financing**: compensation for culled animals, preventive culling, materials destroyed, cleaning and disinfection.
- **An EU PPR vaccine bank is in place** (575.000 doses in stock, possibility to order another 1.425.000 doses). *No requests received so far.*

HIGHLIGHTS CROATIA:

- **The EUVET mission to Croatia** confirmed that the epidemiological pattern suggests introduction through illegal animal movements. The disease presentation is mild to subclinical, which hampers early detection and increases the risk of undetected circulation.
- this⁵ situation call for higher awareness in the South-Eastern European countries



Sheep and goat pox

Sheep pox and goat pox situation in 2025 - 2026

January - September 2025:

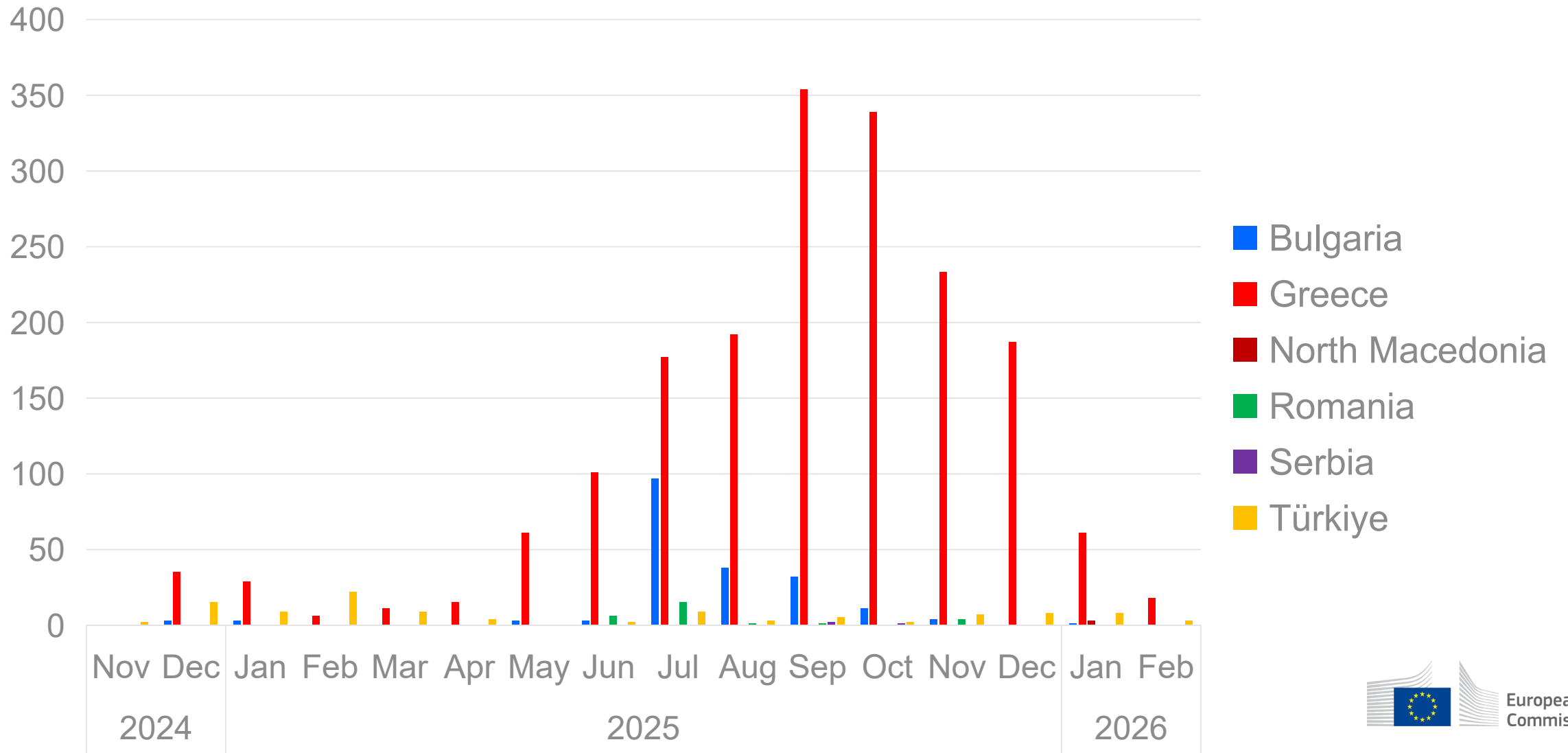
- **First months of 2025:** sporadic cases in Bulgaria and Greece.
- **From May 2025,** outbreaks resurged in Greece, Bulgaria and Romania.
- Over the **summer,** SPGP **expanded further in Greece and Bulgaria.**
- In September 2025 the epidemiological situation suggested interruption of virus circulation, no outbreaks were reported by **Romania and Bulgaria.**

