



# ANIMAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Working Group of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain

# Situation of sheep pox and goat pox (SGP)

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# **Sheep and Goat Pox in SPAIN**

**SPAIN FREE  
FROM NEW OUTBREAKS  
SINCE MAY 2023**

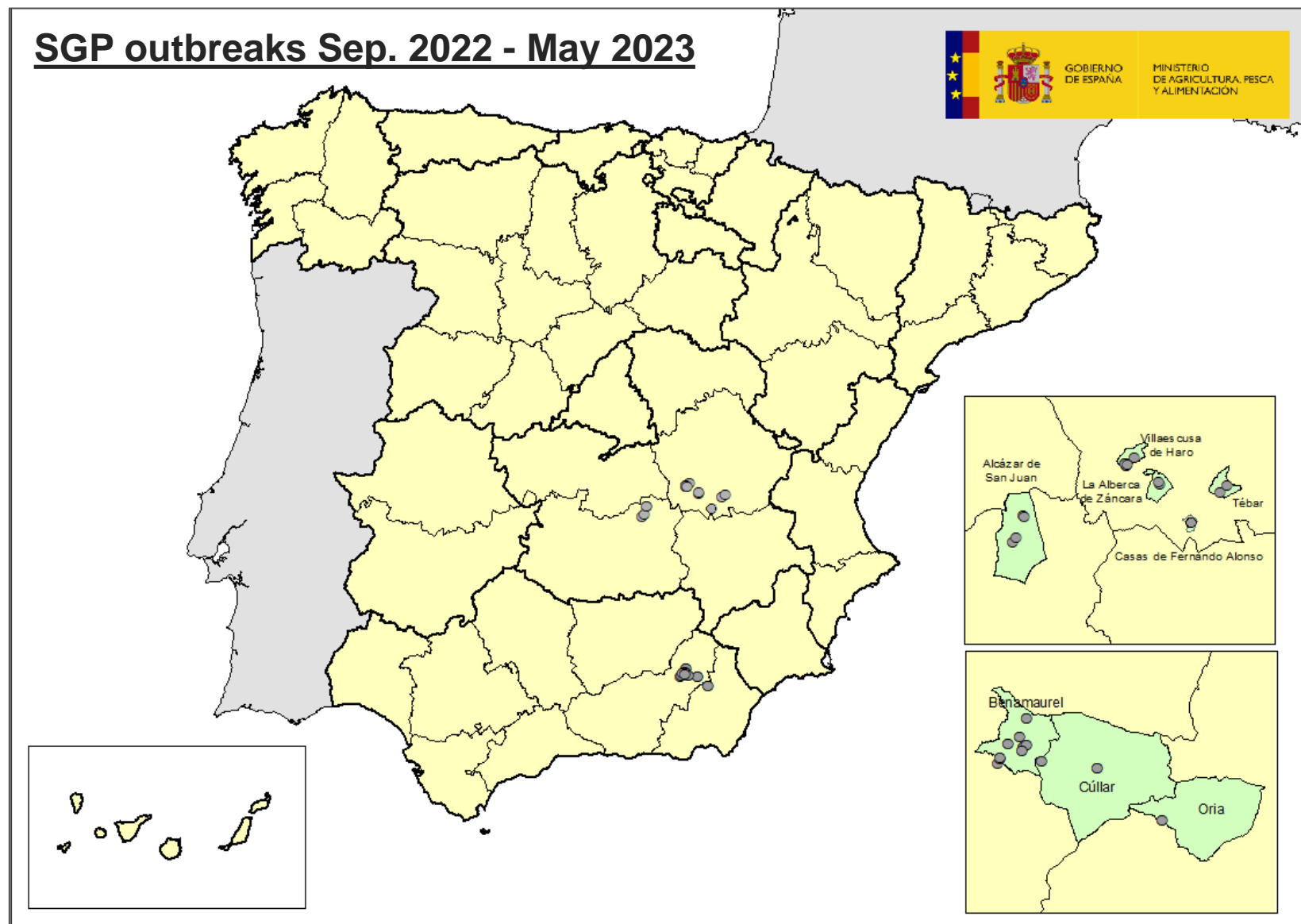
# SPAIN : No outbreaks since 17 May 2023

