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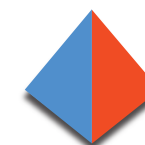
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Rabies epidemiological situation

- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in domestic animals :
It has not been reported for many years (No cases)
- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in wildlife :
It has not been reported - No cases
- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in humans :
It has not been reported for many years No cases
- Last year of occurrence of imported Rabies cases:
 - In animals : It has not been reported - No cases
 - In humans : It has not been reported - No cases

Oral Rabies Vaccination

Year	Spring campaign*		Autumn campaign*		Area covered (please mark with X as appropriate)		Financing (EU/National/other)
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date	Whole country	Other (please describe)	
2024	25 May	30 May	21 Oct	25 Oct	Yes	Hand distribution" in the context of vaccine uptake	Kosovo Budget
2025	12 May	22 May	21 Oct	02 Nov	Yes	Hand distribution" in the context of vaccine uptake	Kosovo Budget
2026	18 May	21 May			Yes	Hand distribution" in the context of vaccine uptake	Kosovo Budget

***No ORV campaign: complete with "not planned"/ ORV Planned but not implemented: "omitted"**

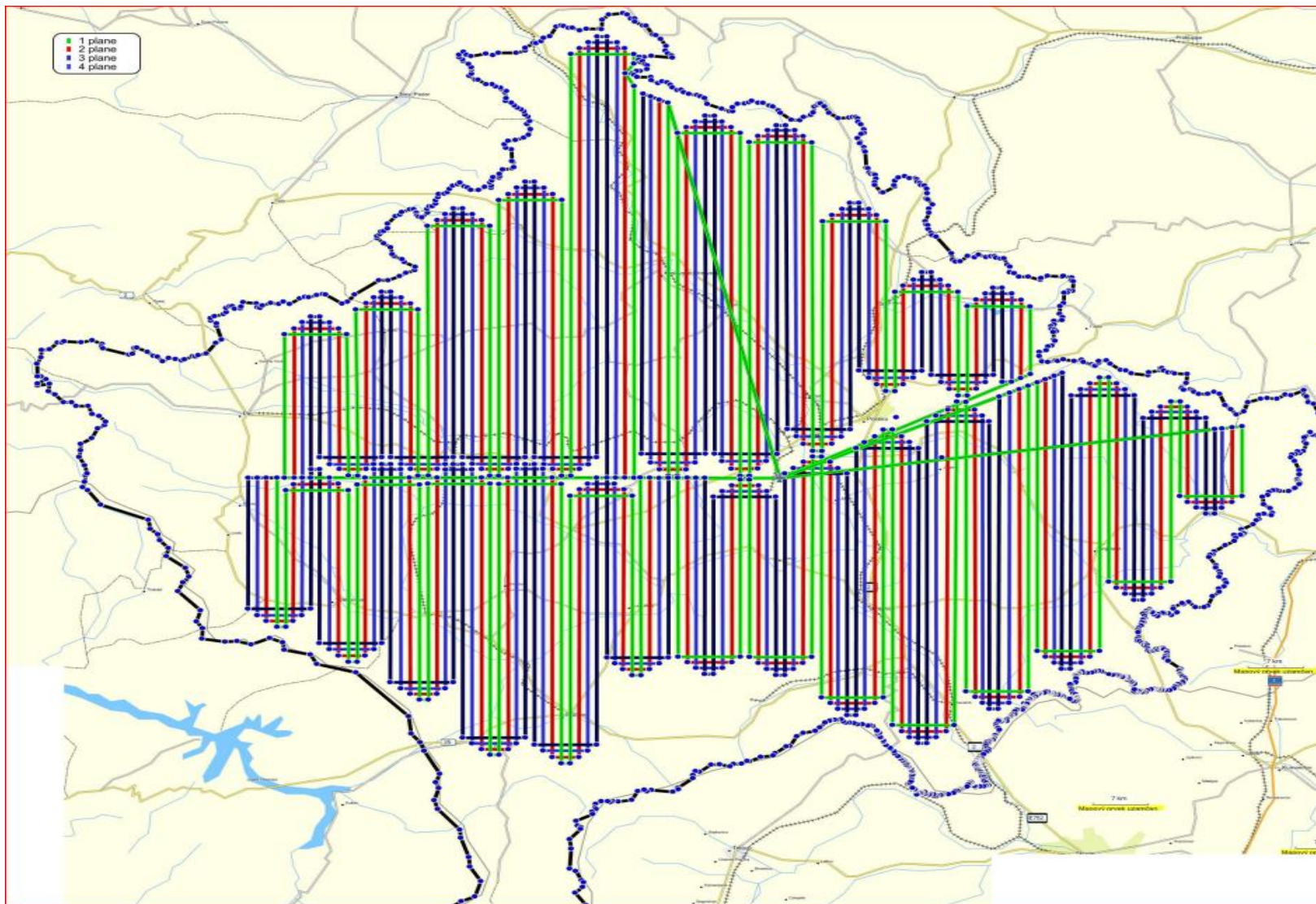
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Additional ORV strategies

