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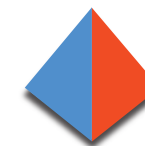
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Rabies epidemiological situation

➤ Last year of occurrence of Rabies in domestic animals :

Year 2025	Animals	Locations	Dog = 21
	Dog	Hîncești, Orhei, Ialoveni, Nisporeni, Cimișlia, Edineț, Strășeni, Ungheni, Transnistria, Rezina, Causeni, Fălești	Cat = 7
	Cat	Drochia, Transnistria, Nisporeni, Telenești, Ungheni, Anenii Noi, Șoldănești	Cattle = 12
	Cattle	Calarasi, Hincesti, Dubasari, Nisporeni Calarasi, Orhei, Straseni, Soldanesti, Rezina	TOTAL = 40

Rabies epidemiological situation

➤ Last year of occurrence of Rabies in wildlife

Year 2025	Animals	Locations
	Red Fox	Criuleni, Ungheni, Chișinău, Șoldănești, Orhei, Dubăsari Hîncești, Cimișlia, Transnistria, Anenii Noi, Donduseni

TOTAL = 18

Rabies epidemiological situation

➤ Last year of occurrence of Rabies in humans :

The last year of Rabies case in humans was registered in 2019 (in Goienii Noi a suburb of Chisinau- the bite caused by a dog).

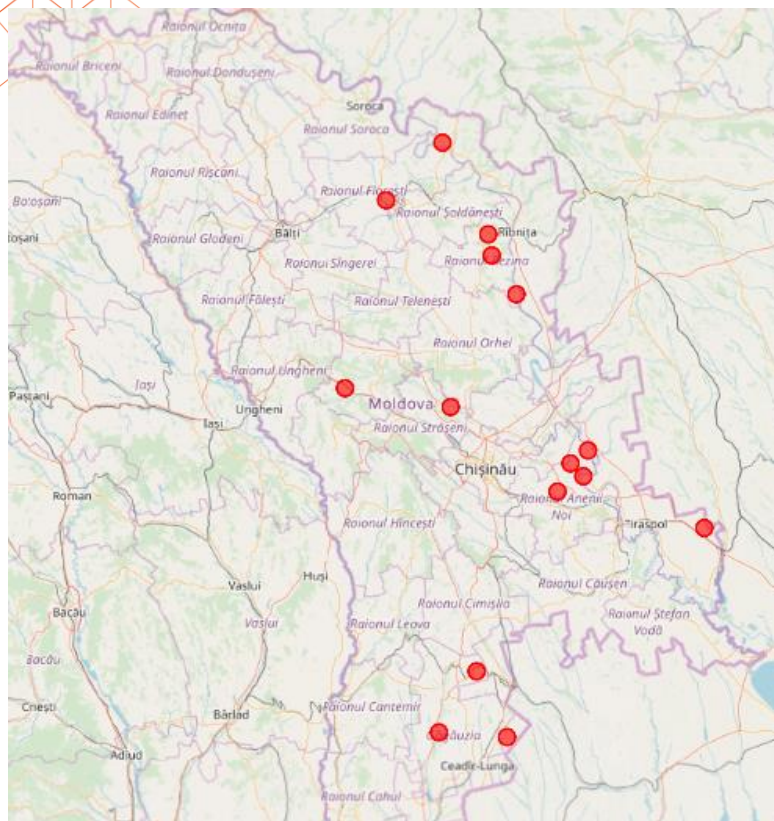
During 2025, 144 people received full rabies treatment

➤ Last year of occurrence of imported Rabies cases:

