

# Surveillance for Avian Influenza in the European Union during 2013

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# Overview

- 2013 surveillance programme in
  - Poultry
  - Wild birds



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for avian influenza in  
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# Surveillance for AI in Poultry in EU

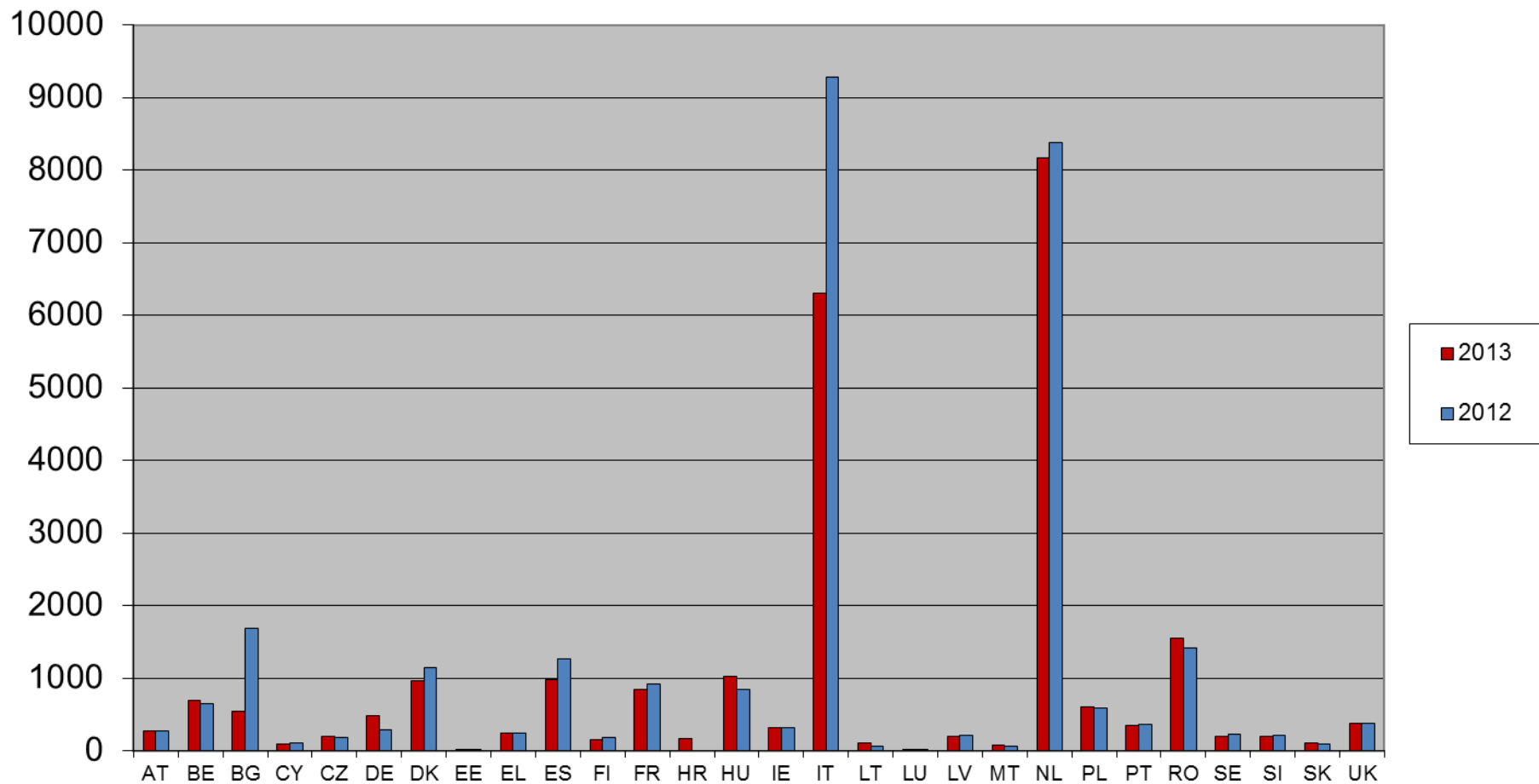
- MS followed the guidelines laid down in Commission Decision 2010/367/EU
- The guidelines recommend risk-based surveillance
- In 2013, 11 MS carried out a risk-based sampling approach (BE, BG, DE, DK, FI, FR, IT, LT, NL, RO and UK)

