

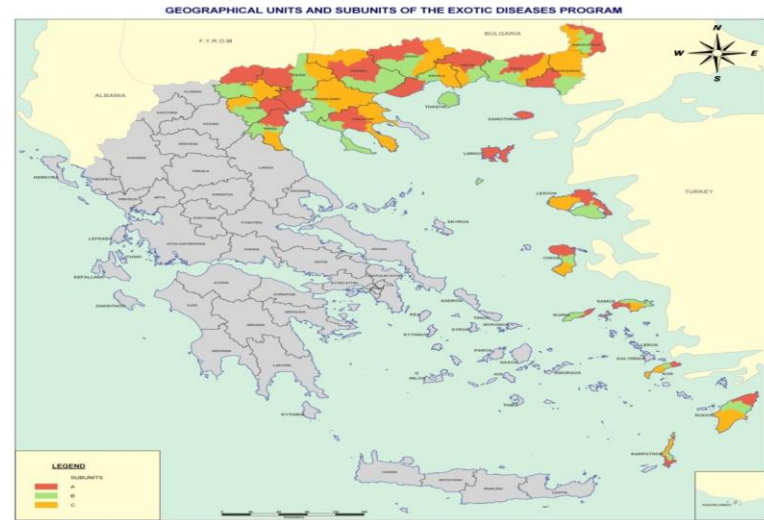
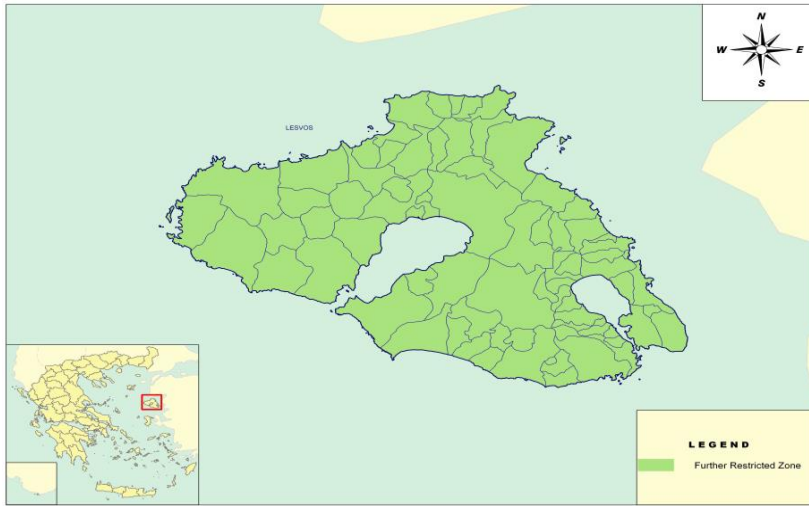


Sheep pox and goat pox in Greece

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

SCOPAFF meeting, 21.02.2024

SGP in Greece-Lesvos Island–October 2023 first case (2023/1)