- In animals : *Not detected*
- In humans : *Not detected*

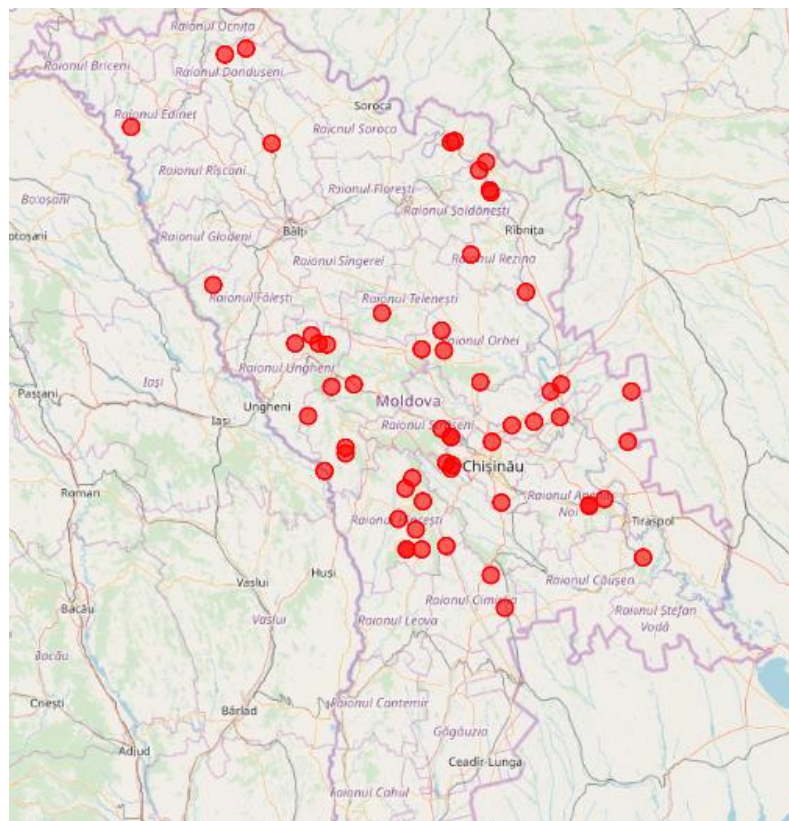
Evolution of rabies outbreaks

2024



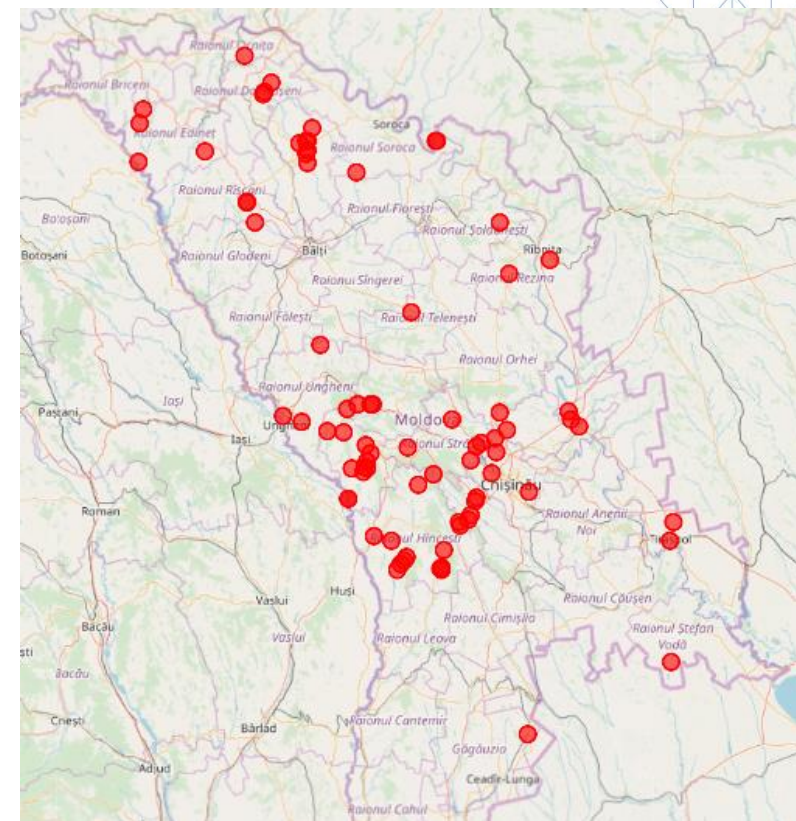
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2025