# Poultry 2013 – Results

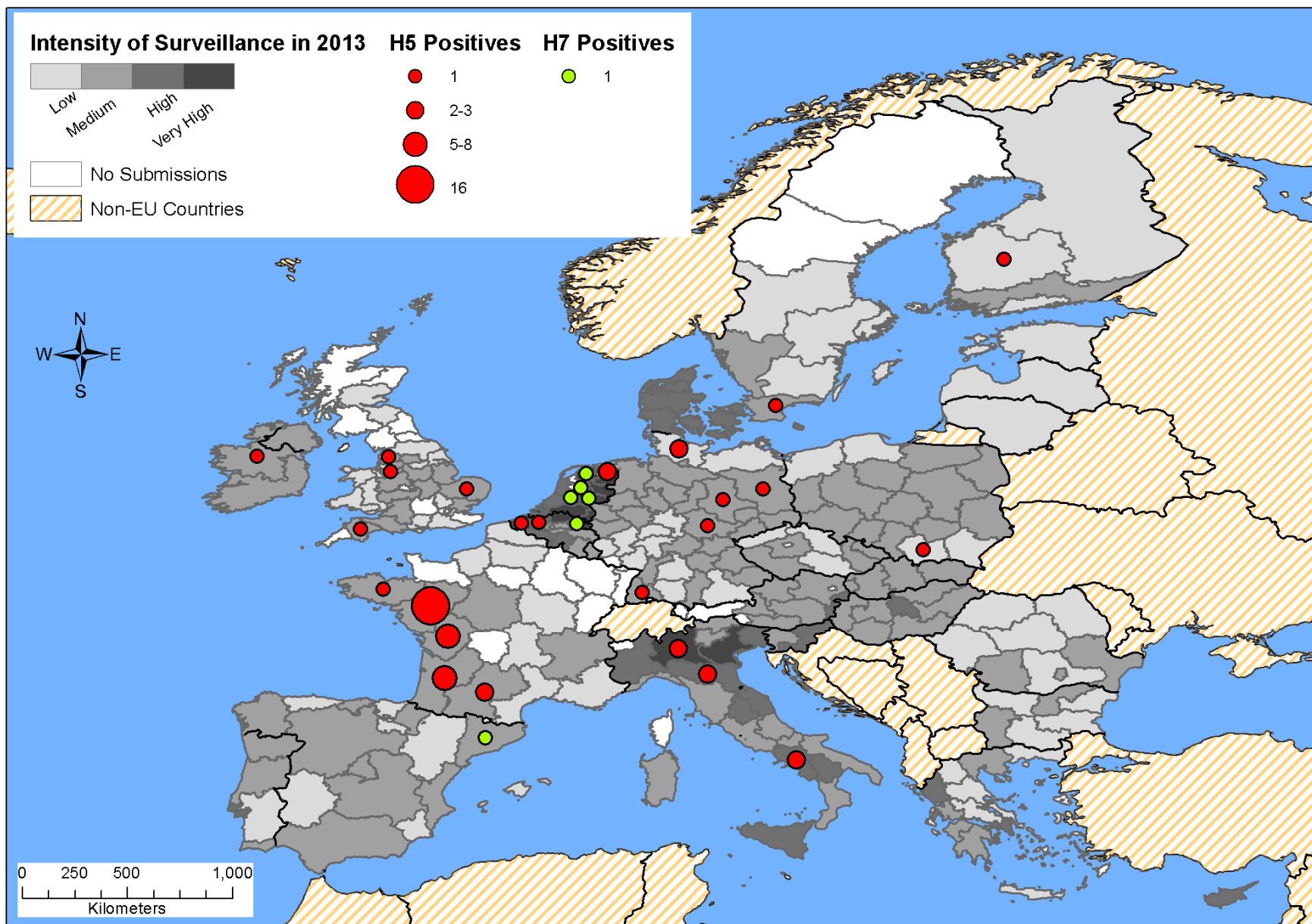
- 28 MS participated in the poultry survey in 2013, including HR which joined the EU on 1 July 2013
- 25,220 poultry holdings were sampled (in 2012 29,404)
  - the most sampled categories were:  
Laying Hens (conventional & free-range) n = 7,592  
Chicken Breeders n = 5,524  
Backyard Flocks n = 3,578
- Number of holdings sampled varied by MS from 21 – 8,160

