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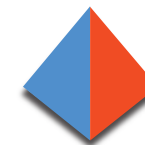
2nd SGE for PPR and SPGP in Europe

FAO activities on PPR and SPGP in the
region

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GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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What does FAO REU do on PPR and SPGP?

- Assisting countries to obtain official disease freedom status for PPR
- Assisting countries with preparedness and control
- Simulation exercises and Workshops
- Technical materials and Publications
- Virtual learning



Assisting countries to achieve official disease freedom status for PPR

Azerbaijan

Completed: [FAO assisted Azerbaijan to obtain official PPR disease free status](#). First former Soviet Union, but non-EU country (except the Russian Federation) to achieve this status.

Armenia

On-going: [Strengthening capacities for prevention of the Peste des Petits Ruminants \(PPR\) disease and recognition of PPR free status](#) - through serosurveillance (2025 – 2027)

Assisting countries to achieve official disease freedom status for PPR

Kazakhstan

On-going: [Strengthening capacities for the prevention and detection of Peste des Petits Ruminants \(PPR\)](#) - assisting the country in ceasing vaccination and applying for stage 4.

Tajikistan

On-going: Supporting activities on PPR

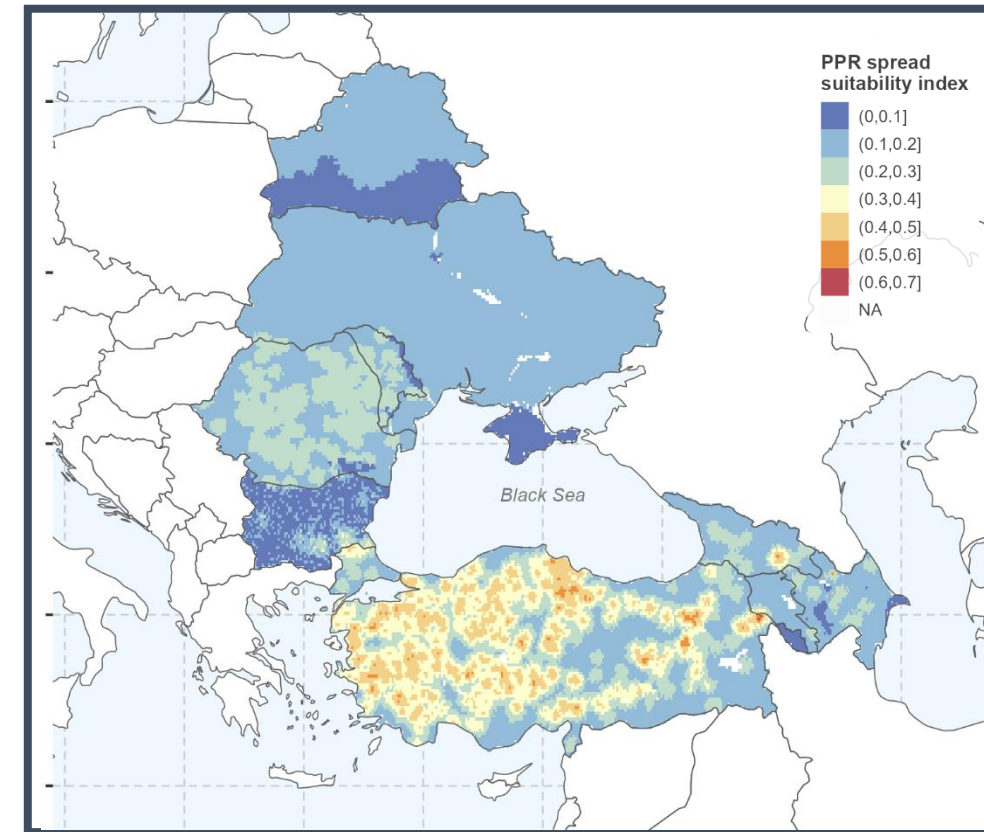
Uzbekistan

On-going: Supporting with serosurveillance and preparation of dossier.

4000 animals sampled under the project in the country. Next target is 8000 animals.

Risk mapping and OutCosT for PPR

- [Risk Mapping the Peste Des Petits Ruminants Spread in the Black Sea Basin: A Spatial Multicriteria Decision Analysis Approach \(2024\)](#) - Identifying high suitability areas for the spread of PPR in the Black Sea Region ->
- Using [FAO's Outbreak Costing Tool \(OutCosT\)](#) estimate the direct costs of PPR outbreaks and their control measures. Also SGP.



Sheep pox and goat pox: A field manual for veterinarians

FAO published recently a field manual on SPGP for veterinarians in English language.

The Russian version is now also available



Virtual Learning Centers

FAO REU's Virtual Learning Centers supports the region since 2021 with trainings on Animal Health offering tutored and self-directed courses.

Tutored Preparedness courses:

- Open for 4 weeks;
- Consist of 7-10 study modules, a discussion forum, webinars and resources
- Interaction between trainers, experts and participants through forum and webinars
- Final assessment and certificate



English (en)

FAO Virtual Learning Centers

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Bridging distances, developing capacities.

The FAO Virtual Learning Centers (VLCs) are dedicated to developing tailored learning for advancing Animal Health and One Health capacities around the world through inclusive, dynamic and high-quality training. Explore our training provision and login to access our courses.



Self-directed courses

Self-directed courses are open to everyone and allow participants to progress at their own pace. They are free of charge and include interactive online modules, assessments and a certificate of participation upon completion.

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Tutored courses

Tutored courses are led by experts and feature live sessions, group discussions, and assignments. These courses follow specific schedules, and participation is based on specific eligibility criteria.

