



Sheep pox and goat pox in Greece

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SGP in Greece August - October 2024 ***(2024/5-2024/121)***



- ✓ **4 Regions**
 - ✓ **7 Regional Units**
 - ✓ **117 outbreaks**
- (6 new confirmed on 24/10/2024)**

Evros RU 85 outbreaks

Kavala RU 15 outbreaks

Rodopi RU 12 outbreaks

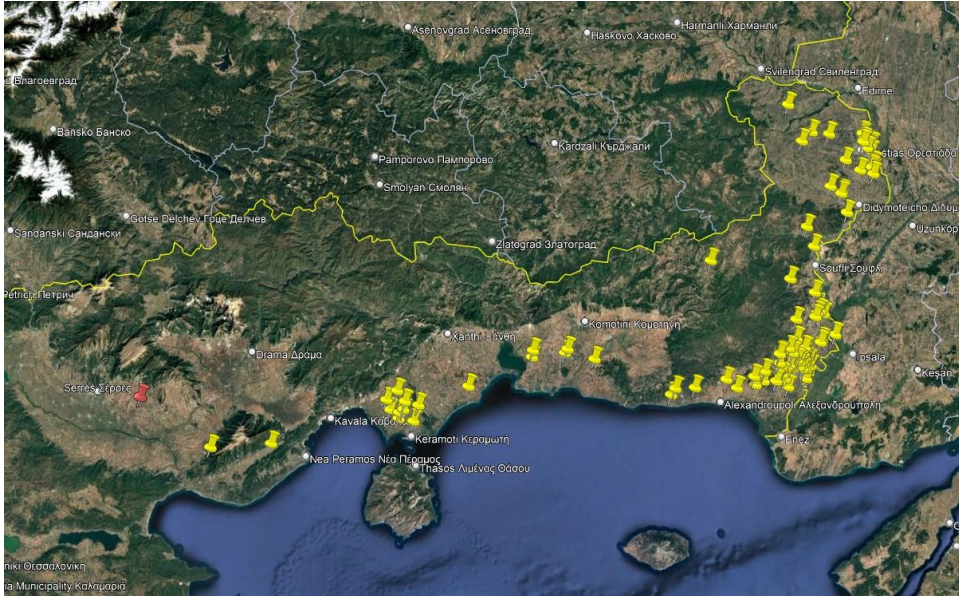
Xanthi RU 2 outbreaks

Serres RU 1 outbreak

Korinthia RU 1 outbreak

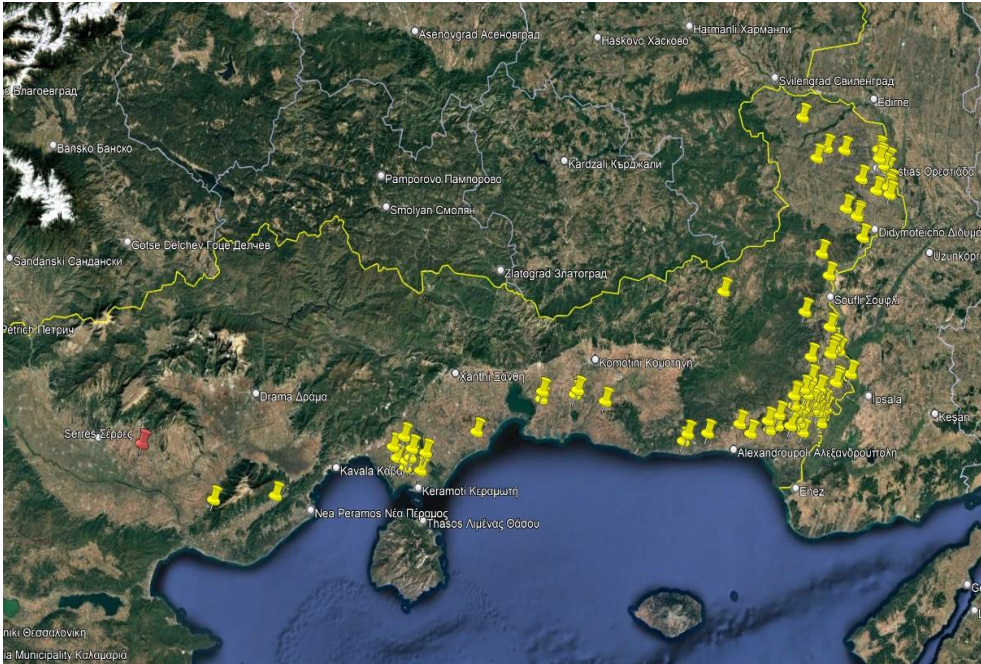
Magnisia RU 1 outbreak

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Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Region



