



# Highly Pathogenic Avian influenza update of the situation

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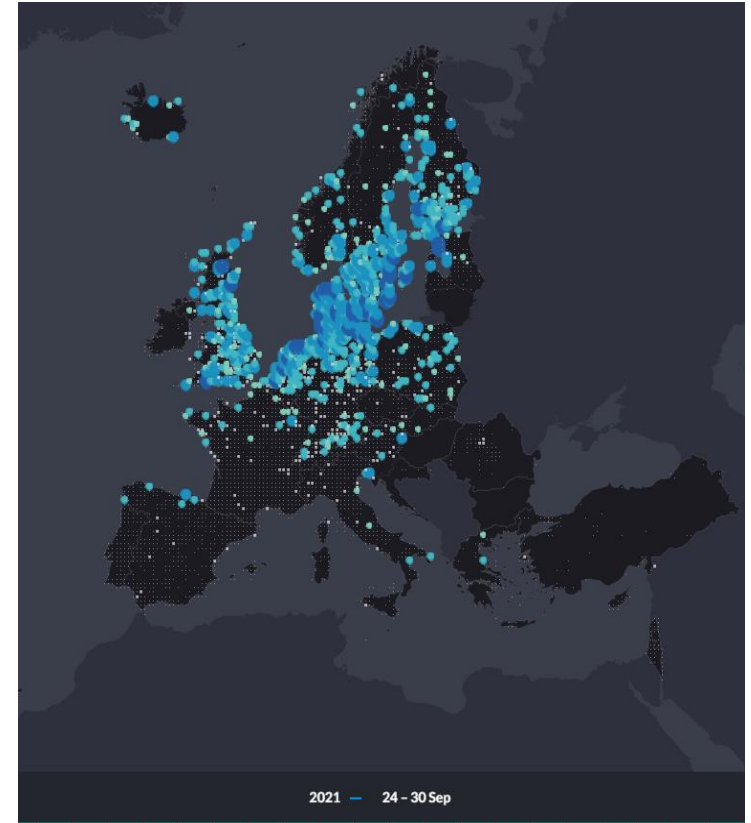
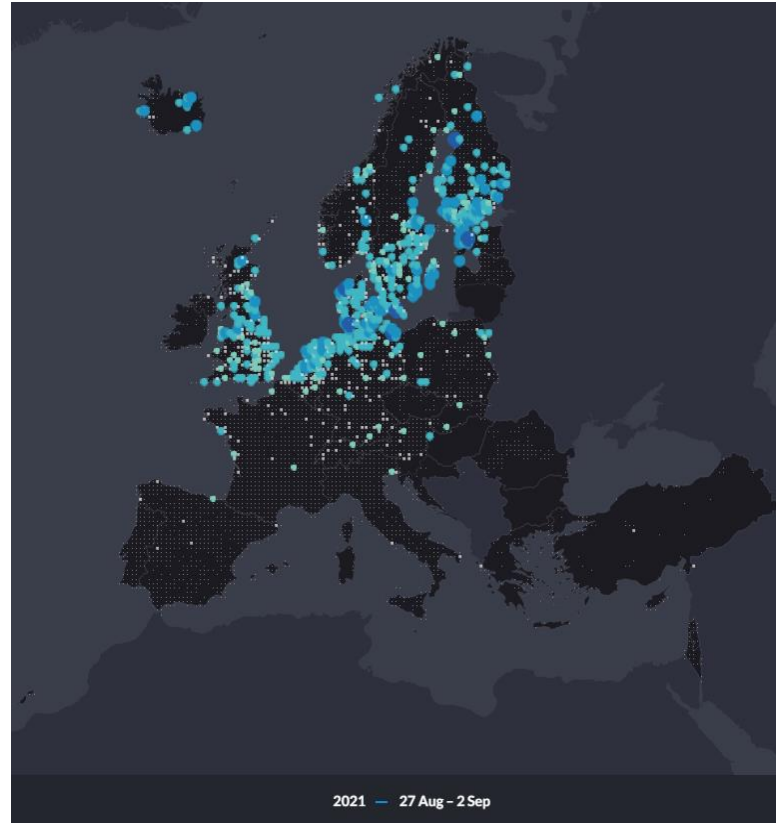
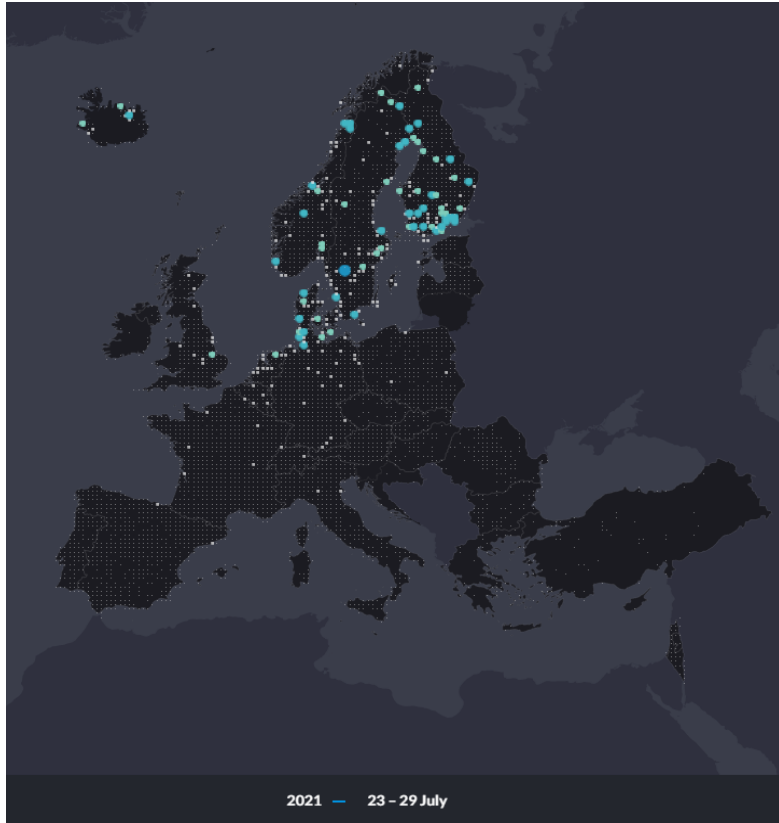
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# HPAI situation in Eurasia and Middle East