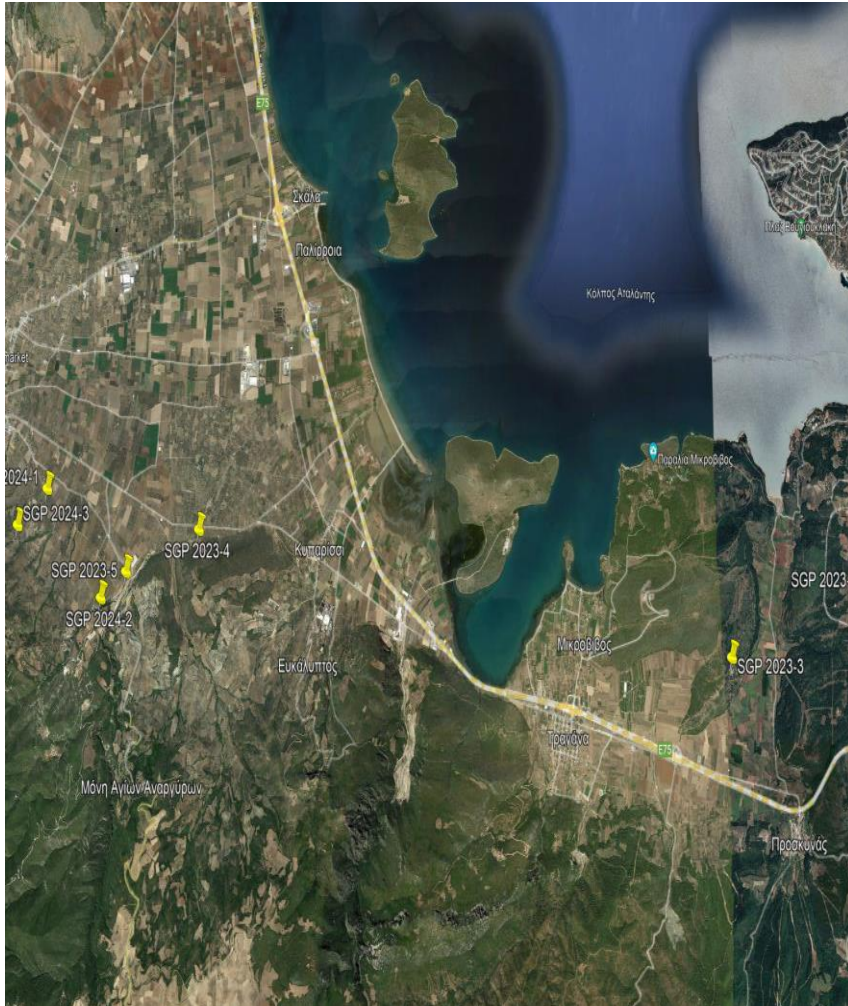
Remains as Further Restricted Zone

From 18.01.2024 to 17.02.2024 clinical surveillance has been performed in:

- ✓ **5 farms with 900 sheep located inside subunit I**
- ✓ **5 farms with 1400 sheep and goats located inside subunit II**
- ✓ **5 farms with 1000 sheep and goats located inside subunit III**

in the context of Four (4) Exotic-Transboundary Diseases (TADs) Program with no clinical findings.

SGP in Greece-Fthiotida RU- December 2023 -January 2024 seven cases (2023/2-5) (2024/1-3)