# Poultry 2013 – Results

Number of poultry holdings sampled in 2013 and 2012



# 2013 Poultry report



# Surveillance for AI in **Poultry** in EU 2013

## **57 holdings seropositive for H5:**

- Breeder Ducks: 27 (11.59%) in FR and UK (sampled in 10 MS).
- Fattening Ducks: 8 (1.0%) in BE, FR and IE (sampled in 20 MS).
- Others: 7 (0.46%) in DE and IT (sampled in 7 MS).
- Breeder Geese: 5 (2.86%) in FR and PL (sampled in 8 MS).
- Free-range Laying Hens: 3 (0.12%) in IT and NL (sampled in 16 MS).
- Backyard Flocks: 3 (0.08%) in IT (sampled in 14 MS).
- Farmed Game Birds (waterfowl): 2 (0.78%) in SE and UK (sampled in 10 MS).
- Ratites: 1 (0.56%) in DE (sampled in 14 MS).
- Fattening Geese: 1 (0.30%) in FI (sampled in 12 MS).



# Surveillance for AI in Poultry in EU 2013 (2012 blue)

## 57 (40) H5 seropositive holdings:

- Breeder Ducks: 27 (21)
- Fattening Ducks: 8 (7)
- Others: 7 (0)
- Breeder Geese: 5 (3)
- Free-range Laying Hens: 3 (2)
- Backyard Flocks: 3 (0)
- Farmed Game Birds (waterfowl): 2 (1)
- Ratites: 1 (0)
- Fattening Geese: 1 (1)
- Conventional Laying Hens: 0 (4)
- Fattening Turkeys: 0 (1)

# Surveillance for AI in Poultry in EU 2013

## Epidemiological follow up investigations following an H5 seropositive result

H5 seropositive holdings	Number of holdings	% of total H5 seropositives
<b>Following H5 seropositive result, epidemiological follow-up visit 'Done'</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>68.4</b>
Done: H5 detected by virological testing	8	14.0
Done: Influenza A of undetermined subtype detected by virological testing	2	3.5
Done: No detection by virological testing	29	50.9
<b>Following H5 seropositive result, epidemiological follow-up visit 'Not done'</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31.6</b>
Not done: Birds slaughtered/killed	16	28.1
Not done: Other reason	2	3.5
<b>Total number of H5 seropositive holdings</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100</b>

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## 6 holdings seropositive for H7:

- Free-range Laying Hens: 4 (0.16%) in NL (sampled in 16 MS).
- Chicken Breeders: 1 (0.02%) in ES (sampled in 22 MS).
- Conventional Laying Hens: 1 (0.02%) in BE (sampled in 27 MS).

# Surveillance for AI in Poultry in EU 2013 (2012 blue)

## 6 (4) H7 seropositive holdings

- Free-range Laying Hens: 4 (1)
- Chicken Breeders: 1 (0)
- Conventional Laying Hens: 1 (0)
- Breeder Geese: 0 (1)
- Backyard Flocks: 0 (1)
- Farmed Game Birds: 0 (1)

# Surveillance for AI in Poultry in EU 2013

## Epidemiological follow up investigations following a H7 seropositive result

H7 seropositive holdings	Number of holdings	% of total H7 seropositives
<b>Following H7 seropositive result, epidemiological follow-up visit 'Done'</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>
Done: H7 detected by virological testing	5	83.3
Done: No detection by virological testing	1	16.7
<b>Following H7 seropositive result, epidemiological follow-up visit 'Not done'</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total number of H7 seropositive holdings</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>