**Last outbreak**  
**17 May 2023**

**NO OUTBREAK  
EVER SINCE**

**All measures of CID  
(EU) 2022/2333 lifted  
as of 26 Sep 2023.**

**DISEASE  
ERADICATED**



# Sheep and Goat Pox in BULGARIA

**1 outbreak - September 2023**

## Situation of SGP

### BULGARIA: 1 outbreak in Gorno Yabalkovo village (Sredets municipality-Burgas region)

**Outbreak 2023/1** (16/09/2023)

**Last previous occurrence of SGP:**  
**2013, including 1 outbreak in Burgas (ADIS)**

**CID (EU) 2023/2067**

*adopted on 26/09/2023*

**PZ: 3 km radius (21d) – lifted on 10 Oct**

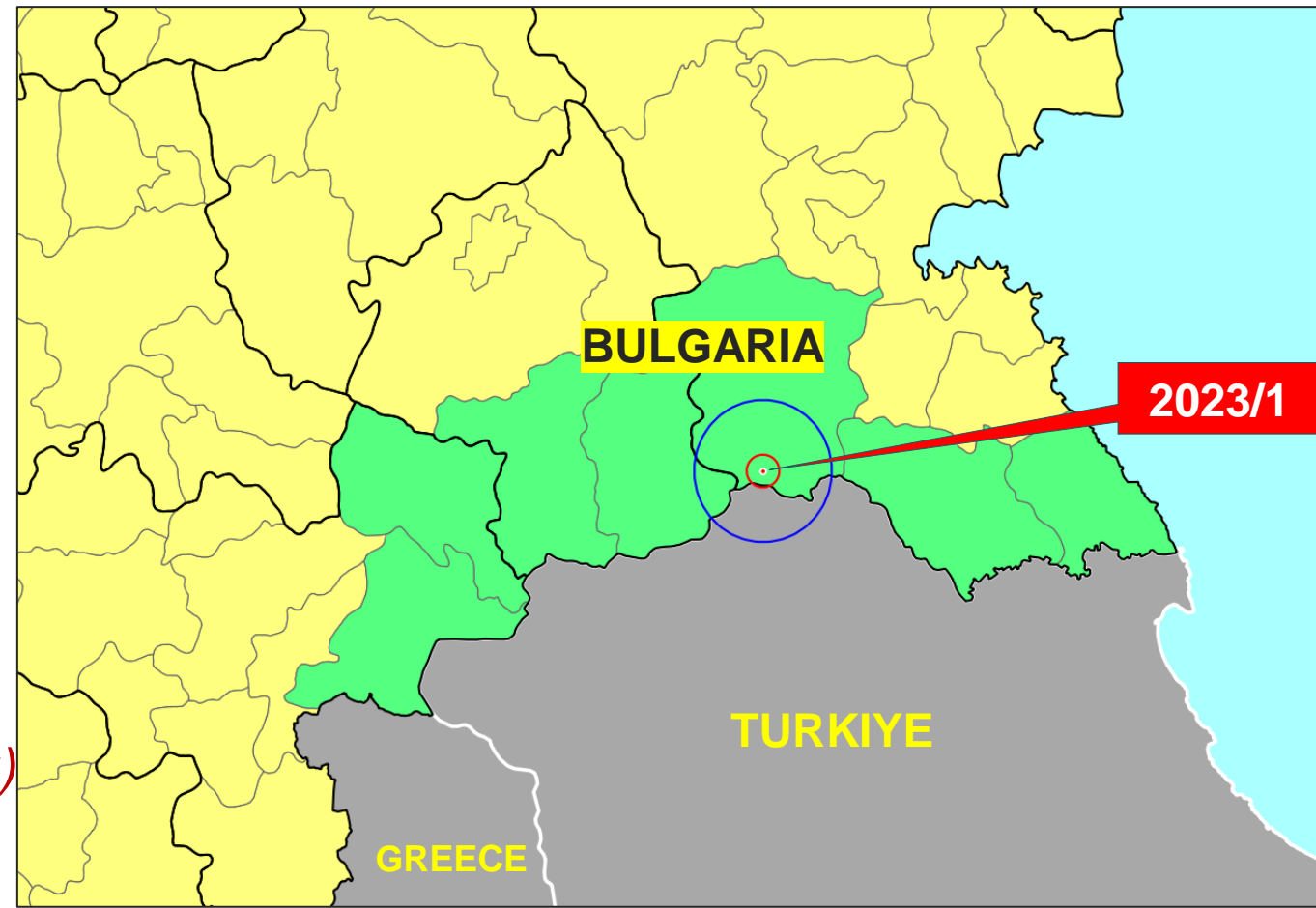
**SZ: 10 km radius (30d) – lifted on 19 Oct**

