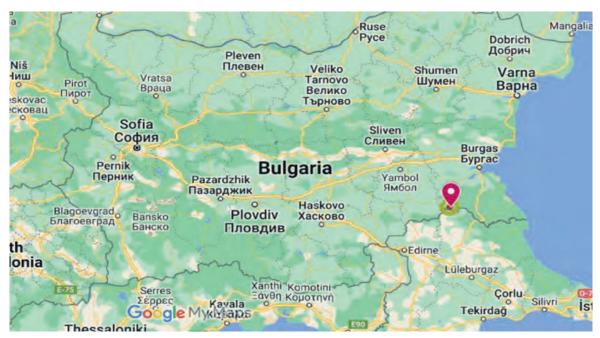




Sheep pox virus outbreak and control measures in Bulgaria, update

# Sheep pox virus situation update as by 14/12/2023

- ➤ No detection of further outbreaks since the only one notified (2023/1; 16.09.2023);
- No any suspicions raised;
- ➤ Restriction zone and control measures lifted as by 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2023 according to CID 2023/2067;
- ➤ Risk based surveillance for FMD, SGP, PPR, LSD under T.H.R.A.C.E. and TADs programmes
  - Clinical examination on monthly basis;
  - Serological surveillance every 3 months (small ruminants);

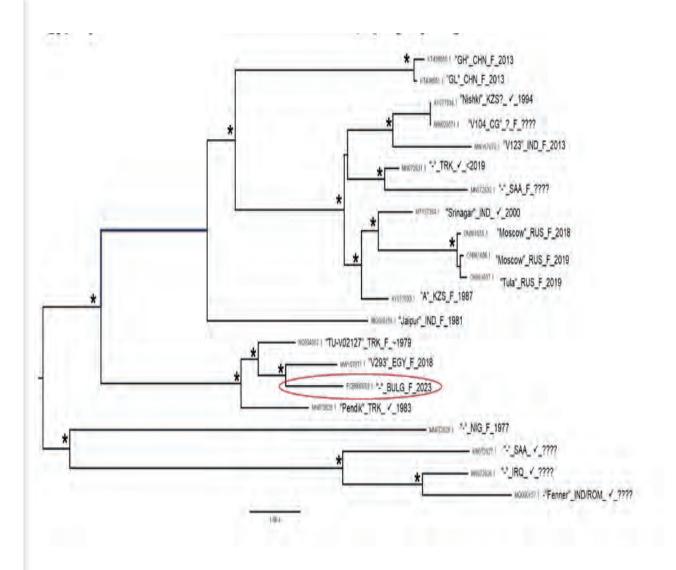


Map – location of the Sheep pox outbreak confirmed on 16/09/2023 in Bulgaria



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The virus sequenced by the EURL - likely originated in the eastern Mediterranean region



#### Sheep pox virus phylogeny based on the whole genome sequence

Breman FC, Haegeman A, Hoffman S, Phillips W, De Keersmaecker S, De Regge N. Genetic characterisation of the Sheeppox virus strain present in samples from the outbreak in Bulgaria. Brussels, Belgium: Sciensano; 2023

### Conclusions

➤ Epidemiological situation of the disease is stable and under control





### Thank you for you attention

