

# **SHEEP AND GOAT POX – epidemiological situation in Bulgaria**



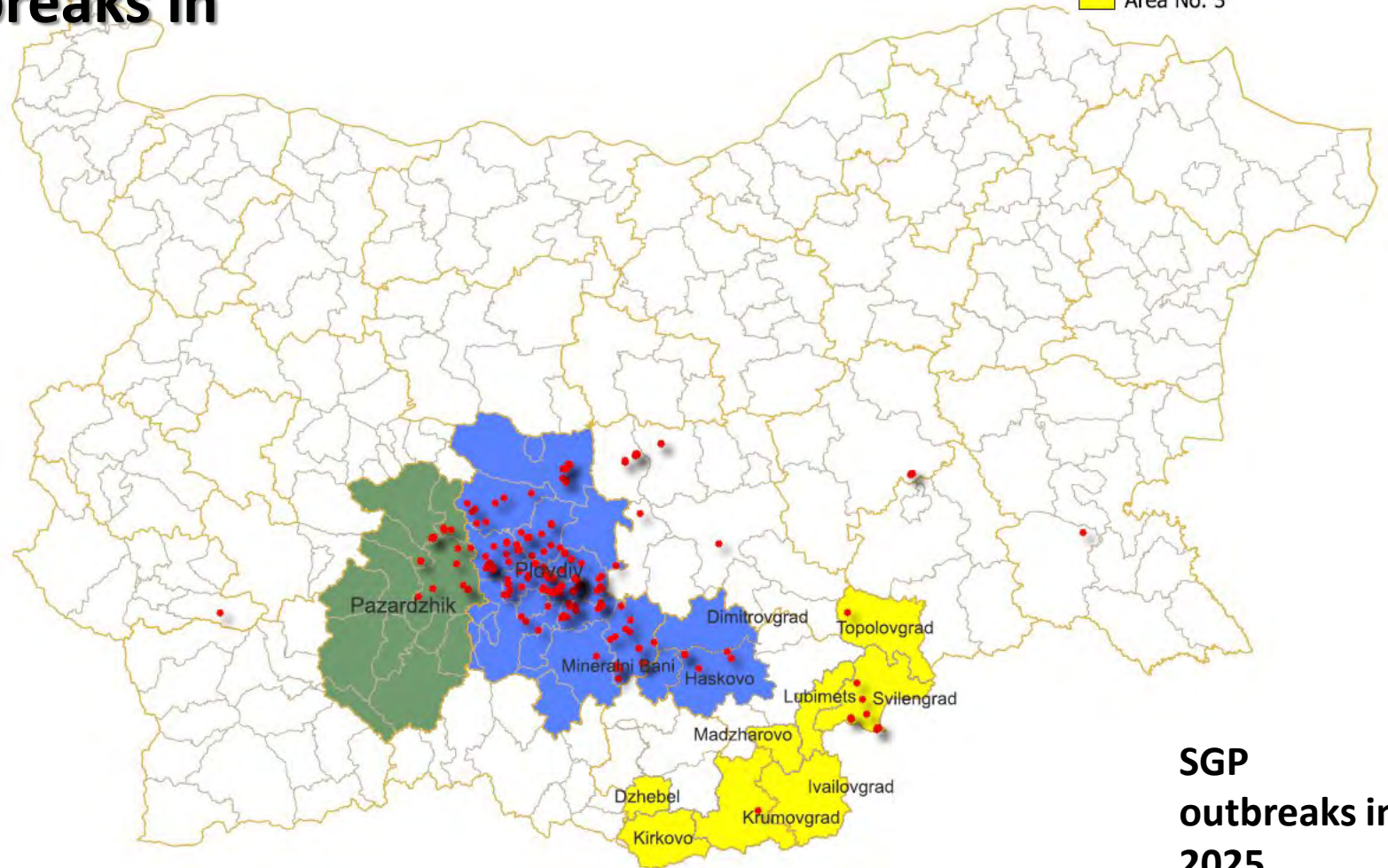
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# Situation in 2025

No new outbreaks since  
18/11/2025 !