**FRZ: high risk areas along the border**  
**(until 30 Nov 2023).**

**Outbreak located in area subject to enhanced surveillance (THRACE + TADs programmes)**

**Source of outbreak ? (Epi investigation ongoing)**

**NO NEW OUTBREAKS TO DATE**



# Sheep and Goat Pox in GREECE

**1 outbreak - October 2023**

## GREECE: 1 outbreak in Lesvos

**Outbreak 2023/1** (24/10/2023)

**Last previous occurrence of SGP:  
2018, 4 outbreaks in Lesvos (ADIS)**

**CID (EU) 2023/2470**

*adopted on 31/10/2023*

**PZ: 3 km radius (21d)**

**SZ: 10 km radius (30d)**

**FRZ: Lesvos regional unit (until 10 January 2024).**

**Outbreak located in area subject to enhanced surveillance (TADs programme)**

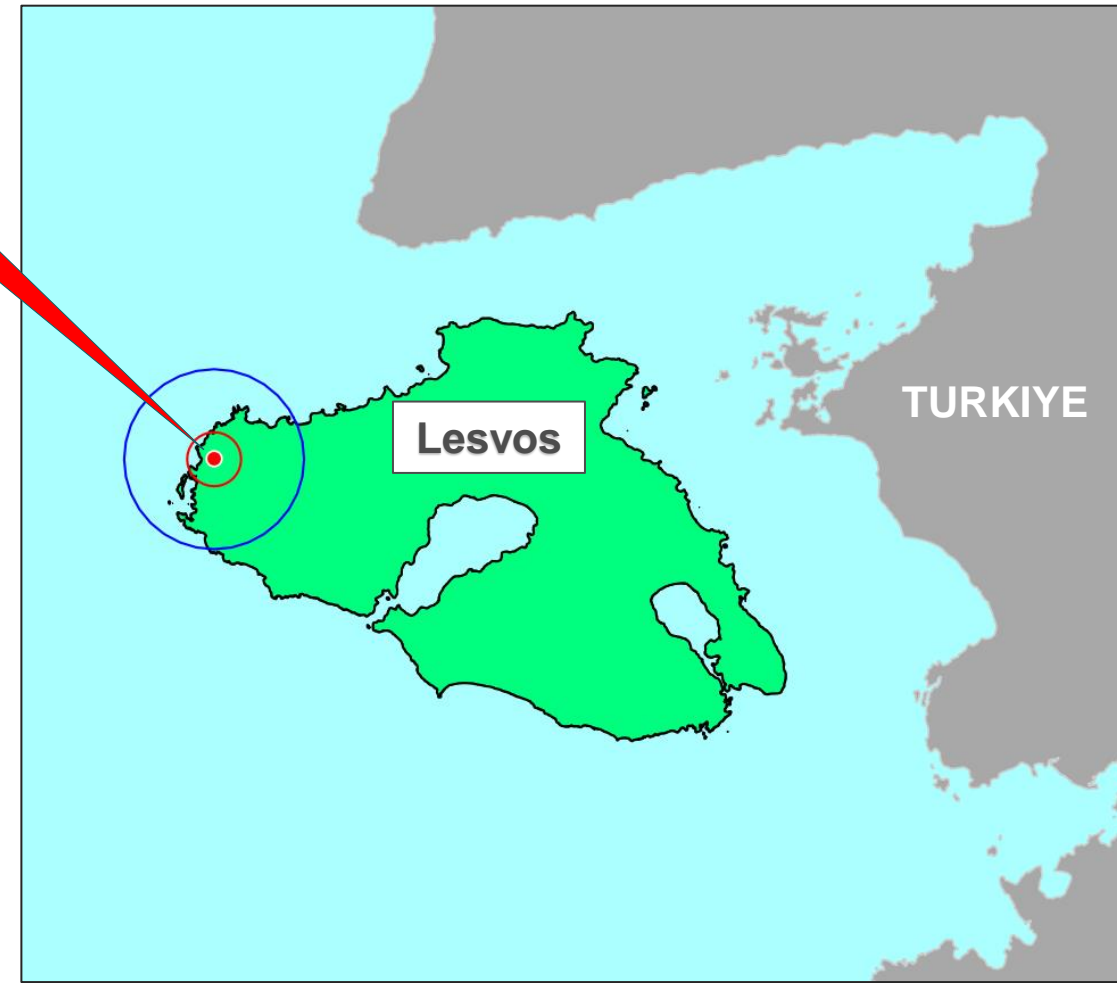
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**NO NEW OUTBREAKS TO DATE**

