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# **NATIONAL SANITARY VETERINARY AND FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY**

**Update on EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANAEMIA  
situation in ROMANIA  
PAFF Committee, 10-11 February 2022**



## Background

- EIA was endemic in Romania in 2010
- Therefore, for all equine animals originating from Romania, movement restrictions have been imposed by the EC Decision 346/2010/UE
- The provisions of the EC Decision 346/2010/UE were implemented in national legislation by the national Order 46/2014
- In 2019, based on **significant decrease of the EIA incidence** a report on EIA situation has been submitted to the EC and MS;
- Thus, by the Decision (EU) 2019/1886 the protection measures laid down in Decision 2010/346/UE are applied only to a part of the territory of Romania, namely in 16 counties out of 42.
- The EIA surveillance, control and eradication programme was further implemented (new amendments-by Order 16/2021)



EIA  
surveillance,  
control and  
eradication  
programme  
(approved by  
national  
Order)

Surveillance programme is performed:

- on the entire territory of Romania
- to all equine animals older than six months age (until 2020), and 12 months age (starting with 2021), at least once a year, in period of February-April
- the sport horses are tested six months apart
- the horses from holdings approved according to EC Decision 2010/346/EU are tested three months apart
- Diagnostic method: agar gel immunodiffusion (Coggins test)



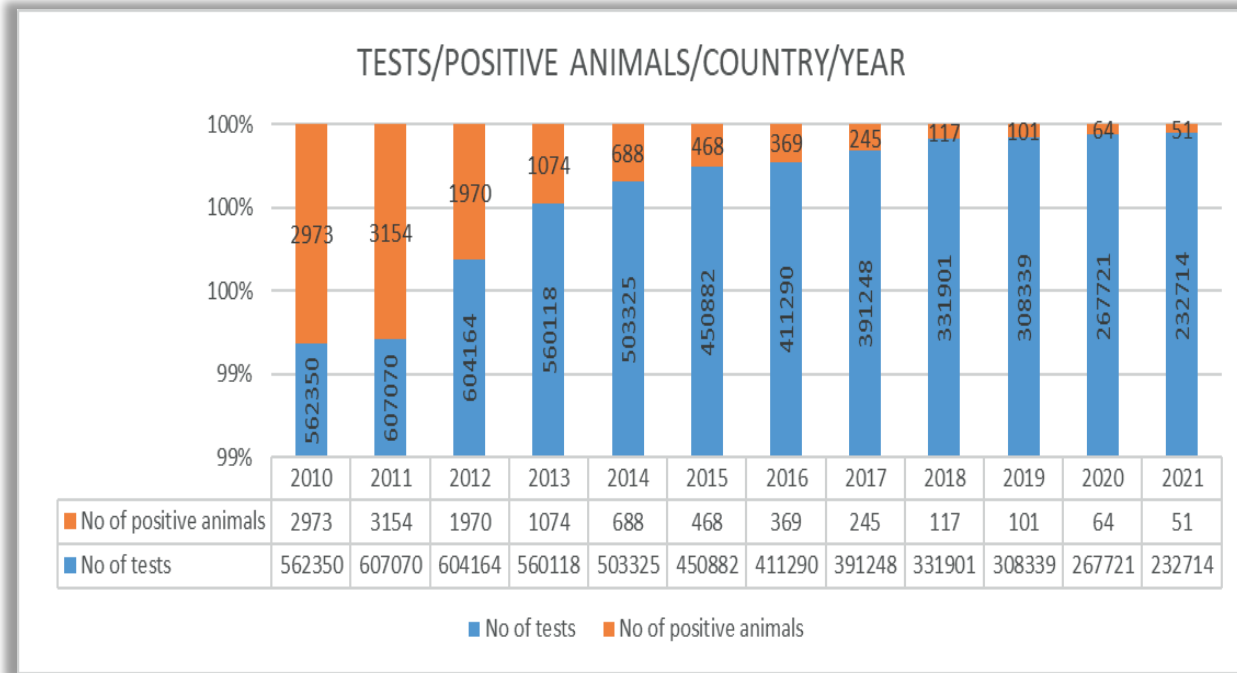
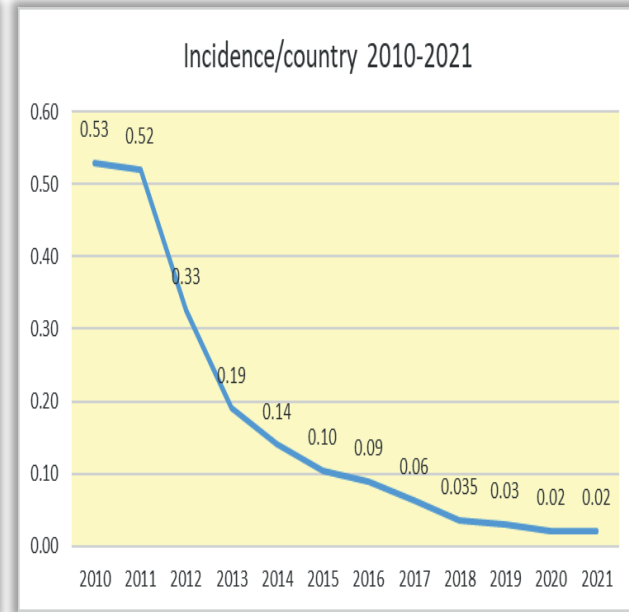
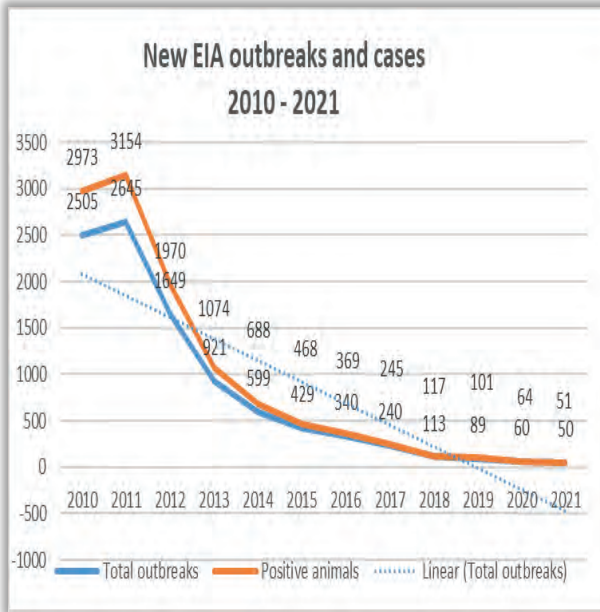
# EIA surveillance, control and eradication programme