Surveillance (PZ,SZ,FRZ)				
Regional Units	No of visits	No of animals (clinical examinations)	No of animals sampled	No of animals culled
<i>Evros</i>	243	35973	123	15970
<i>Kavala</i>	755	61010	25	3836
<i>Rodopi</i>	132	20593	29	2716
<i>Xanthi</i>	165	27809	6	311
TOTAL	1.295	145.385	183	22.833

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Central Macedonia Region**



Surveillance (PZ,SZ,FRZ)				
Regional Units	No of visits	No of animals (clinical examinations)	No of animals sampled	No of animals culled
Serres	198	38255	16	334
TOTAL	198	38.255	16	344

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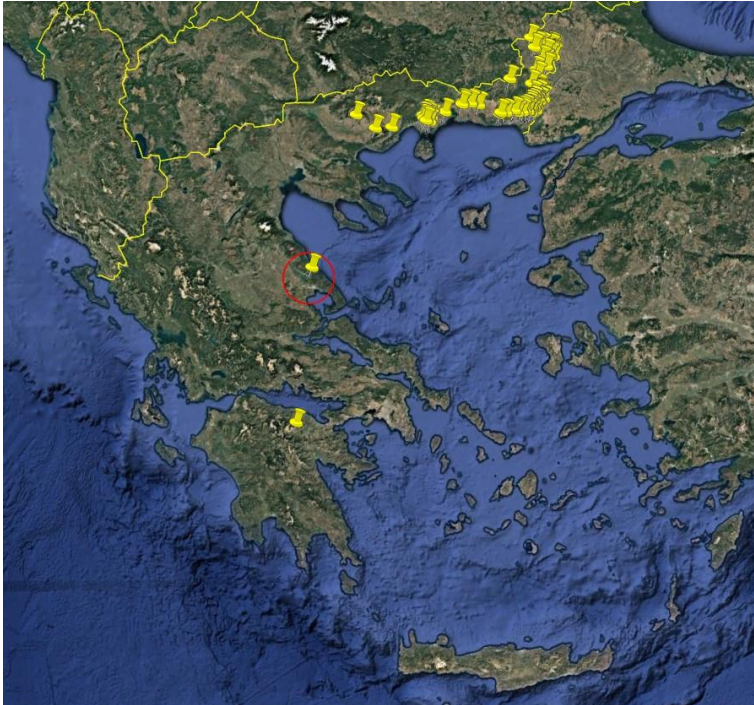


- Sheep and goats farm
- Date of suspicion: 16.10.2024
- Notification by farmer
- Date of confirmation: 18.10.2024
(real – time PCR)
- 302 sheep and goats
- 1 ewe (fever, anorexia, depression, red papules on the abdominal area, nasal and ocular discharge)
- 3 dead ewes

Epidemiological investigation still ongoing

- ✓ Illegal movements of animals?
- ✓ Illegal movements of feeding stuff ?

SGP in Greece-Magnisia RU- October 2024 (2024/109)