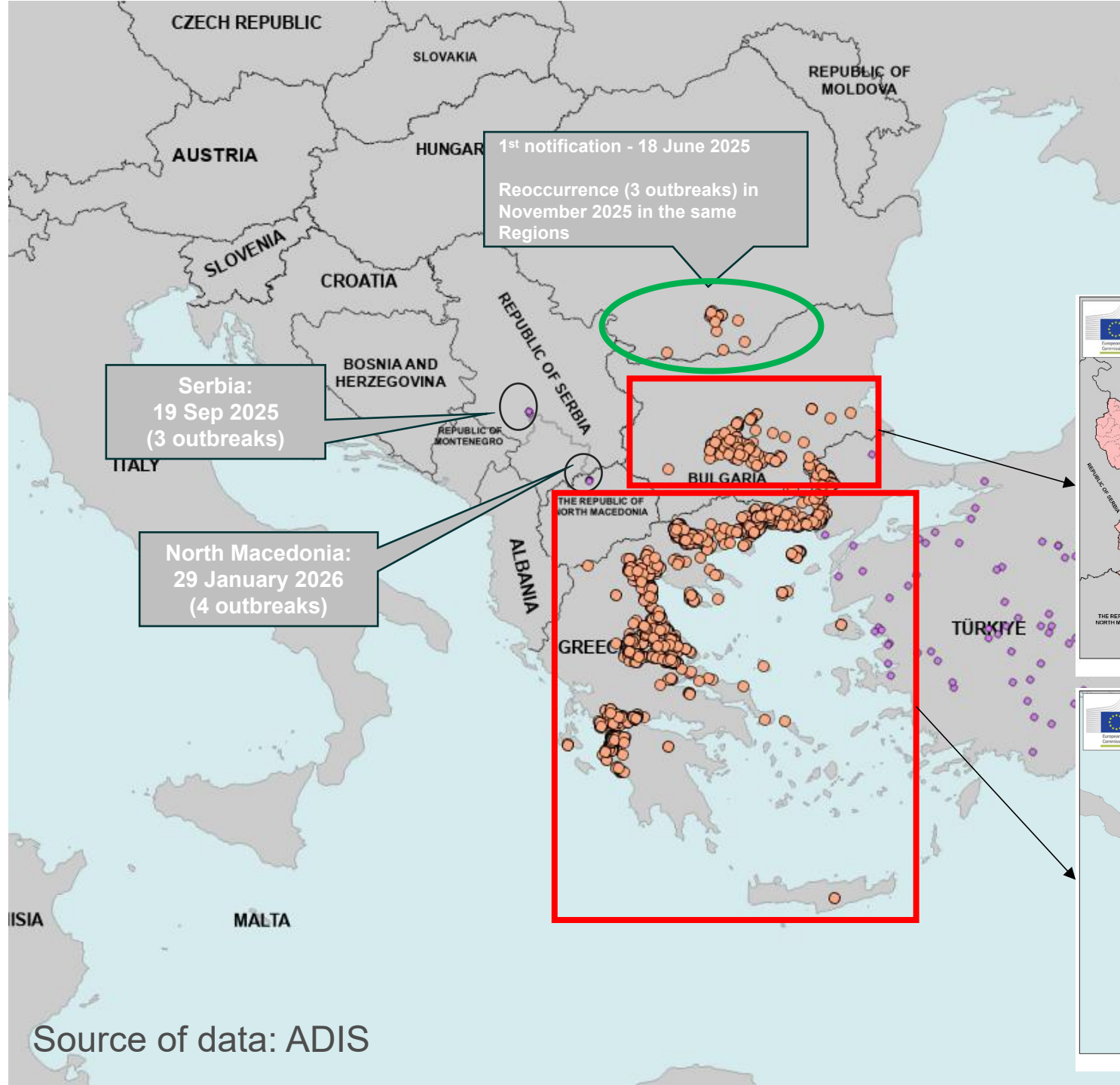
October 2025 – February 2026:

- **Romania:** notified **3 outbreaks in November 2025,** in the same counties where SPGP was notified during the previous months. Since then, **no further outbreaks** have been notified and all restrictions have been lifted.
- **Bulgaria:** notified 21 outbreaks, including **one in January 2026.** The restrictions were lifted in all regions, except for Plovdiv, which remains under restrictions as 17 establishments have not been stamped out due to farmers opposition.
- **Greece** since September 2025 the situation further deteriorated with 908 outbreaks notified; 25 out of 54 Greek regions are affected.

