



Epidemiological situation: BTV and EHD

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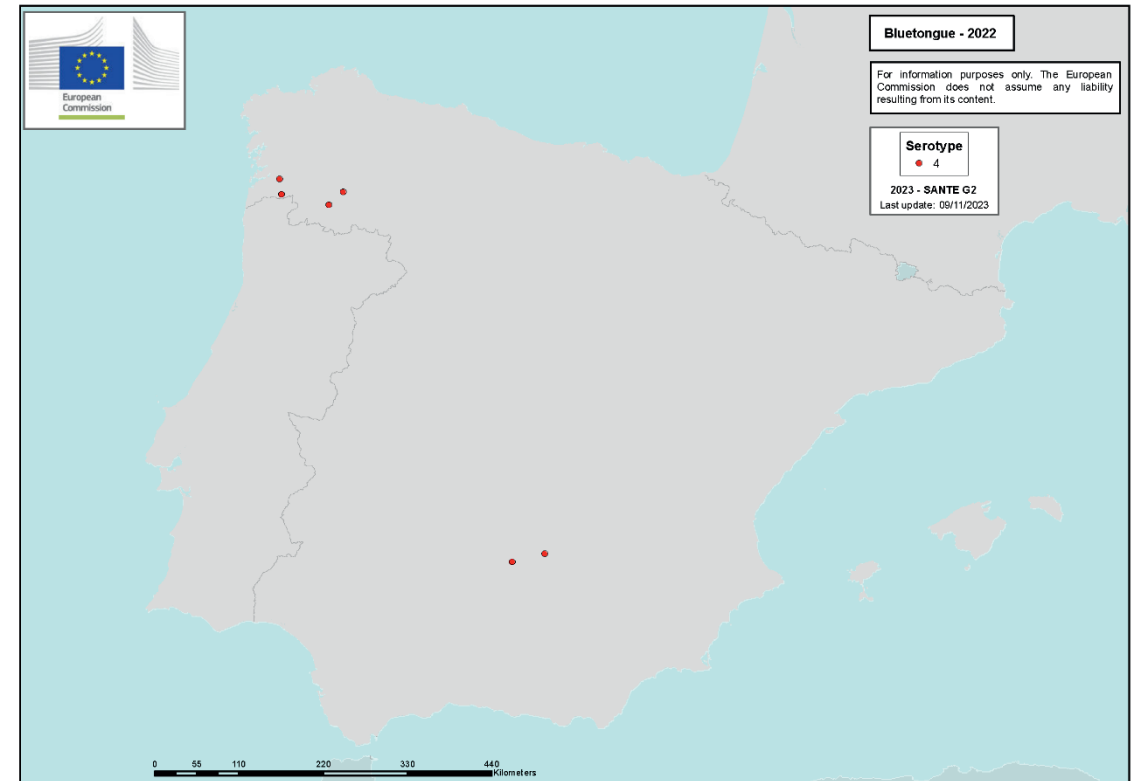
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- Background

- Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and related legislation changes the previous approach regarding this disease
- The new approach has moved from a disease of immediate eradication to a disease that may be subject to optional eradication programmes with the objective of gaining the disease-free status (listed disease categorised as C in CIR (EU) 2018/1882)
- This means that it is up to each Member State to decide if it wants to achieve disease free status by eradicating BTV in its territory, or a part of it, or not
- Member States or zones thereof with a BTV free status or with an approved programme are listed in CIR (EU) 2021/620