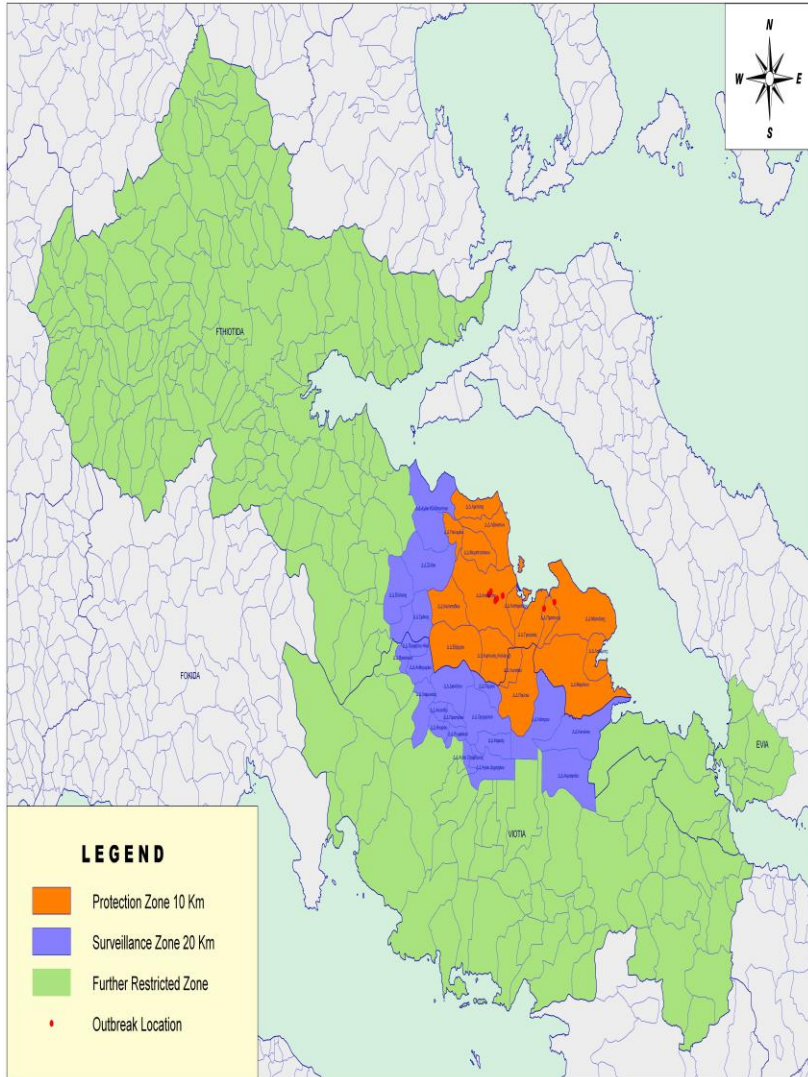


Outbreak ID	Municipality	Municipal Department	Census	Nº clinically affected animals on the official visit	Confirmation date
2023/2	Locron	Malesini	454 sheep	30 cases 1 ewe dead	8.12.2023
2023/3	Locron	Tragana	257 sheep	5 cases 7 ewes dead	12.12.2023
2023/4	Locron	Atalanti	190 sheep	10 cases	21.12.2023
2023/5	Locron	Atalanti	240 sheep	12 cases 2 deaths	21.12.2023
2024/1	Locron	Atalanti	21 sheep	2 cases	10.01.2024
2024/2	Locron	Atalanti	150 sheep	5 cases	17.01.2024
2024/3	Locron	Atalanti	47 sheep	10 cases	24.01.2024

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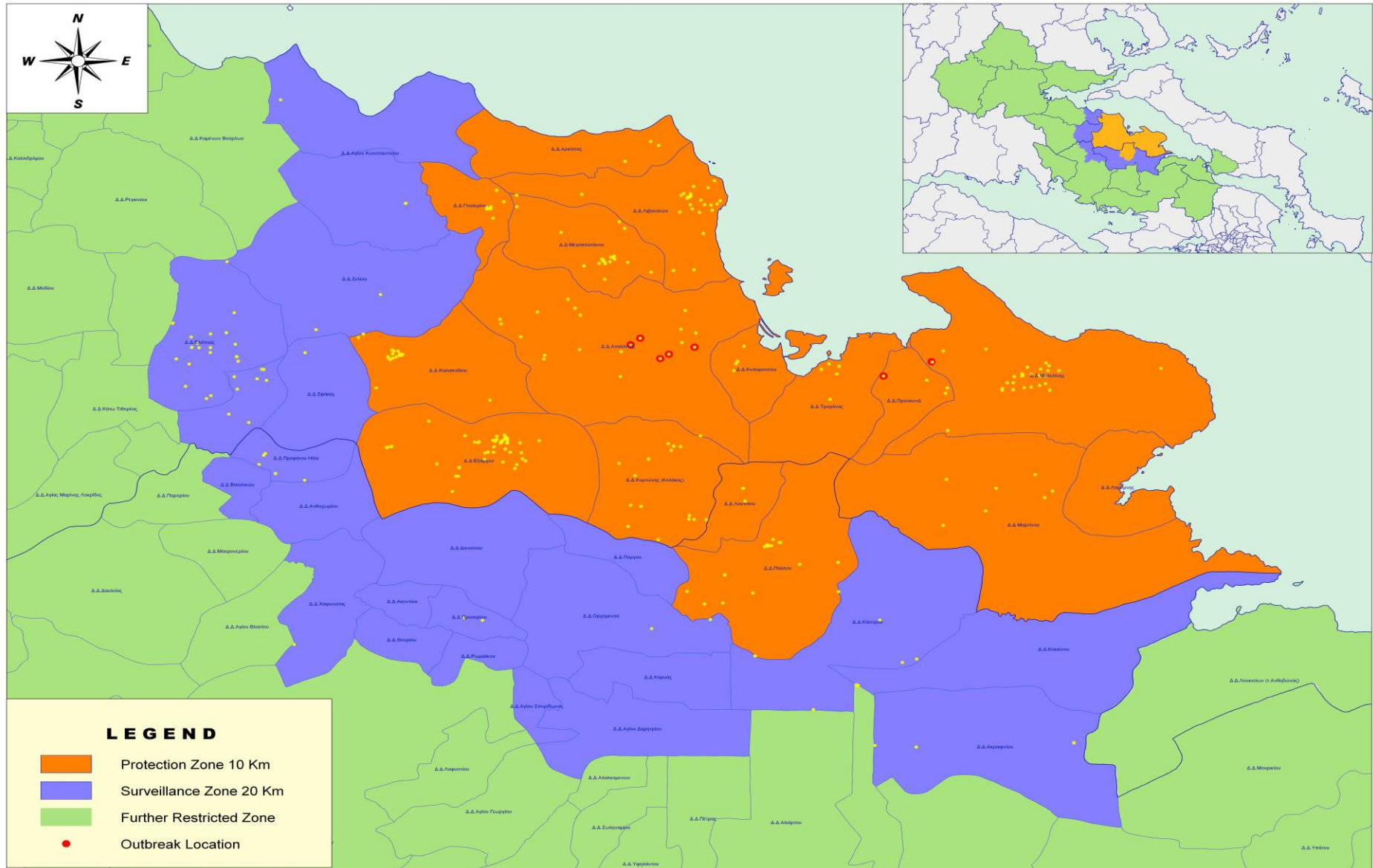
Epidemiological Investigation