2023/1



2023/1



# CONTROL MEASURES

## Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687

- ❑ **Affected farms (outbreaks):** stamping out, cleaning and disinfection etc.
- ❑ **Establishment of Protection Zone(s) (PZ) and Surveillance Zone(s) (SZ) around outbreak(s) (restricted zones)**
- ❑ **In the restricted zones :**
  - **Census of all farms and susceptible animals** (species, categories, number of animals/establishment).
  - **Restriction on the movement and official control of animal and risk products movements**, including reproductive materials and ABP.
  - Prohibition of **fairs, markets, exhibitions** and other concentrations of livestock.
  - Enhanced **biosecurity** and **passive surveillance**.
  - At least **one visit of all establishments keeping sheep/goats**



# CONTROL MEASURES

## Safeguard measures: CID (EU) 2023/2067 (BG) and CID EU 2023/2470 (EL)

- ❑ Description of the Protection zone(s) (PZ) and the Surveillance zone(s) (SZ) around outbreaks.
- ❑ Description of the Further restricted zone(s)
- ❑ Additional measures in the Further restricted zone(s) (FRZ):

**Movements of sheep and goats from the FRZ allowed only directly to a slaughterhouse located within the territory of the same MS for immediate slaughter.**

➤ Means of transport must :

- comply with the requirements for the means of transport laid down in Article 24(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687;
  - be cleaned and disinfected before any transport of animals;
  - be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the requirements for the means of transport laid down in Article 24(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 under the control or supervision of the competent authority;
  - only include sheep and goats of the same health status kept in the same establishment;
  - be sealed by the competent authority at the establishment of origin after the loading of the animals and unsealed by the competent authority at the slaughterhouse of destination.
- The sheep and goats due for transport shall be subject to a clinical inspection by the competent authority 24 hours or less before the date of transport.