# Surveillance for AI in Poultry in EU 2013

## Summary

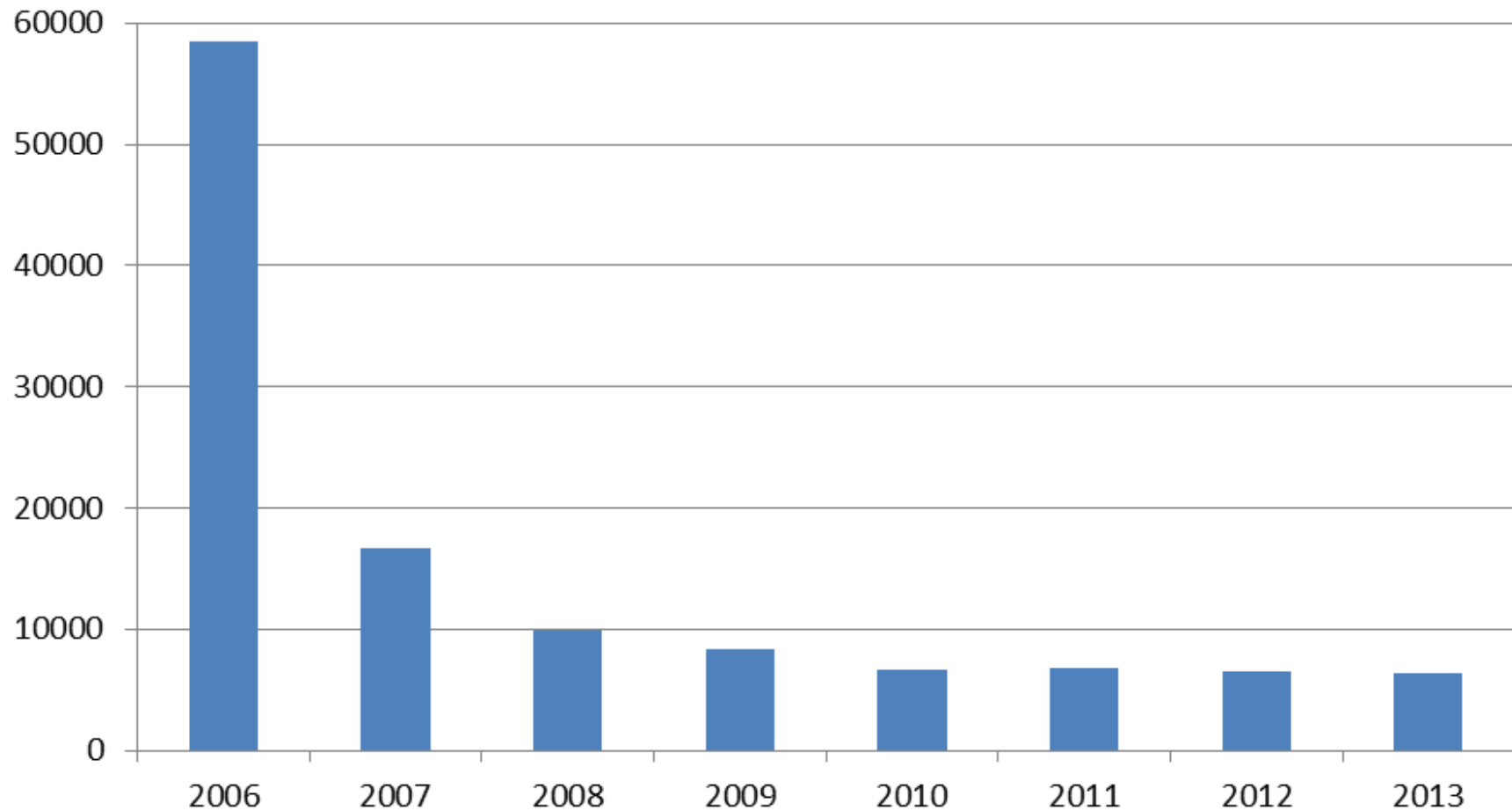
- Number of H5 seropositive holdings (57) was higher than in previous years.
- High proportion of detections in Breeder Ducks as in previous years.
- 39 H5 seropositive holdings underwent follow up testing and 8 were H5 virus positive.
  
- Number of H7 seropositive holdings (6) was similar to 2012, but less than in previous years.
- High proportion of the detections in Free-range Laying Hens.
- All 6 H7 seropositive holdings underwent follow up testing and 5 were H7 virus positive.
  
- Surveillance effective in detection of H5 and H7 virus infection where clinical indicators may not trigger detection by other methods

# Surveillance for AI in **wild birds** in EU 2013

- Surveys performed according to the guidelines laid down in Commission Decision 2010/367/EU
  - **Passive surveillance** of moribund or dead wild birds
  - Especially in 50 target species
  - Aim is early detection of incursion(s) of H5N1 HPAI if occur