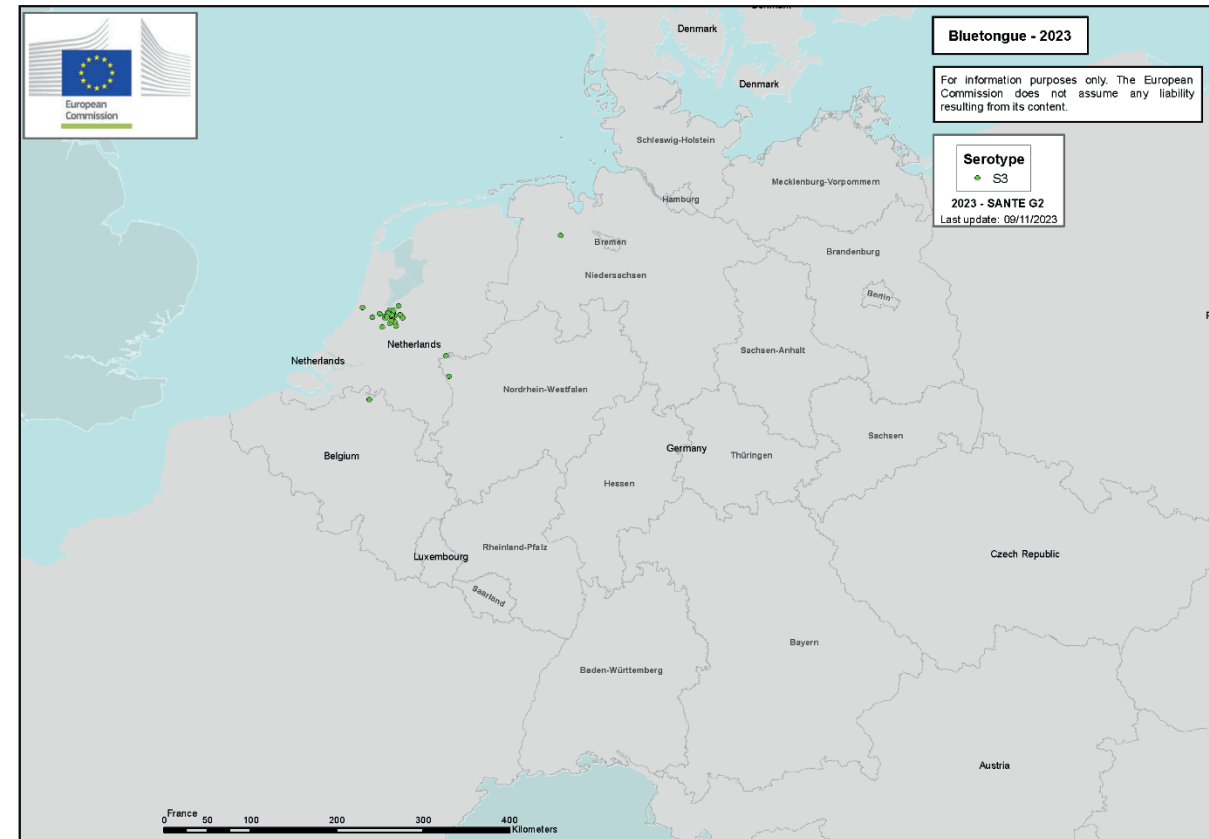
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- Outbreaks in 2023 that changed the BTV status of MS or zones thereof
 - **Serotype 4** in Spain
 - Galicia-March 2023
 - Castilla la Mancha-August 2023



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- Outbreaks in 2023 that changed the BTV status of MS or zones thereof
 - **Serotype 3**
 - The Netherlands-September 2023
 - Belgium-October 2023
 - Germany-October 2023
 - Lower Saxony
 - North-Rhine Westphalia



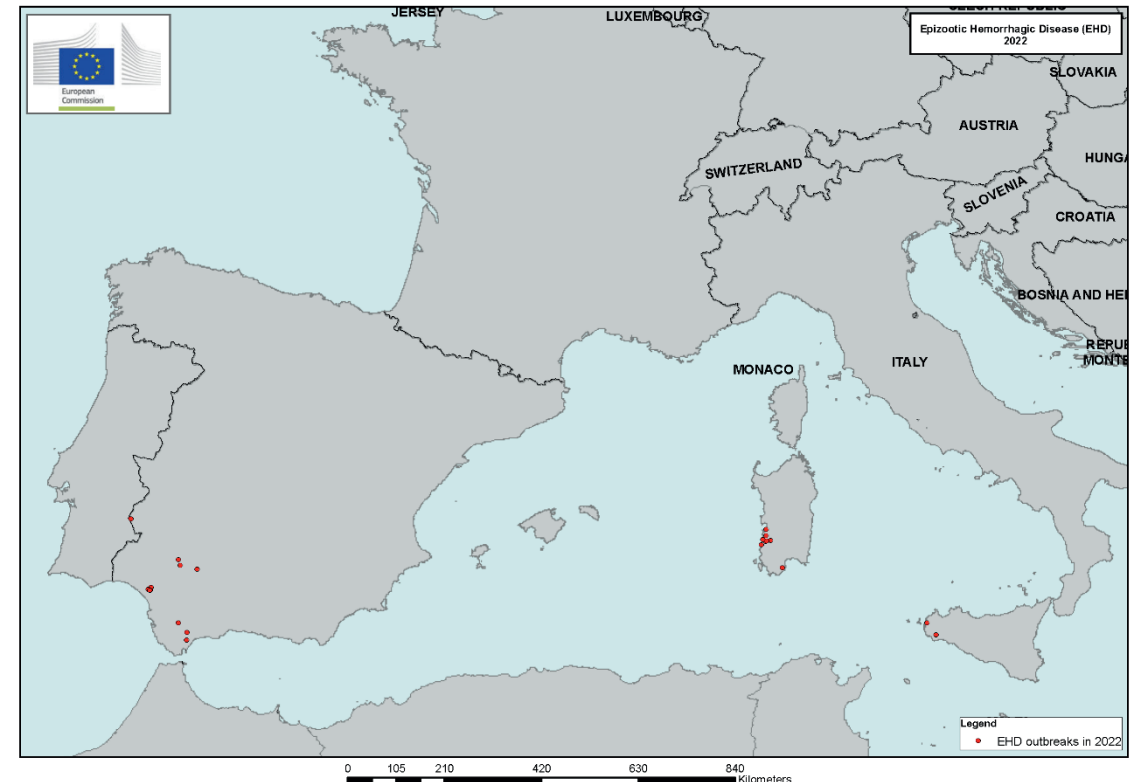
Infection with epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus (EHD): background)

