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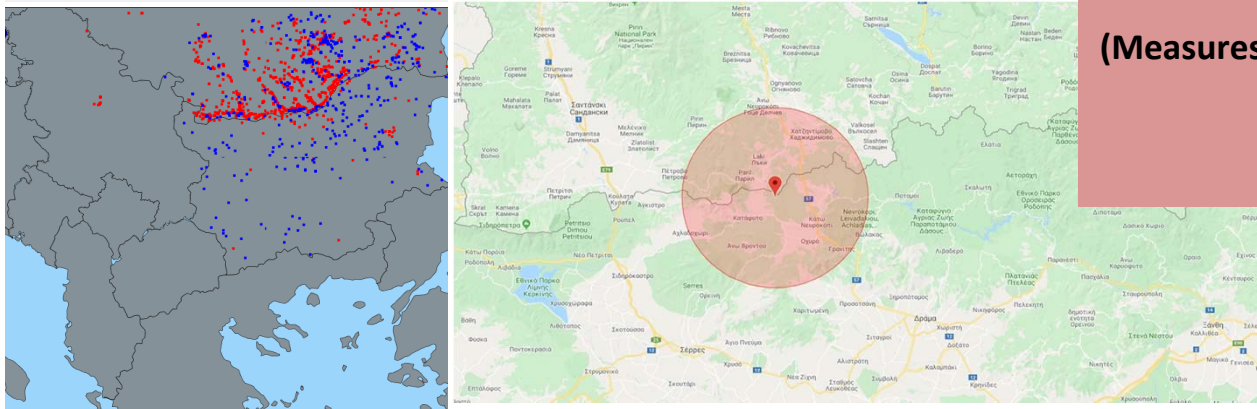
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African Swine Fever Surveillance and Preparedness in Greece

Ministry of Rural Development and Food
Directorate General of Veterinary Services
Animal Health Directorate
Department of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases

Epidemiological Situation in Greece

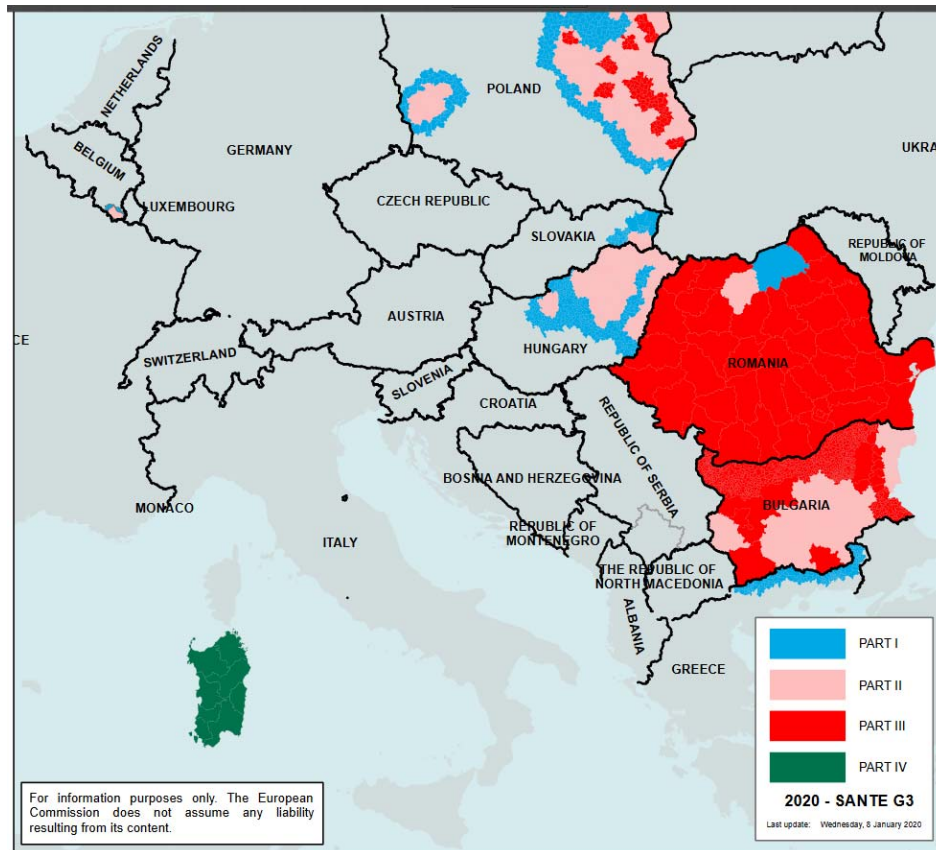
- No outbreaks confirmed in Greek territory.
- 209 outbreaks in neighboring Bulgaria (165 outbreaks in wild boars, 44 outbreaks in domestic pigs (14.1.2020 ADNS data).
- On 24th of October 2019: confirmed outbreak of ASF in a wild boar found dead near Greek-Bulgarian borders.