- **Please, complete briefly here (if any) additional strategy** *(e.g. intensified bait distribution, emergency vaccination, double baiting, coordination with neighbours in timing, etc)*
for:
 - **ORV implemented/planned for 2026 :**
 - **For 2026, everything is planned and contracted.**
 - **ORV planned for 2027:**
 - **Budgetary planning for 2027 for this aerial vaccination activity has not yet been finalized.**

Map of the last vaccination area

Only needed if it is not the whole country



Surveillance

(Detection of rabies virus)

Year	Number of tested animals- Passive surveillance				Number of tested animals- Active surveillance	
	Total number WILDLIFE	Total number DOMESTIC	No of positive cases		Total number	No of positive cases
			WILDLIFE	DOMESTIC		
2023	5 Wildlife		0		0	0
2024	15 Wildlife		0		0	0
2025	25 Wildlife		0		0	0
2026	8		0		0	0

- Passive surveillance: tests performed in suspect and dead wild animals (FAT/RT-PCR). **If available**, different **species** or **categories** can be specified (companion, livestock; more detailed if available: dogs, cattle, cats, golden jackal, etc)
- Active surveillance: tests performed in healthy hunted animals in the frame of the monitoring programme to verify effectiveness of oral rabies vaccination in WILDLIFE. If no active surveillance: **N/A**

Effectiveness of ORV campaigns

(Post-vaccination monitoring)

Year	Bait uptake = biomarker		Seroconversion = antibodies to rabies virus		
	No. of foxes tested	No. of biomarker positive samples	No. of foxes tested	No. of foxes positive for antibodies to rabies virus	Method used for serological testing
2023/2024	15	13	15	0	Real Time PCR & ELISA
2024/2025	25	21	25	0	Real Time PCR & ELISA
2025/2026	8	6	8	0	Real Time PCR & ELISA

N/A: no post-vaccination monitoring for that period

Plans for 2027

VACCINATION	YES*	NO	STILL TO BE DECIDED	YES* UNDER CONDITIONS <i>(please describe)</i>	Area <i>(border/whole territory)</i>	Period <i>/dates</i>	Comments
ORV Spring campaign 2027			X				The budget has not yet been secured by the Government of Kosovo for 2027.
ORV Autumn campaign 2027			X				
SURVEILLANCE							
Passive surveillance			X				
Active surveillance <i>(like the one accompanying all ORV)</i>							
Other type of active surveillance <i>(please describe)</i>							

If relevant, please add 2 or 3 lines with: optional*

- rabies control additional relevant activities
 - From the beginning, KFVA organizes free vaccination campaigns for stray dogs and dogs with owners.

