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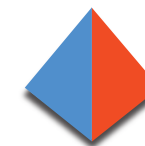
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Rabies epidemiological situation

- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in domestic animals :

Year 2013		
County	Dog	Horse
Split-Dalmatia	1	
Dubrovnik -Nertva		1

- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in wildlife :

Year 2014, February	
County	Fox
Zagrebacka	1

- Last year of occurrence of Rabies in humans :
1964, last autochthon rabies case

- Last year of occurrence of imported Rabies cases:
 - In animals : *n/a*
 - In humans : *1995 , from B&H*

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	11/06	30/06			x		National Budget and EU co-cofinanced Vet Programmes
2025	17/06	10/07	15/09	31/10	x		National Budget and EU co-cofinanced Vet Programmes
2026	17/04	27/04	05/10	30/10	x		National Budget and EU co-cofinanced Vet Programmes

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

Oral Rabies Vaccination

Additional ORV strategies

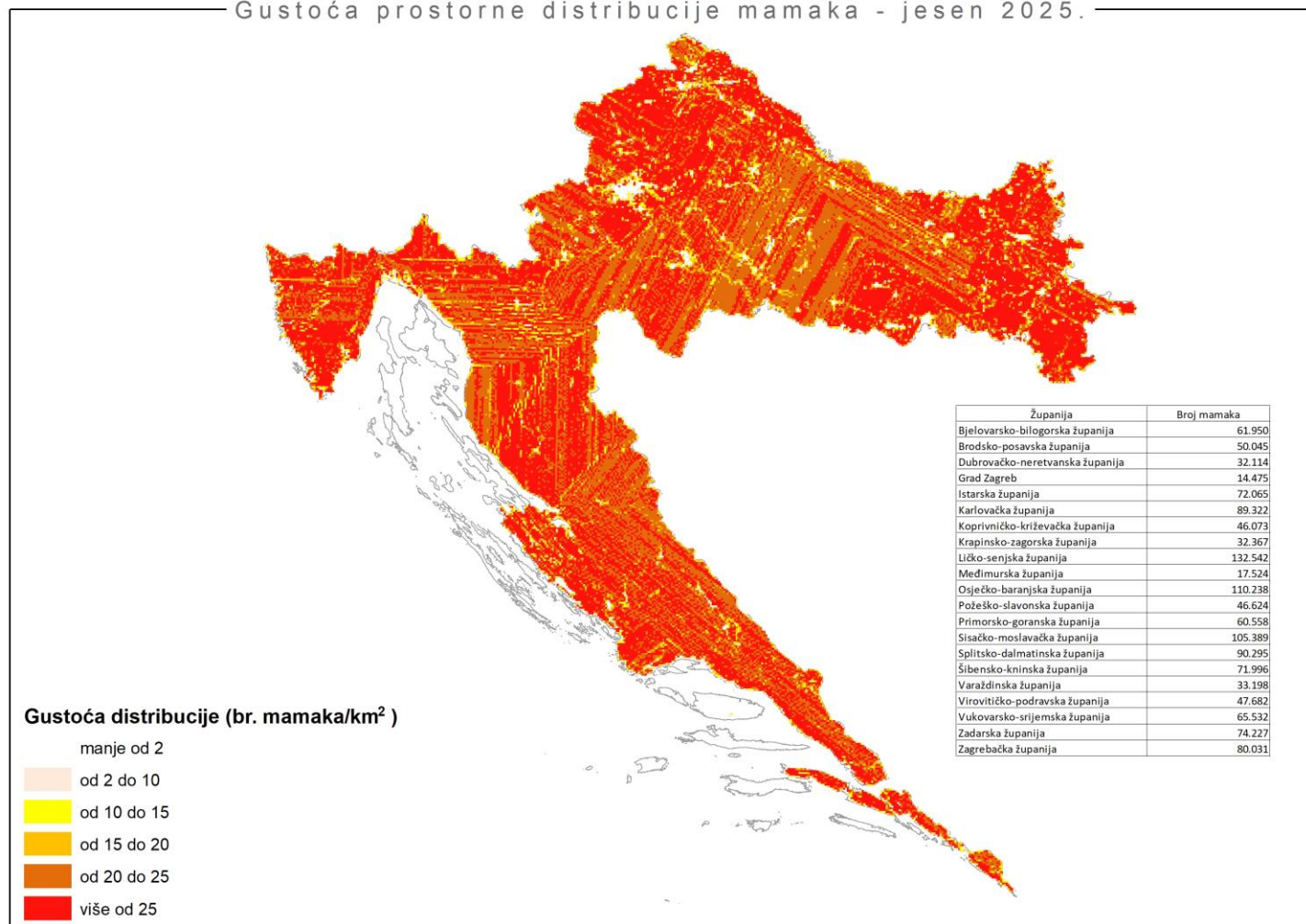
- **Please, complete briefly here (if any) additional strategy** *(e.g. intensified bait distribution, emergency vaccination, double baiting, coordination with neighbours in timing, etc)*
for:

- **ORV implemented/planned for 2026 :**
 - ✓ **Spring campaign implemented**
 - ✓ **Autum campaign to be implemented in October**
- **ORV planned for 2027: yes**
 - ✓ **Autumn and Spring campaigns , 25 baits /m² , 500m distance of flight lines**
 - ✓ **Whole territory coverage, with the exception of islands**

Map of the last vaccination area

Only needed if it is not the whole country

Gustoća prostorne distribucije mamaka - jesen 2025.



Surveillance

(Detection of rabies virus)

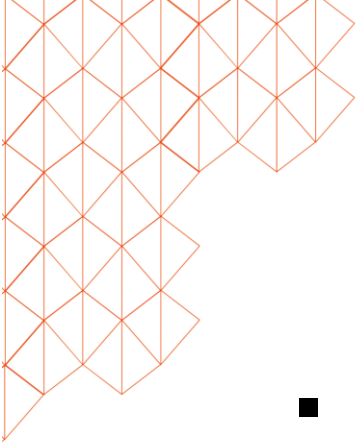
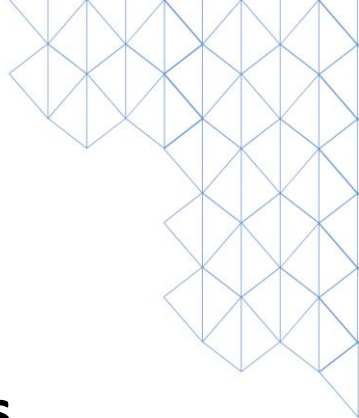
Year	Number of tested animals- Passive surveillance				Number of tested animals- Active surveillance	
	Total number WILDLIFE	Total number DOMESTIC	No of positive cases		Total number	No of positive cases
			WILDLIFE	DOMESTIC		
2023	728	134	0	0	924	0
2024	840	96	0	0	810	0
2025	667	115	0	0	805	0
2026	351 total until 30/06		0	0	352 351 total until 30/06	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**

Plans for 2027

VACCINATION	YES*	NO	STILL TO BE DECIDED	YES* UNDER CONDITIONS <i>(please describe)</i>	Area (border/whole territory)	Period /dates	Comments
ORV Spring campaign 2027	x				whole territory	Mid April	
ORV Autumn campaign 2027	x				whole territory	Mid October	
SURVEILLANCE							
Passive surveillance	x				whole territory	January-December	Continuous implementation
Active surveillance <i>(like the one accompanying all ORV)</i>	x				whole territory	January-December	Continuous implementation
Other type of active surveillance <i>(please describe)</i>	x			840 samples of actively hunted foxes from all counties of the Republic of Croatia are being additionally tested for rabies	whole territory	January-December	Continuous implementation

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- **The main challenges for Croatia in maintaining a long-term oral rabies vaccination programme are:**
 - maintaining continuity of OVF activities due to the absence of domestic cases
 - ensuring sufficiently sensitive and representative surveillance, particularly active surveillance;
 - maintaining the engagement of hunters, veterinarians and other stakeholders after many years without disease occurrence;
 - ensuring sustainable financial, administrative and technical capacity; and
 - maintaining close regional and cross-border coordination, particularly given the risk of re-introduction from non –free neighbouring areas.