**Joint Ministerial Decision
3067/297195/19.11.2019**

**(Measures following 24.10.2019 ASF case in
Bulgaria)**

ASF regionalisation measures- Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex of 2014/709



The measures adopted by this Decision have been notified by a circular distributed to all veterinary authorities, pig farmers, hunters and other involved parties

Surveillance of ASF - Greece

2019-2020 (data until 14.1.2020)

Passive surveillance

- ✓ 11 wild boars found dead
- ✓ 5 Backyard pigs
- ✓ 1 pig from commercial farm (slaughterhouse)
- ✓ 1 pig found dead (Evros RU, unknown owner)

Active surveillance

- ✓ 22 hunted wild boars (in Xanthi, Evros, Drama, Thessaloniki Regional Unit)
- ✓ 3 Free range pigs
- ✓ 152 pigs of backyard & commercial farms in Part 1 areas in Greece and other RUs

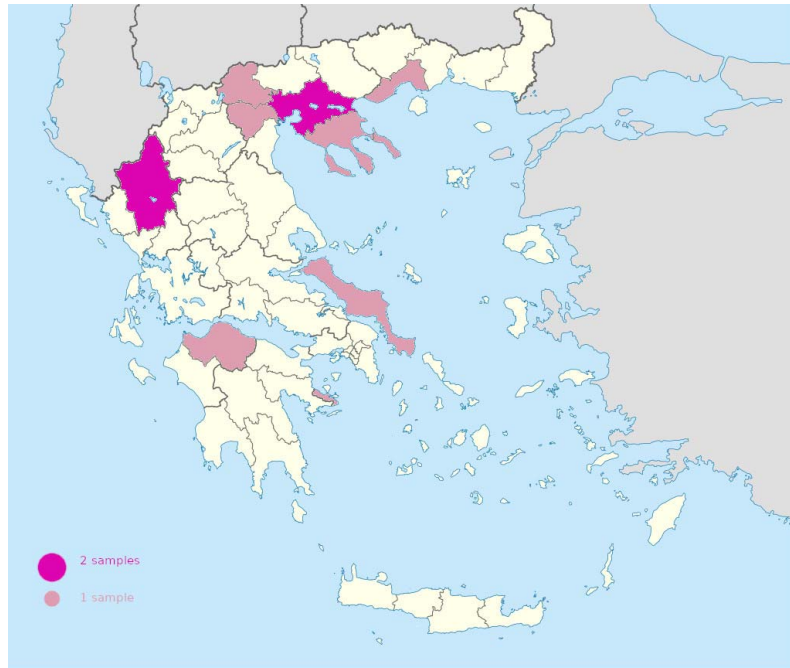
Missions of hunters/gamekeepers conducted at the end of 2019 in the area where increased measures are applied following the outbreak in Bulgaria (24.10.2019) :

No dead wild boars have been detected

Ongoing cooperation of hunters & forestry officers along with competent veterinary authorities

Passive & active surveillance of ASF in wild boars (2019-today)