# PREVENTIVE MEASURES

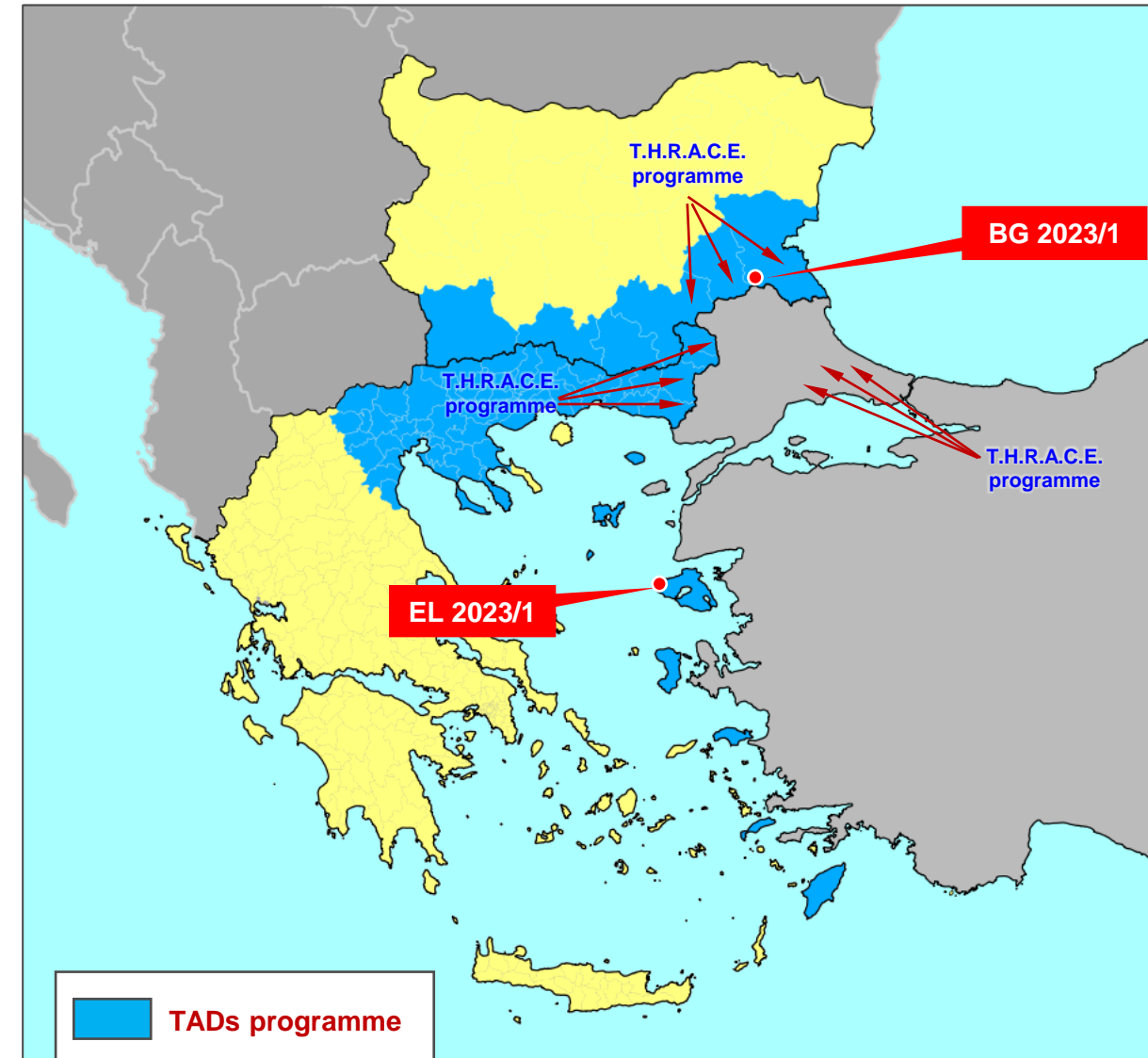
## EU-funded activities against emerging diseases of animals in high-risk areas

Regular, enhanced surveillance for the early detection of 4 diseases: [Foot and mouth disease (**FMD**), Lumpy Skin Disease (**LSD**), Peste des petits ruminants (**PPR**) and Sheep and Goat Pox (**SGP**) ]

- Clinical surveillance for **FMD** and **LSD** *in cattle*
- Clinical surveillance for **SGP** *in small ruminants*
- Serological surveillance for **FMD** and **PPR** *in small ruminants*

Surveillance conducted by **2 programmes**:

- The **Transboundary High Risk Area Coordinated Epidemio-surveillance programme (T.H.R.A.C.E.)**, funded by the EU - coordinated by the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD), **in place since 2013** (*Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey*).
- A dedicated **Surveillance Programme for Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs)**, with direct EU financial support, **in place since 2017** (*Bulgaria, Greece*).



## Conclusions - Lessons learned

**Emerging diseases like Sheep Pox and Goat pox can still return, even a very long time after their last occurrence !**

**All countries should be always prepared and vigilant for all emerging diseases, even if these were eradicated a long time ago !**

# Thank you



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