# Passive surveillance for AI in **wild birds** in EU 2013

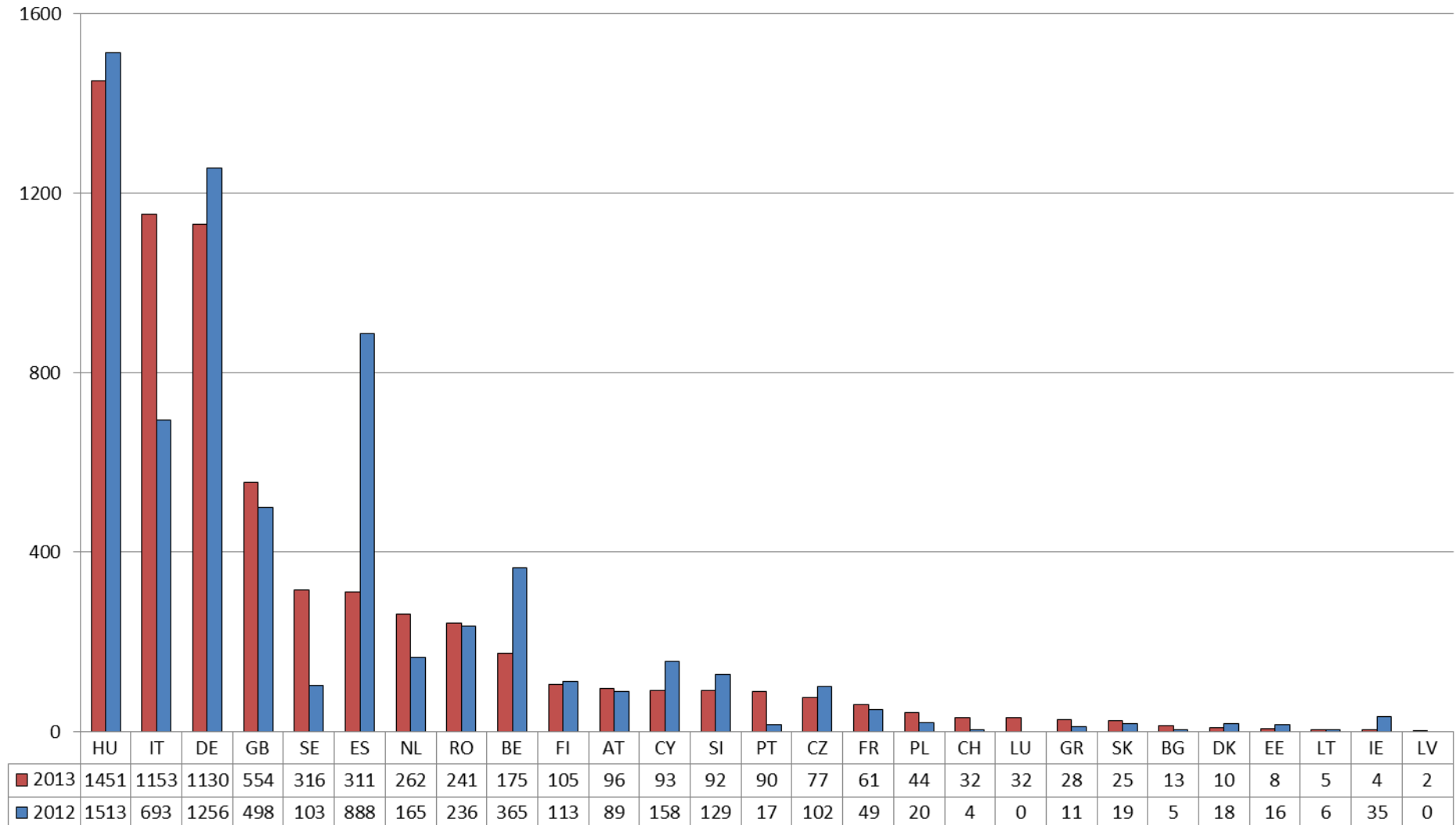
**Total Number of Wild Birds Sampled by Passive Surveillance in EU**