Passive surveillance

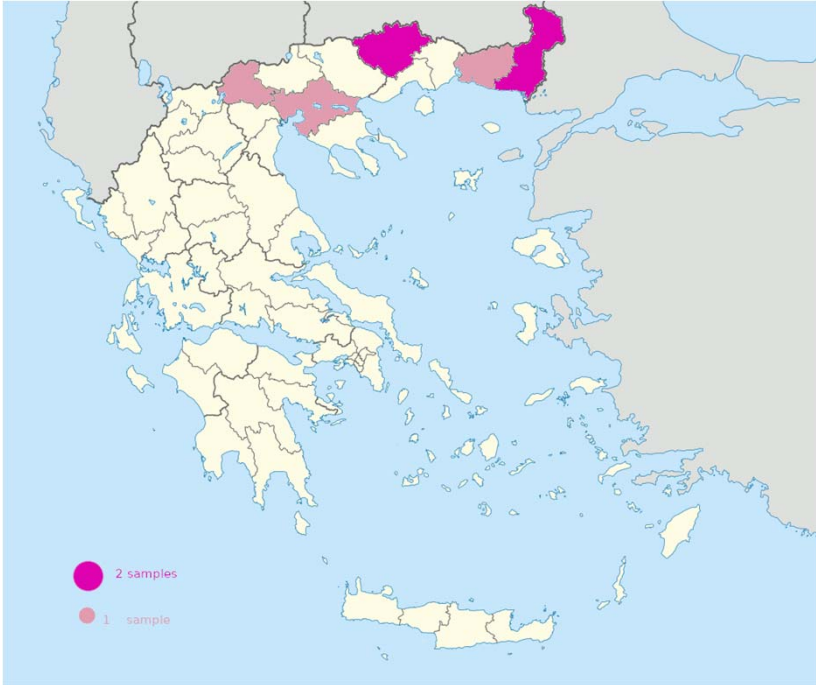


Active surveillance (hunted animals)



Surveillance of ASF in domestic pigs (2019-today)

Passive surveillance



Active surveillance



High Risk areas in Drama and Xanthi Regional Units

<i>Hunting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ban of activities within the Area II (except for wild boar intensive hunting). •By derogation hunting of other species may be conducted following special permission by the Local Veterinary Service. •Proper management of wild boar meat and carcasses.
<i>Forestry activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ban of activities. •By derogation forestry activities may be conducted following special permission by the Local Veterinary Service.
<i>Farms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ban of live pigs movements and movements of pig products. By derogation, some movements can be allowed following special permission by the Local Veterinary Service. •Clinical examination of pigs and controls regarding biosecurity measures along with sanctions in case of non-compliance (commercial and backyard farms).
<i>Type of surveillance</i>	<p>Passive: Sampling of all wild boars found dead for laboratory examination. Sampling of all pigs found dead or sick in every pig holding.</p> <p>Active: Sampling of hunted/shot animals for laboratory examination (depending on laboratory capacity). Sampling of all backyard pigs and specific number of pigs in commercial holdings.</p>
<i>Duration of measures</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 year following the ASF case in Bulgaria based on the epidemiological situation.
<i>Other measures</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Awareness campaign. •Placement of informative signs across the area •Compensation of 50E for each wild boar found dead and buried for hunters/game keepers. Consideration to provide additional remuneration of 100 EURO for hunters for each wild boar hunted

Additional Preparation Measures (apart from that provided in our presentation on 21.11.2019)

- **Meetings/training courses** including all stakeholders (scheduled for 2020)
- **Army collaboration:** A draft of Ministerial Decision for the assistance of veterinarians for ASF control measures implementation of the Army has been issued
- **Supervision by the CCA** of the controls conducted by the seasonal staff recruited for ASF in different Regional Units of the country – circulars issuance if required
- A **second lab** in the Directorate of Veterinary Center of Thessaloniki is being prepared for accepting and analyzing ASF samples (training of veterinarians, lab reagents-consumables purchase, equipment maintenance etc)
- Other: Tender for consumables for ASF sampling is to be finalized in the following period – A new circular regarding coding for ASF samples sent to the lab has been distributed - Actions for recruitment of seasonal staff in the NRL

Controls in pig farms/backyard farms – Part 1 areas

Controls – clinical tests – biosecurity (seasonal staff recruited for the needs of ASF preventive measures)			
Regional Unit	Number of controls in backyard farms visited until early January 2020	Number of controls in commercial farms visited until early January 2020	Number of controls in free range herds until early January 2020
Drama	125	15	42
Xanthi	43	53	0
Rodopi	158	10	3
Evros	100	22	1
Serres	167	30	12

In addition, more than 70 meetings with hunters have been carried out in these areas during the last months

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