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Virtual Learning Centers: PPR and SPGP Tutored courses

- [Sheep Pox and Goat Pox Preparedness Course in English, October – November 2023; training 192 participants](#)
- **Sheep Pox and Goat Pox Preparedness Course in English, September – October 2024; training 170 participants**
- [Peste des Petits Ruminants Preparedness Course in English, November – December 2025; training 197 participants](#)
- [Peste des Petits Ruminants Preparedness in Russian](#) (March–April 2026, 340 participants from 13 countries)



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**SUMMARY OF
THE REGIONAL
VIRTUAL LEARNING
CENTER ACTIVITIES
IN EUROPE AND
CENTRAL ASIA AS OF
1 JULY 2025**

Virtual Learning Centers self-paced course

[A self-paced open access adaptation of the SPGP tutored course is available on the FAO Virtual Learning Centers website in English and Russian languages.](#)

PPR Open Access Course expected to be released in September–October 2026.

Sheep and goat pox preparedness



This course aims to strengthen the capacity of animal health professionals and practitioners in countries currently affected by, or at risk of, sheep pox (SPP) and goat pox (GTP) outbreaks. It provides scientifically up-to-date knowledge and practical tools to support effective disease recognition, diagnosis, and control.

Study time

6 hours.

Choose the language in which you want to take the course and enrol to start studying.

English

Russian

Challenges identified

- Unfit compensation programs, e.g. payment amount, timeliness...
- Detection based mostly on farmers reporting, but
 - considerable under-reporting by farmers and field veterinarians (largely because of the above)
 - Often, subclinical presentation of PPR
- Porous borders, particularly
 - when pastures are shared across countries, and particularly
 - during religious festivals, when mass movements occur
- Reluctance to vaccinate due to trade restrictions, absence of EU-approved vaccines, and political implications, despite emergency vaccination being allowed under EU law
- Lack of transparency for reporting



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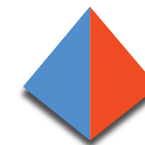
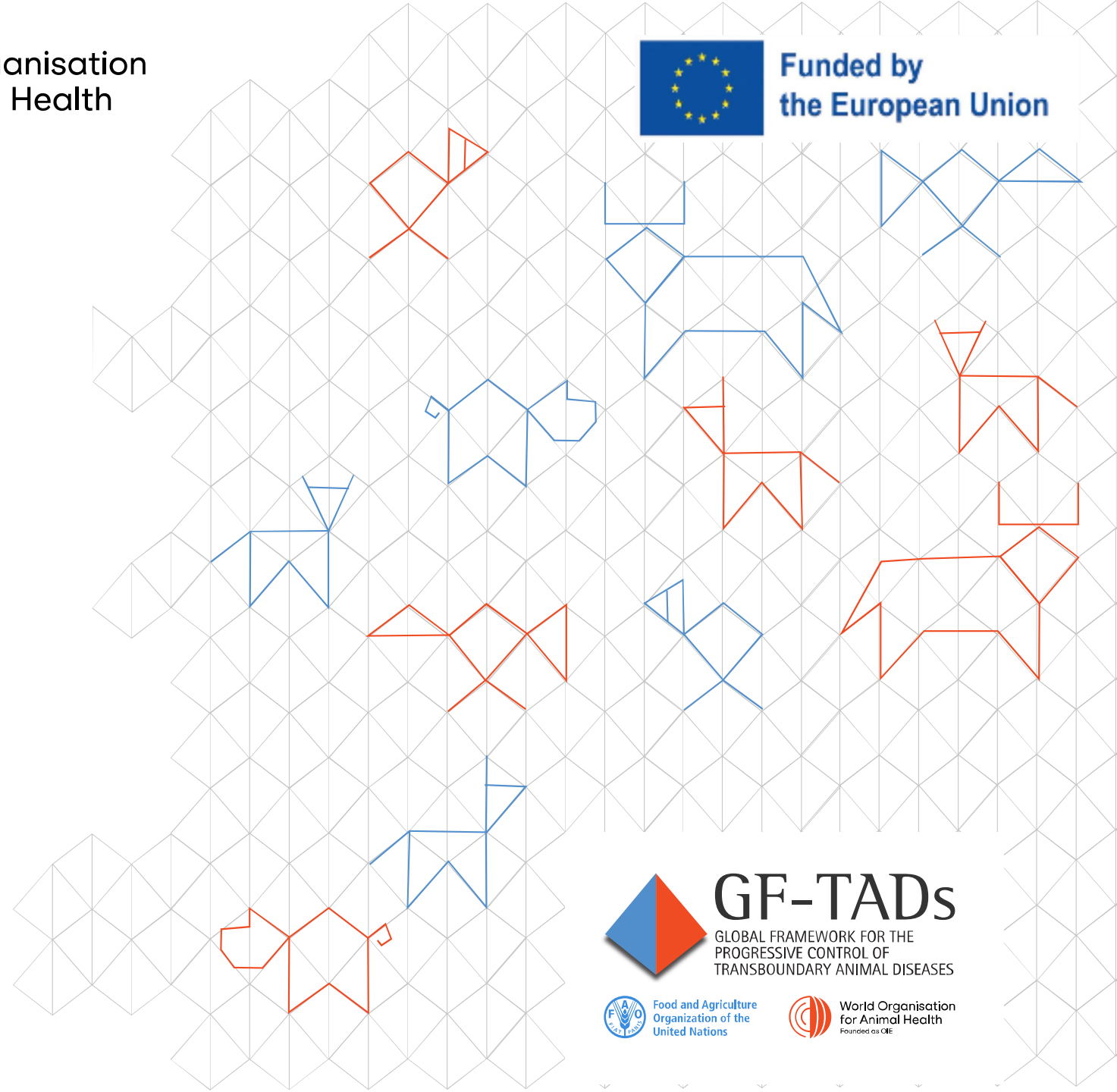


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