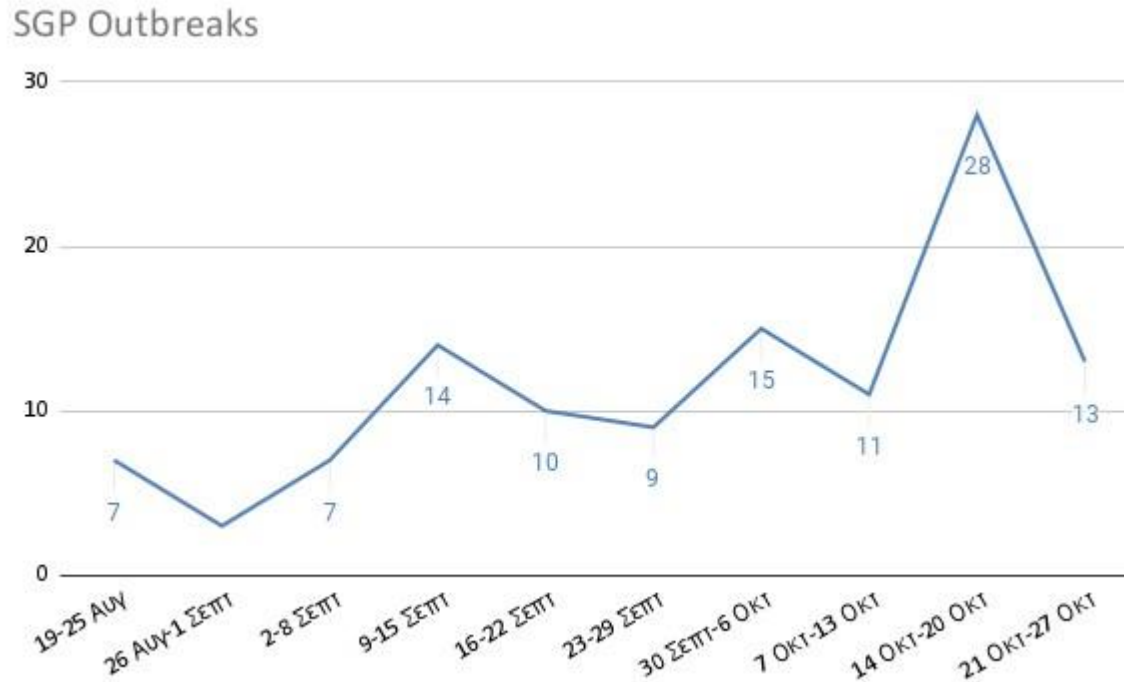


- **Date of suspicion: 21.10.2024**
- **Notification by farmer**
- **Date of confirmation: 22.10.2024
(real – time PCR)**
- **700 sheep**
- **31 ewes (fever, anorexia, depression, red papules on the abdominal area, nasal and ocular discharge)**
- **4 dead ewes**

Epidemiological investigation **still ongoing**

- ✓ **Illegal movements of animals?**
- ✓ **Illegal movements of feeding stuff ?**

SGP in Greece- August October 2024 (2024/5-121)

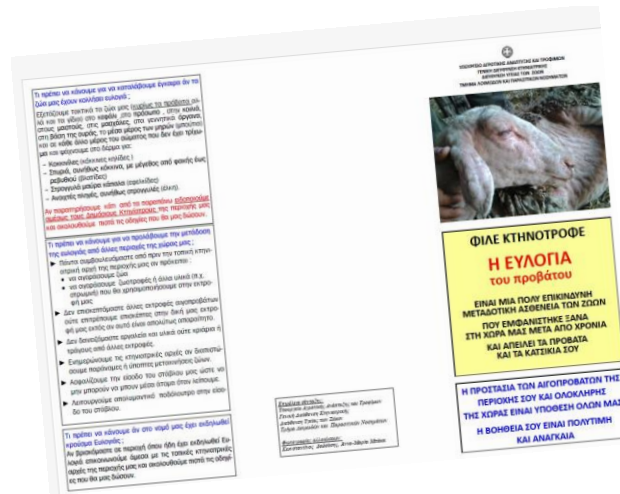


Number of notified outbreaks per week

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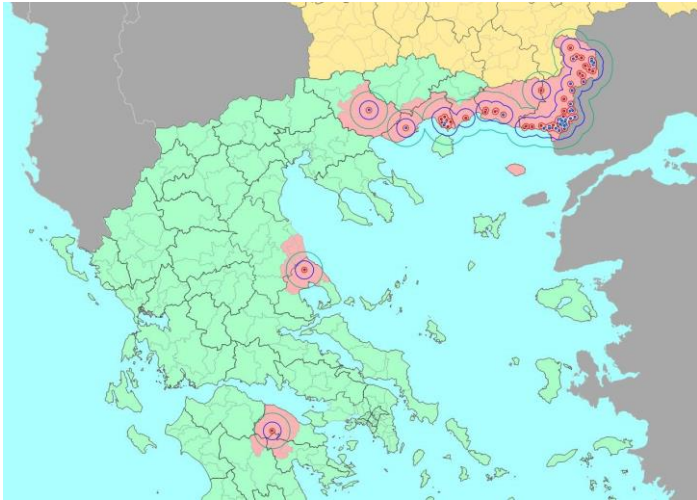
Preparedness activities-Awareness campaigns in the country

- ✓ Immediate activation of local disease control centers
- ✓ Continuous awareness campaign in the framework of the four transboundary exotic diseases program
- ✓ Awareness campaign during the visits of official veterinarians (PZ, SZ)
- ✓ Meetings
- ✓ Circulars
- ✓ Posters
- ✓ Leaflets



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***COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING
DECISION
concerning certain interim
emergency measures relating to
sheep pox and goat pox in certain
Member States***



- ✓ Zones and measures currently under review in cooperation with EC
- ✓ All measures foreseen in Reg.(EU) 2020/687 and the National Contingency Plan No 1747/386028/14.12.2023 are implemented
- ✓ Epidemiological investigation is ongoing
- ✓ Teleconference regarding measures to be implemented were held on 09.10.2024 (Eastern Macedonia and Thrace Region, Central Macedonia Region)
- ✓ Working meetings regarding measures to be implemented was held on 23.10.24 in Komotini and Alexandroupoli, on 24.10.24 in Kavala, Thessaloniki and Serres, and on 25.10.24 in Magnisia.

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Critical points to be considered:

- ✓ **No movements of small ruminants from Greece to MS and TC until the end of November 2024**
- ✓ **All movements of sheep and goats for fattening, breeding, slaughter, and to pastures are prohibited across the entire country from October 23rd to 31st (document with ref number 4402/3233361/23-10/2024)**
- ✓ **Political support at central and local level**
- ✓ **Mobilization of veterinarians (public sector, private veterinarians)**
- ✓ **Active involvement of Civil Protection and Police to ensure the implementation of measures.**

Thank
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