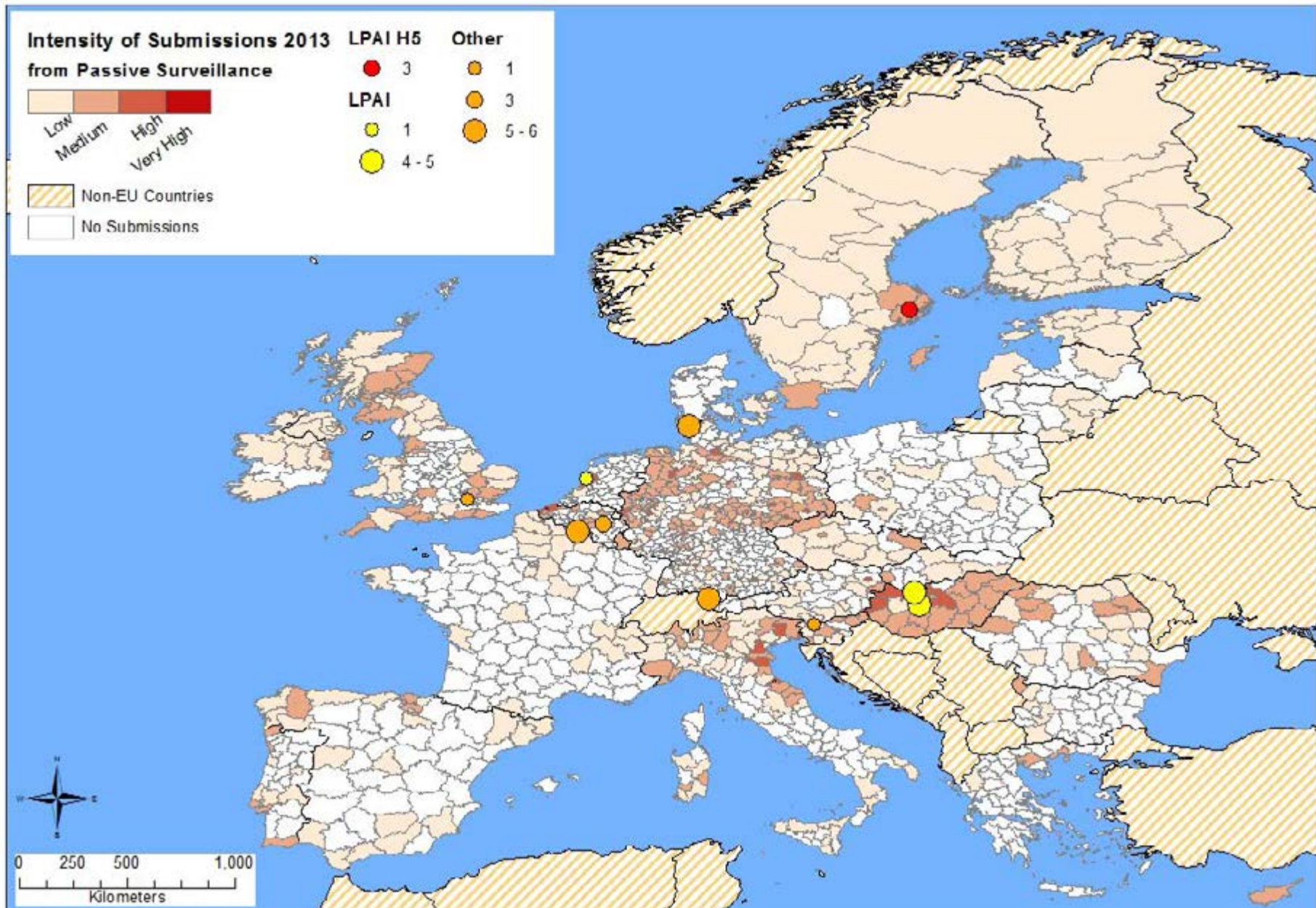




# Passive surveillance for AI in **wild birds** in EU 2013

## Number of birds sampled by MSs in 2012 - 2013





Detections of Avian Influenza by **PASSIVE** surveillance (birds found dead, injured or live with clinical signs) in EU MS in 2013.

# Passive surveillance for AI in **wild birds** in EU 2013

6,378 Birds sampled by MS in 2013 - belonging to 22 Orders and 253 species

## **The most frequently sampled Orders**

Order	2013	2012	2011
Anseriformes	1392	1763	1762
Passeriformes	1341	1259	1311
Falconiformes	740	728	835
Galliformes	753	602	304
Charadriiformes	560	642	728

# Passive surveillance for AI in **wild birds** in EU 2013

## The most frequently sampled species



Species	2013	2012	2011
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	652	527	171
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	526	785	429
<i>Cygnus olor</i>	277	333	430
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	257	224	178
<i>Pica pica</i>	219	40	157
<i>Columba livia</i>	217	85	146
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	162	207	132