Candidate countries: **North Macedonia** notified four outbreaks (Jan-Feb 2026). An EUVET mission was deployed by the Commission to North Macedonia (15 to 18 February) to support the competent authorities.

Epidemic curve – reported outbreaks

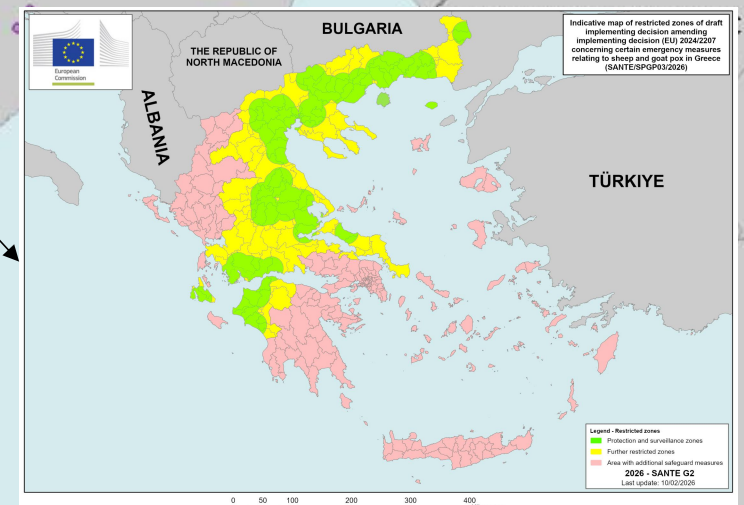
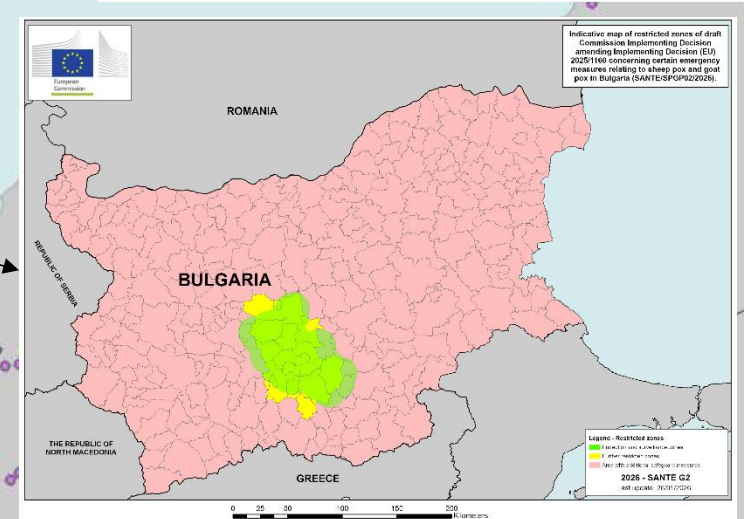




Greece: 1809 outbreaks in total, mostly in mainland and northern areas **Unresolved**

Bulgaria: 192 outbreaks mostly in the centre and south areas. Plovdiv Region under restriction **Unresolved – restrictions to 30 June 2026**

Romania: 27 outbreaks – clustered around Teleorman and Ilt counties. **Resolved**



Source of data: ADIS

EU support for SPGP in 2025-2026

EU Measures and Support

- **Control measures:** restricted zones, and total ban on movements of sheep and goats from Greece and Bulgaria. 13 decisions adopted to revise the restrictions since 1 October 2025 to 23 February 2026.
- **EUVET missions:**
 - 2025: Greece, 13-16 May 2025
 - 2026: North Macedonia, 16-17 February 2026
- **EU SPGP vaccine bank:** several doses in physical stock and a new contract was signed in December 2025, for the Bakirkoy vaccine strain vaccine (Turkiye) and an initial replenishment with a minimum 500.000 doses stock is in progress (samples from newly produced vaccines to reach soon the EURL for quality testing , in order to be placed in the EU vaccine bank).
- **EFSA** Scientific Report on sheep pox and goat pox vaccines and vaccination scenarios (published on 4 February): concluded that in addition to the other EU control measures targeted vaccination for achieving eradication is needed.
- Despite the availability of vaccines in the EU vaccine bank and EFSA scientific advice supporting targeted vaccination, *no Member State has requested access to the vaccine stock.*



Thank you