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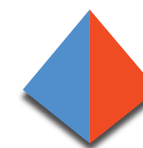
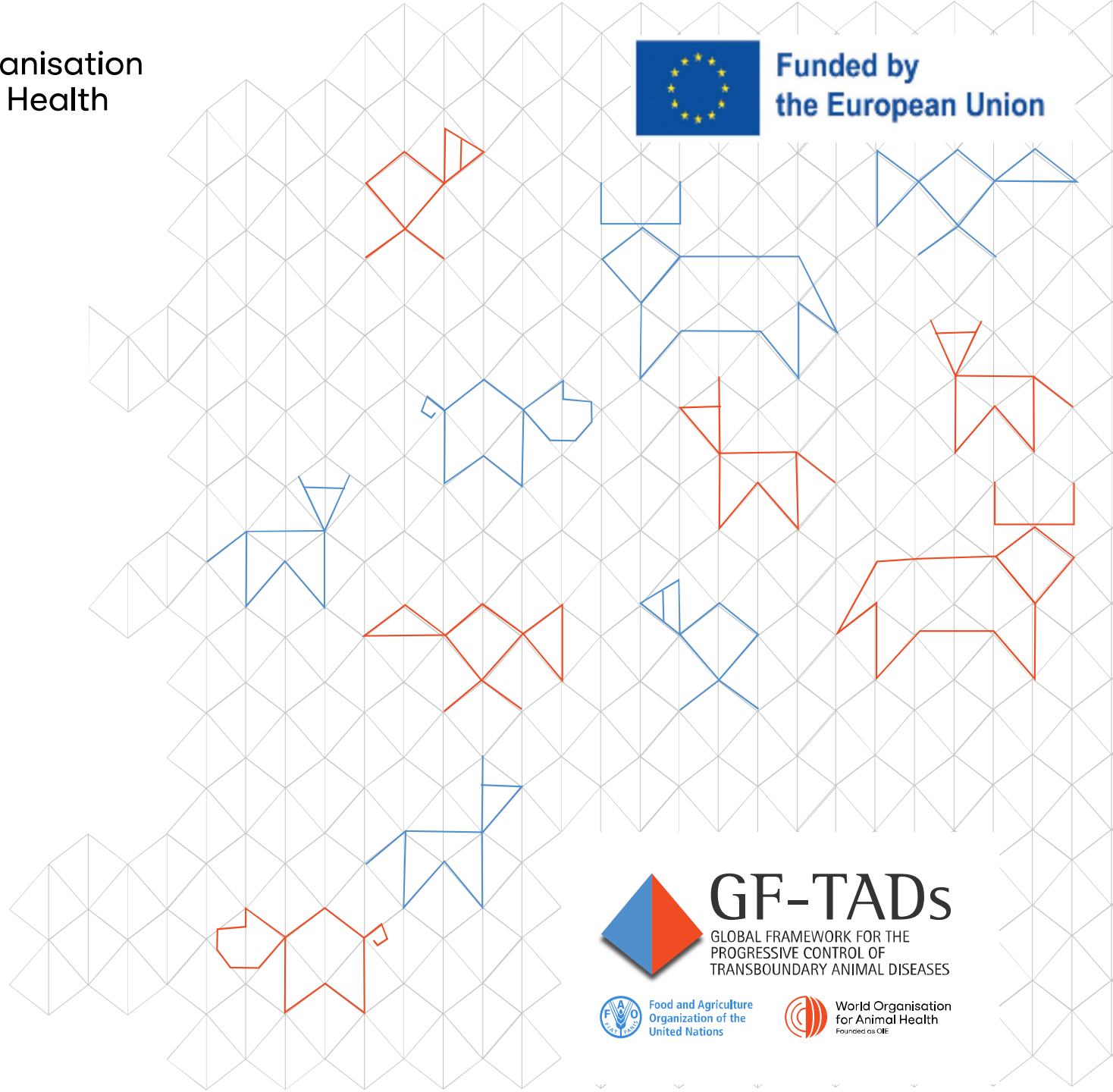


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