## Eradication programme

- The equine animals with positive results at the EIA confirmation tests (Coggins test) are disposed by slaughter or killing within 30 days.
- After the disposal of positive animals, the remaining animals from outbreak are tested by Coggins test 90 days apart.
- The restrictions of the outbreak are not lifted until two successively testing 90 days apart, with negative results, are performed.
- Additionally, all animals from the infected locality (not only from outbreak) are also tested 90 days apart, till there are obtained two negative results.



# Results 2010-2021





# Results – 2020-2021

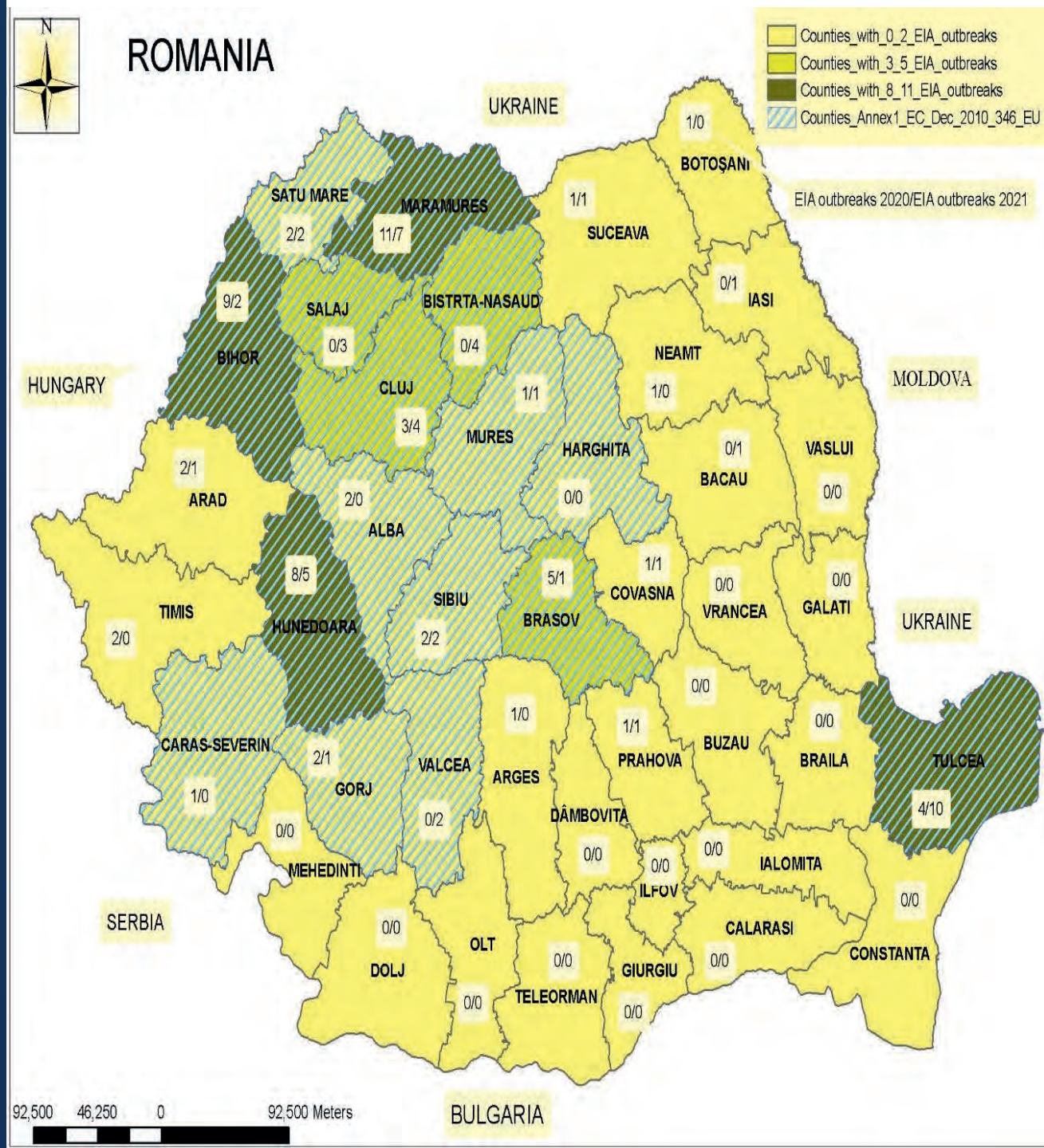
County	2020		2021	
	EIA outbreaks	Cases	EIA outbreaks	Cases
AB	2	2	0	0
AR	2	2	1	1
AG	1	1	0	0
BC	0	0	1	1
BH	9	10	2	2
BN	0	0	4	4
BT	1	1	0	0
BV	5	5	1	1
BR	0	0	0	0
BZ	0	0	0	0
CS	1	1	0	0
CL	0	0	0	0
CJ	3	3	4	4
CT	0	0	0	0
CV	1	1	1	1
DB	0	0	0	0
DJ	0	0	0	0
GL	0	0	0	0
GR	0	0	0	0
GJ	2	2	1	1
HR	0	0	0	0
HD	8	8	5	5
IL	0	0	0	0
IS	0	0	1	1
IF	0	0	0	0
MM	11	11	7	7
MH	0	0	0	0
MS	1	1	1	1
NT	1	1	0	0
OT	0	0	0	0
PH	1	1	1	1
SM	2	2	2	2
SJ	0	0	3	3
SB	2	2	2	3
SV	1	1	1	1
TR	0	0	0	0
TM	2	2	0	0
TL	4	7	10	10
VS	0	0	0	0
VL	0	0	2	2
VN	0	0	0	0
MB	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>





## Distribution of EIA outbreaks confirmed in period of 2020-2021

- In 2020, in 13 out of 16 counties included in Annex 1 to EC Decision 2010/346/EU were registered sporadic outbreaks (less than 5 outbreaks)
- In 2021, in 14 out of 16 counties included in Annex 1 to EC Decision 2010/346/EU have been registered sporadic outbreaks (less than 5 outbreaks)





## Conclusions

- The Programme for the control and eradication of EIA remains a priority for Romania, the veterinary services making special logistical and financial efforts for its implementation.
- For the proper implementing of the legislation concerning the equine animals health, at national level there were elaborated norms and specific procedures and instructions.
- **All EIA cases were registered only in nonprofessional holdings;** no cases of equine infectious anaemia have been reported in sport horses.
- Comparing the EIA evolution over the years, it can be noticed an accentuated decreasing of incidence of EIA, with no cases or sporadic cases even in the most counties included in Annex 1 to the EC Decision 2010/346/EU.
- The managing of the EIA outbreaks corresponds with the certification conditions established in the animal health INTRA certificates for equine animals according to (EU) Regulation 2021/403.





# Proposal

- Take into consideration the above mentioned, we kindly ask to the European Commission and the Member States to analyze the possibility of lifting the restrictions approved by the EC Decision 2010/346/EU.
- Thank you for your attention!