



WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH

# Session on rabies surveillance GF TADs SGE RAB2

## **Report by Albania**

### **Rabies epidemiological situation**

- From 2014, no cases of rabies in human, domestic animals, wild animal has not been reported.
- The last case of rabies in animals in Albania was confirmed in September 2014 in a fox in Ujmisht village of Kukes, near the border with Kosovo

With the support of the European Union IPA 2012 Programme for Albania, the first fox oral vaccination campaign against rabies began in 2014.



### Oral rabies vaccination

Year*	Campaign carried out		Spring campaign		Autumn campaign		Area covered (please mark with X as appropriate )	
	YES	NO	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date	Whole country	Other (please describe)
2014	X		12 JUN	23 JUN	16 OCT	30 OCT	x	92 % of national territory is covered by vaccination
2015	Х		12 MAY	21 MAY	25 OCT	5 NOV	х	92 % of national territory is covered by vaccination
2016	X		5 -MAY	19 MAY	23 OCT	02 NOV	x	92 % of national territory is covered by vaccination
2017	X		24 MAY	01 JUN	22 NOV	2 DEC	х	92 % of national territory is covered by vaccination
2018	X		17 MAY	26 MAY	1 NOV	11 NOV	x	92 % of national territory is covered by vaccination
2019		Х						
2020	X							The first campaign was predicted to began in spring, but due to the situation from covid it was postponed in November



### Surveillance

year	Number of tested an surveillance	nimals-passive	Number of tested animals-active surveillance	
	negative	positive	negative	positive
2017	0	0	58	204 78.4%
2018	0	0	73	208 74%
2019	0	0	0	0
2020				

- Passive surveillance: tests performed in suspect and dead animals

- Active surveillance: tests performed in healthy hunted animals in the frame of the monitoring programme to verify effectiveness of vaccination

### Plans for 2020-2021

- The vaccination process shall be carried out in three consecutive rounds likely (as depending on the climatic conditions) november 2020 and may – november 2021.
- For each vaccination campaign shall be distributed 560,000 vaccine baits to cover the whole territory of Albania excluding major urban areas, major water bodies and swamp areas as indicated in the supporting shape files.
- > As in the previous years the surveillance is going to be active





