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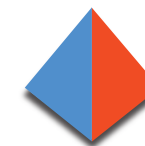
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Rabies epidemiological situation

- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in domestic animals :
Year: 2012, animal: cat, location: Branicevski District
- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in wildlife :
Year: 2018, animal: fox, location: Krupanj, Mačvanski District
- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in humans :
Year 1967, person, location: Kosovo, South province of Serbia
- Last year of occurrence of imported Rabies cases:
 - In animals : *no*
 - In humans : *no*

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	14.06.2024.	06.07.2024	31.10.2024.	19.12.2024.	Yes		EU+ National contribution
2025	09.04.2025.	03.05.2025	10.09.2025.	22.10.2025.	Yes		EU+ National contribution
2026	/	/	/	/	/		

***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: /**
- **ORV planned for 2027: /**

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	13	39	0	0	/	/
2024	12	35	0	0	896	0
2025	14	39	0	0	2068	0
2026*	2	27	0	0	1457	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**

Surveillance

Passive surveillance data by animal species

Animals	Species	2023			2024			2025			2026* (I and II quarter)		
		Total tested	Lab results		Total tested	Lab results		Total tested	Lab results		Total tested	Lab results	
			Neg	Pos		Neg	Pos		Neg	Pos		Neg	Pos
Domestic animals	Dog	13	13	0	14	14	0	13	13	0	5	5	0
	Cat	20	20	0	14	14	0	21	21	0	9	9	0
	Cattle	1	1	0				1	1	0			
	Stray dog	5	5	0	7	7	0	4	4	0	13	13	0
Wildlife	Fox	9	9	0	10	10	0	9	9	0	2	2	0
	Marten				1	1	0	2	2	0			
	Other carnivores	4	4	0									
	Bat							3	3	0			
	Other				1	1	0						
Total Serbia		52	52	0	47	47	0	53	53	0	29	29	0

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	/	/	/	/	/
2024/2025	2167	1622	2118	242	ELISA
2025/2026	2281	1872	2247	229	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				
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>							



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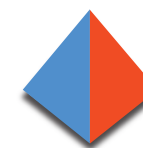
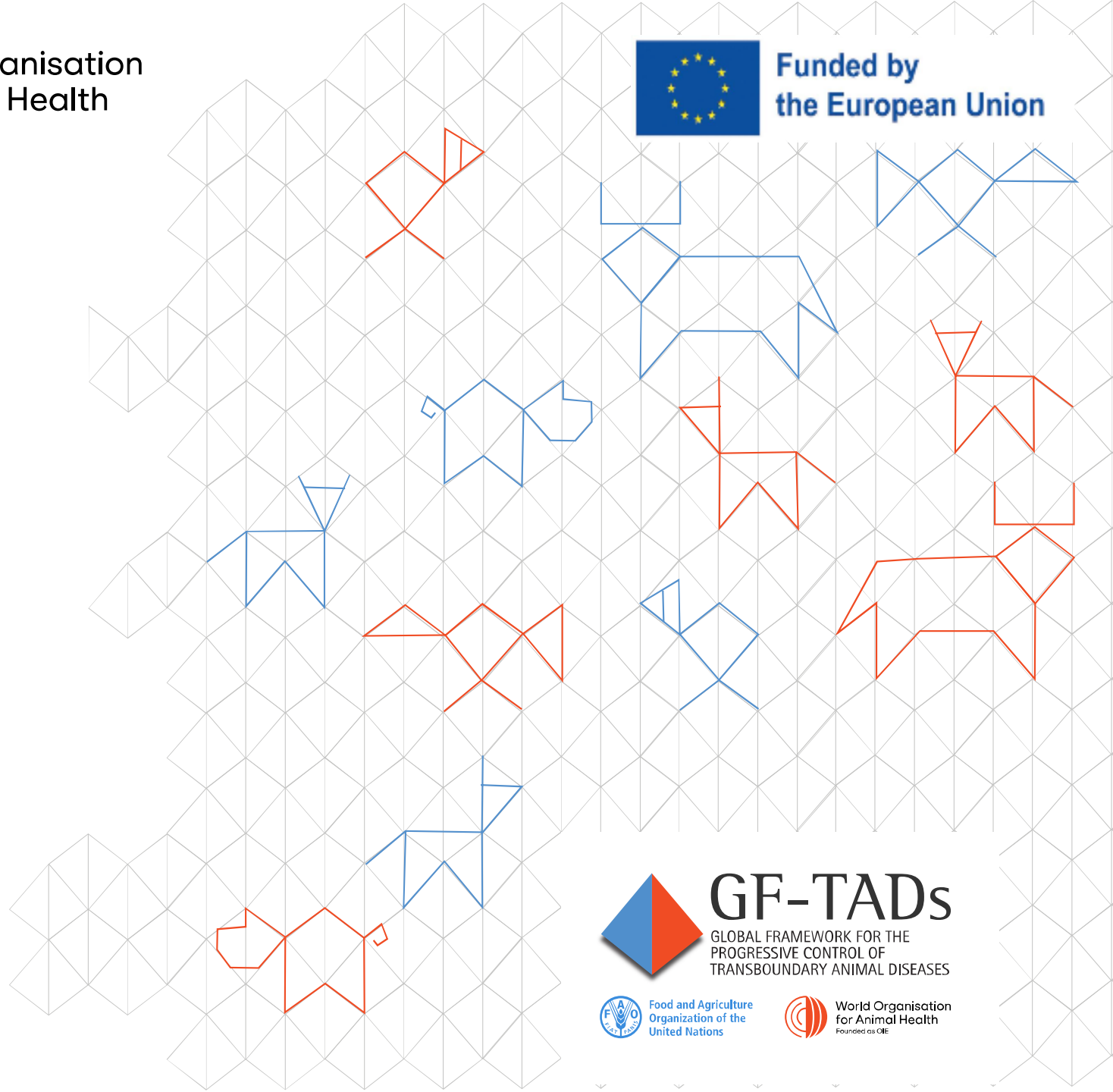


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