- EHD is a disease listed in Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council on transmissible animal diseases
- EHD has been categorised as category D and E disease in CIR (EU) 2018/1882. That means that measures at EU level are limited to:
 - surveillance within the Union
 - and to prevent the disease from spreading on account of movements of animals between Member States and the entry into the Union
- Within the limits of possible actions at EU level as regards EHD, the Commission has taken specific measures to prevent the spread of EHD by means of CDR (EU) 2020/688, (EU) 2020/689 and (EU) 2020/692

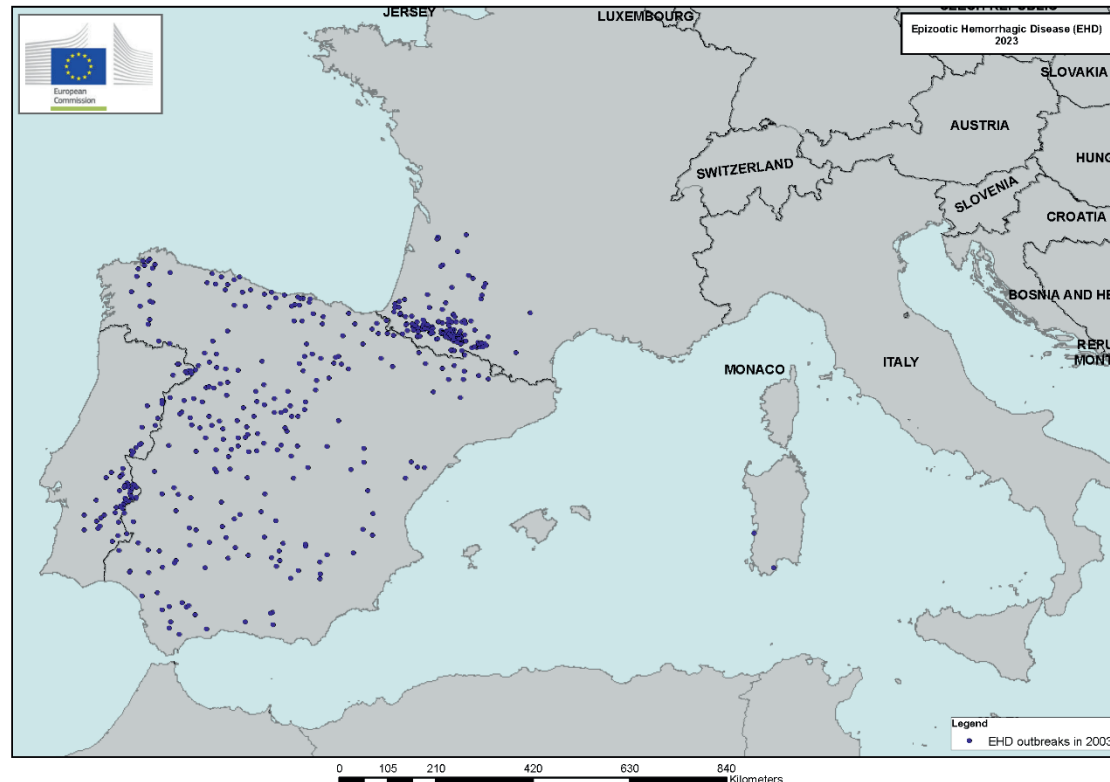
Infection with epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus

EHD never notified in the EU until Autumn 2022

- Italy: 10 outbreaks (Sicily and Sardinia)
- Spain: 11 outbreaks (Andalucía and Extremadura)



Infection with epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus



EHD in 2023

Spain: 238 outbreaks

France: 206 outbreaks

Portugal: 73 outbreaks

Italy: 2 outbreaks (Sardinia)

Thank you



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