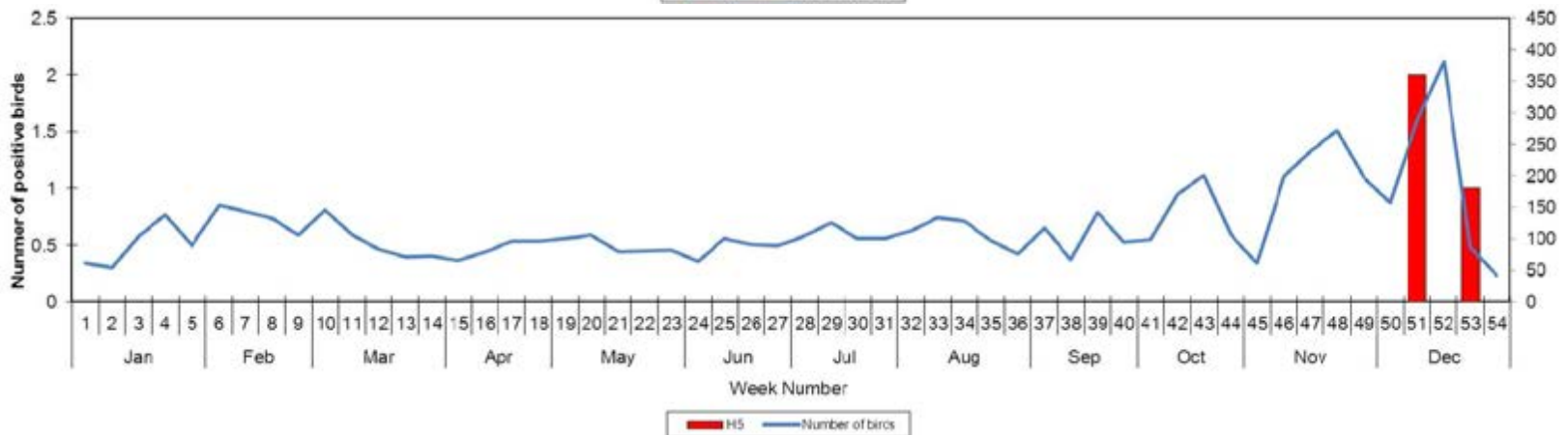


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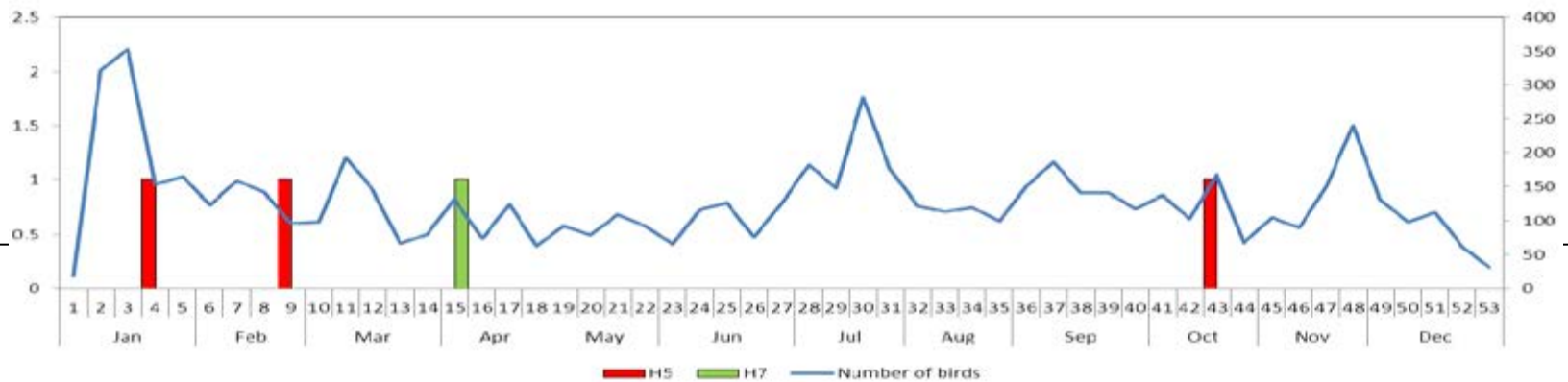
2013



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2011



# Wild bird surveillance summary

- No HPAI detection in wild birds during 2013.
- A few LPAI H5 detections made by passive surveillance, as in previous years.
- H5N1 HPAI continues to be reported outside Europe
- H5N8 HPAI reported from poultry and wild birds in Asia in 2014
- Passive surveillance in wild birds continues to provide a valuable method for detection of incursion of HPAI before introduction to poultry.

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*Thank you for your attention*