(Protection-Surveillance Zone)



<i>PROTECTION ZONE (10 Km)</i>	Fthiotida R.U.	Voiotia R.U.
Total No of farms	221	27
Total No of animals	28.234	4220
Total No of farms checked	221	27
Total No of animals checked	28.234	4220
<i>SURVEILLANCE ZONE (20 Km)</i>	Fthiotida R.U.	Voiotia R.U.
Total No of farms	144	116
Total No of animals	13.368	16860
Total No of farms checked	42	17
Total No of animals checked	7334	4783

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(notified under document C(2024) 486)

(Only the Greek and Bulgarian texts are authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law')⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 259(1) thereof,

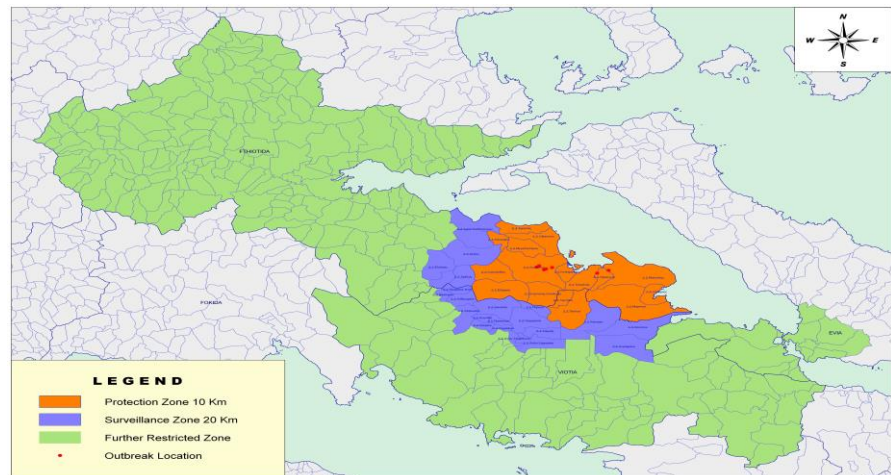
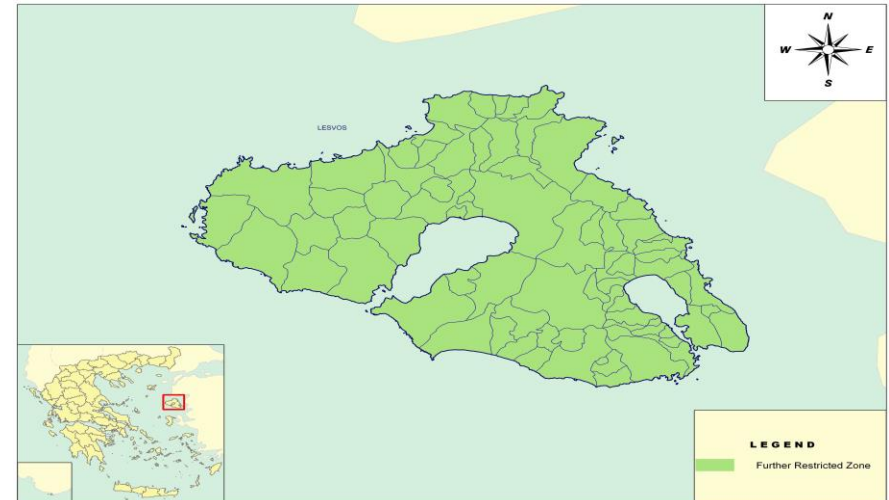
Whereas:

- (1) Sheep pox and goat pox is an infectious viral disease affecting caprine and ovine animals and can have a severe impact on the concerned animal population and the profitability of farming, causing disturbance to movements of consignments of those animals and products thereof within the Union and exports to third countries. In the event of an outbreak of that disease in caprine and ovine animals, there is a serious risk that it may spread to other establishments keeping those animals.
- (2) Sheep pox and goat pox is defined as a category A disease in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882⁽²⁾. In addition, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687⁽³⁾ supplements the rules for the control of the listed diseases referred to in Article 9(1), points (a), (b) and (c), of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and defined as category A, B and C diseases in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882. In particular, Articles 21 and 22 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 provide for the establishment of a restricted zone in the event of an outbreak of a category A disease, including sheep pox and goat pox, and for certain disease control measures to be applied therein. In addition, Article 21(1) of that Delegated Regulation provides that the restricted zone is to comprise a protection zone, a surveillance zone, and, if necessary, further restricted zones around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones.
- (3) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2725⁽⁴⁾ lays down certain emergency measures following confirmed outbreaks of sheep pox and goat pox in Bulgaria and Greece.
- (4) More particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2725 provides that the restricted zones to be established by Bulgaria and Greece, following outbreaks of sheep pox and goat pox, in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, are to comprise at least the areas listed in the Annex to that Implementing Decision. In addition, Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2725 lays down certain measures to be applied in the further restricted zones, in addition to the disease control measures laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/2021-04-21>

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 of 3 December 2018 on the application of certain disease prevention and control rules to categories of listed diseases and establishing a list of species and groups of species posing a considerable risk for the spread of those listed diseases (OJ L 308, 4.12.2018, p. 21, ELI http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2018/1882/2022-07-03).

⁽³⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 64, ELI http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_de/2020/687/oj).



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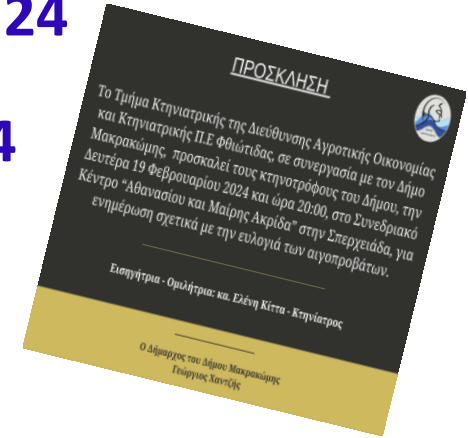
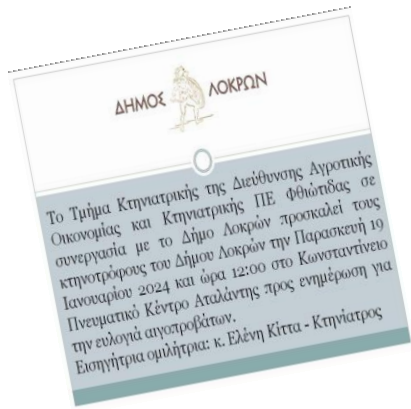
Major Challenges Faced- Actions taken

- ✓ **Identify the origin of the infection in the mainland** (Illegal movements? routes of transmission of the infection? Pending results of phylogenetic analyses)
- ✓ **Prohibition of common crossing to pastures in Fthiotida R.U.** (addressed by official vet of RU in collaboration with the police)
- ✓ **Effective cleaning and disinfection of means of transport** (movements of animals to slaughterhouses, movements of feeding stuffs, milk delivery zone)
- ✓ **Prohibition of movement of sheep and goats to winter pastures**
- ✓ **Biosecurity in farms** (disinfectants will be delivered from the Veterinary Services of Fthiotida to all farms (221) within the Protection Zone)
- ✓ **Mandatory notification to the Central Service of movements of animals for immediate slaughter from further restricted zones authorized by the local CA, in accordance with CID 2023/2725**



SGP in Greece-Fthiotida R.U. Awareness campaign

- ✓ **Meetings with farmers**
- **Lokron Municipality 19.01.24**
- **Amfiklia-Elati Municipality 01.02.24**
- **Makrakomi Municipality 19.02.24**
- **Voiotia Regional Unit 22.02.24**
- ✓ **Press Releases**
- ✓ **Posters -Leaflets**



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