And/or

- Main challenges identified for rabies control in your country
 - Cooperation with the hunters' federation and increasing the number of samples



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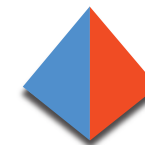
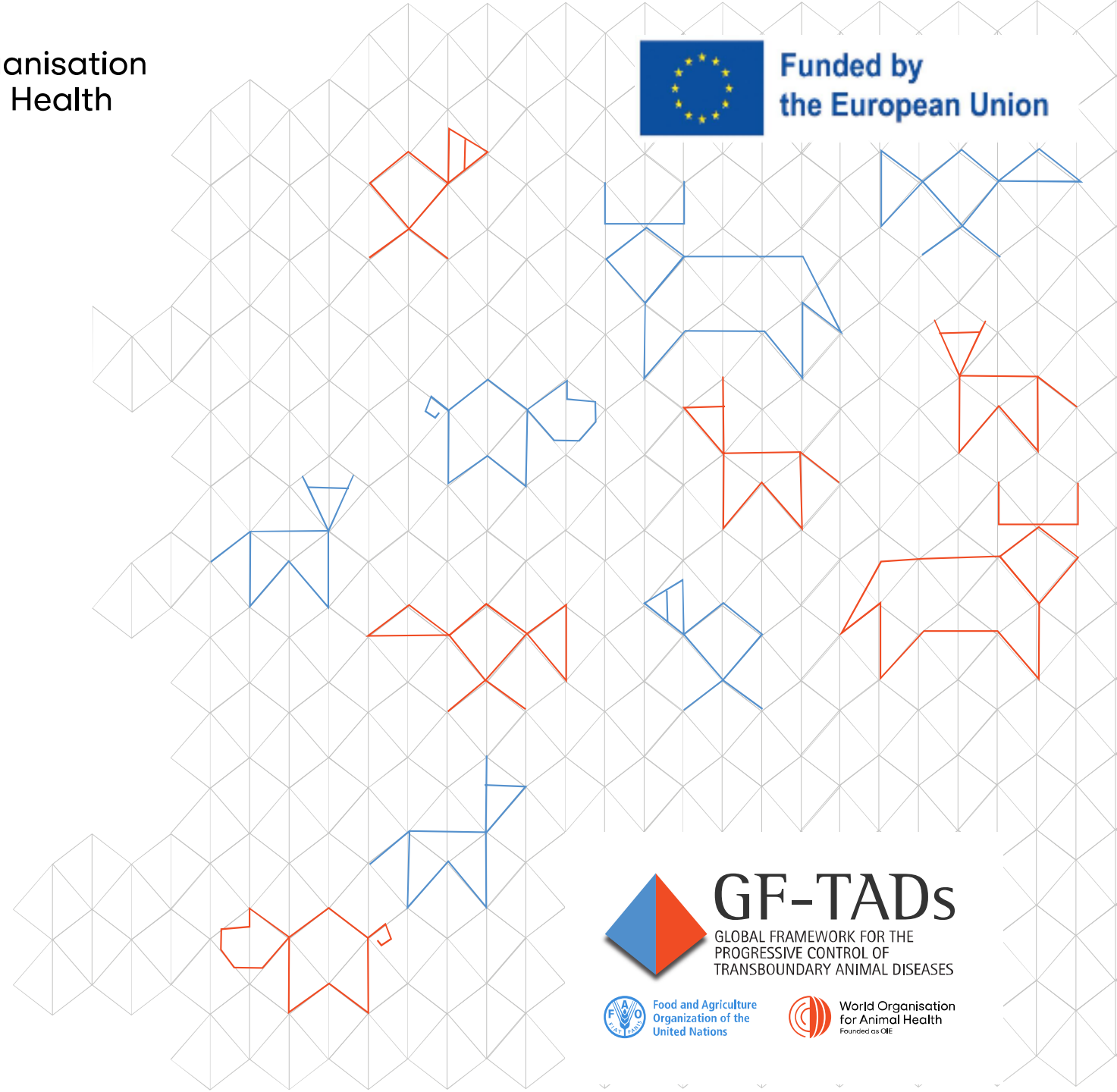


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