- Outbreaks confirmed **during summer in Russia** in areas border with Kazakhstan in wild birds and poultry (**H5N1 subtype**)
- High number of HPAI detections in Georgia over the summer
- Outbreaks confirmed in October in poultry in oblasts closer to Ukraine (H5)
- Outbreak confirmed in Ukraine on 12 October in backyard poultry (H5)
- Outbreak confirmed in poultry in **Israel, on 12 October (H5N1)**
- **H5N1 in backyard poultry in Czechia, confirmed on 30 September** (virus with a **diferent genotype** than the H5N1 viruses detected in EU during spring-summer 2021)
- **H5N1 in wild bird in North of Germany, confirmed on 14 October**

# Wigeons count (Euro Bird Portal)



## The HIGH RISK PERIOD has started

Increase attention to biosecurity measures in poultry establishments and related to sector production practices

### Legal basis within the AHL framework for the CA to take preventive measures:

#### 1. Article 70 of AHL:

After confirmation of category A disease in wild animals of listed species the **CA shall**:

- **conduct surveillance** in wild animal population, and
- **take the necessary prevention and control measures**

#### 2. Articles 63-67 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 (based on Article 70 (3) of AHL)

When **category A disease is confirmed in wild animals** of listed species, the **CA may determine an infected zone** based on:

- the **disease profile**
- the **risk factors contributing to the spread** of the disease, **in particular**, the **risk of the introduction** of the disease **into establishments** keeping animals of listed species;

The **CA shall immediately inform operators**, clinical veterinarians, **hunters**, other relevant competent authorities and **any other natural or legal person concerned** about the outbreak of the disease and the control measures adopted.

**In the infected zone** the **CA** :

- **shall** at least **implement risk mitigation and reinforced biosecurity measures** in order to prevent the spread of the category A disease from the affected animals and infected zone to unaffected animals or to humans;
- **may regulate hunting activities** and **other outdoors activities**;

**Duration of measures in the infected zone**: until the **epidemiological information indicates** that the relevant **wild population no longer poses a risk** of introduction of a category A disease into establishments keeping animals of listed species

#### 3. Article 10 of AHL – with **responsibilities of the operators to take biosecurity measures** regarding wild animals.

# Thank you



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