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2026



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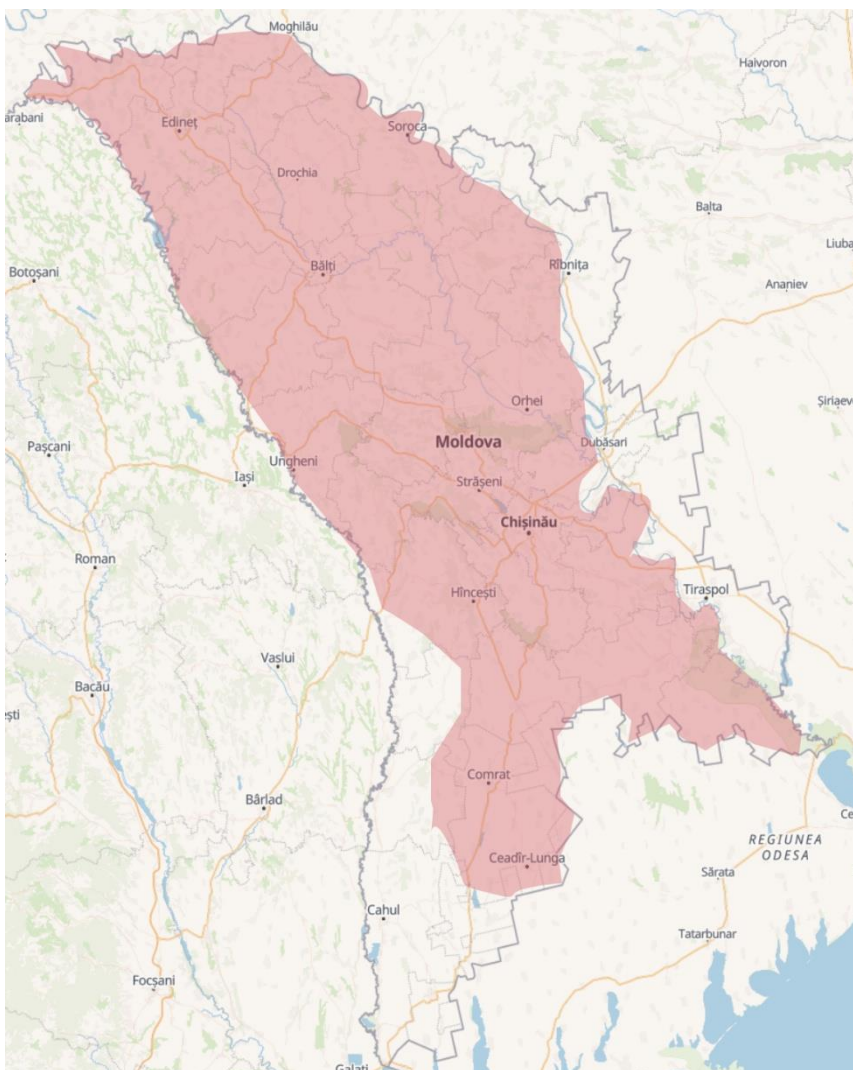
Oral Rabies Vaccination

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)	EU
2024	27.03	19.04	28.10	10.05		16 591,6 km2 in 30 districts	EU
2025	30.04	11.05	20.10	24.10		16 591,6 km2 in 30 districts	EU
2026	28.04	08.05	20.10	03.11	X		EU

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

Map of the last vaccination area

Only needed if it is not the whole country



Since 2026, the number of ORV baits has been increased from 100,000 to 200,000, enabling distribution throughout the entire territory of country despite restrictions on aerial vaccination.

rabies control additional relevant activities

Free vaccination and awareness campaign in affected zones



Targeted vaccination: all rabies-susceptible domestic animals in affected zones are vaccinated following confirmed cases, strengthening local disease control and limiting further transmission.

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	118		24		335	
2024	170				500	
2025	30	133	18 red fox	21 dogs 7 cats 12 livestock	Biomarker 327 Seroconversion 659	111 59
2026	135		13 Red fox 1 golden jackal	49 companion 16 livestock	347	

- 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**

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	YES				whole territory	March	
ORV Autumn campaign 2027	YES				whole territory	October	
SURVEILLANCE							
Passive surveillance	YES				whole territory	during the whole year	
Active surveillance <i>(like the one accompanying all ORV)</i>	YES				whole territory	After vaccination	
Other type of active surveillance <i>(please describe)</i>							

Main challenges identified for rabies control

The current regional security and airspace constraints limit the feasibility of aerial ORV campaigns in Moldova, creating a significant operational challenge for maintaining optimal vaccination coverage of the wild fox population.





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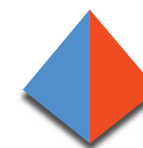
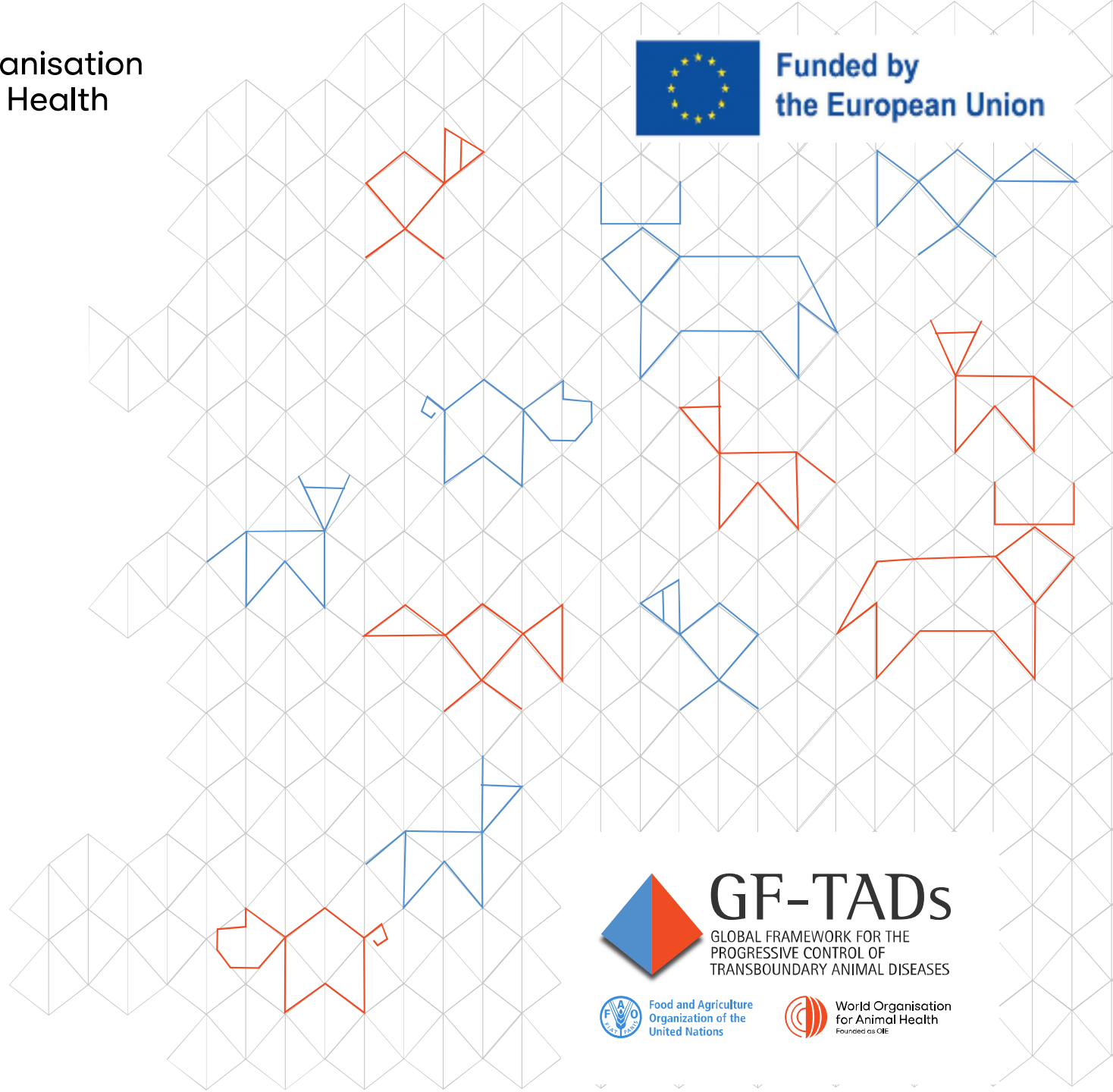


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