- BG-CAPRIPOX-2025 outbreaks [191]
- Area No. 1
- Area No. 2
- Area No. 3

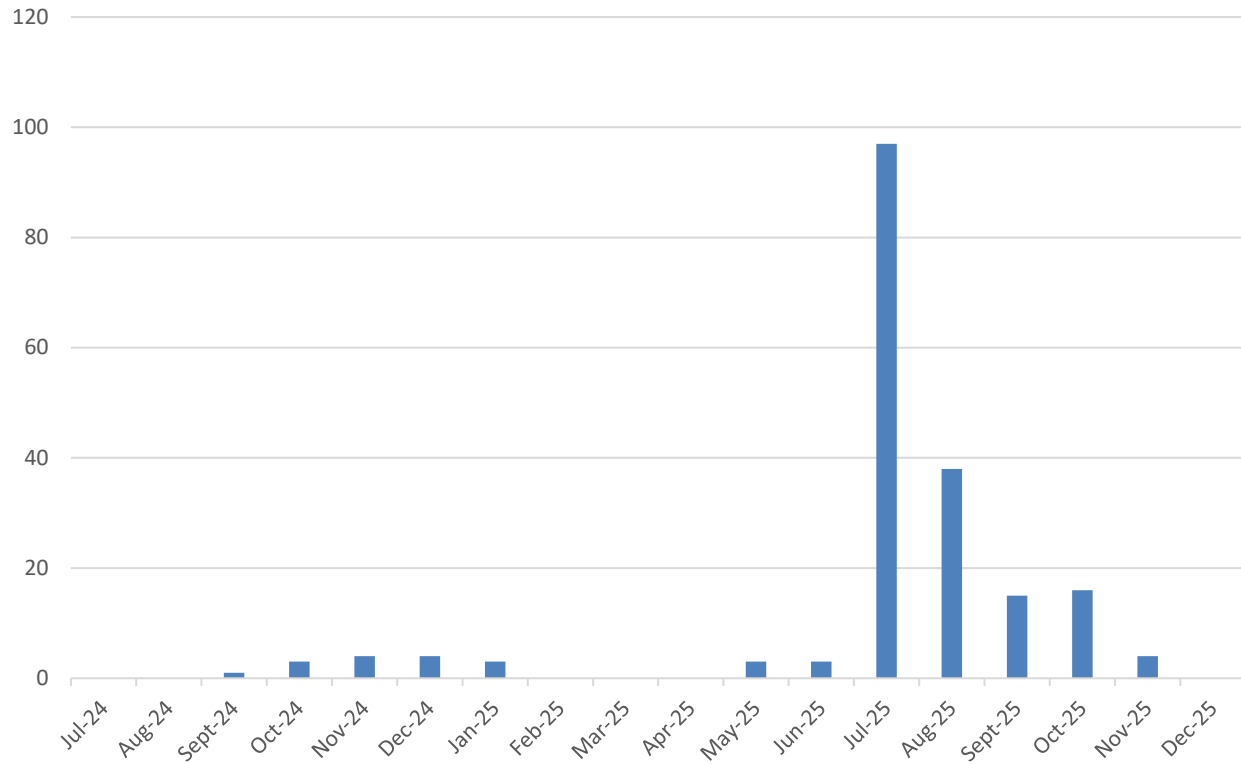
- **Total number of SGP outbreaks in 2025: 191**
- **Regions affected in 2025:**
  - Sliven (3)
  - Haskovo (16)
  - Burgas (1)
  - **Plovdiv (143)**
  - Stara Zagora (10)
  - Kardzhali (1)
  - Pazardzhik (16)
  - Kyustendil region (1)



**SGP  
outbreaks in  
2025**

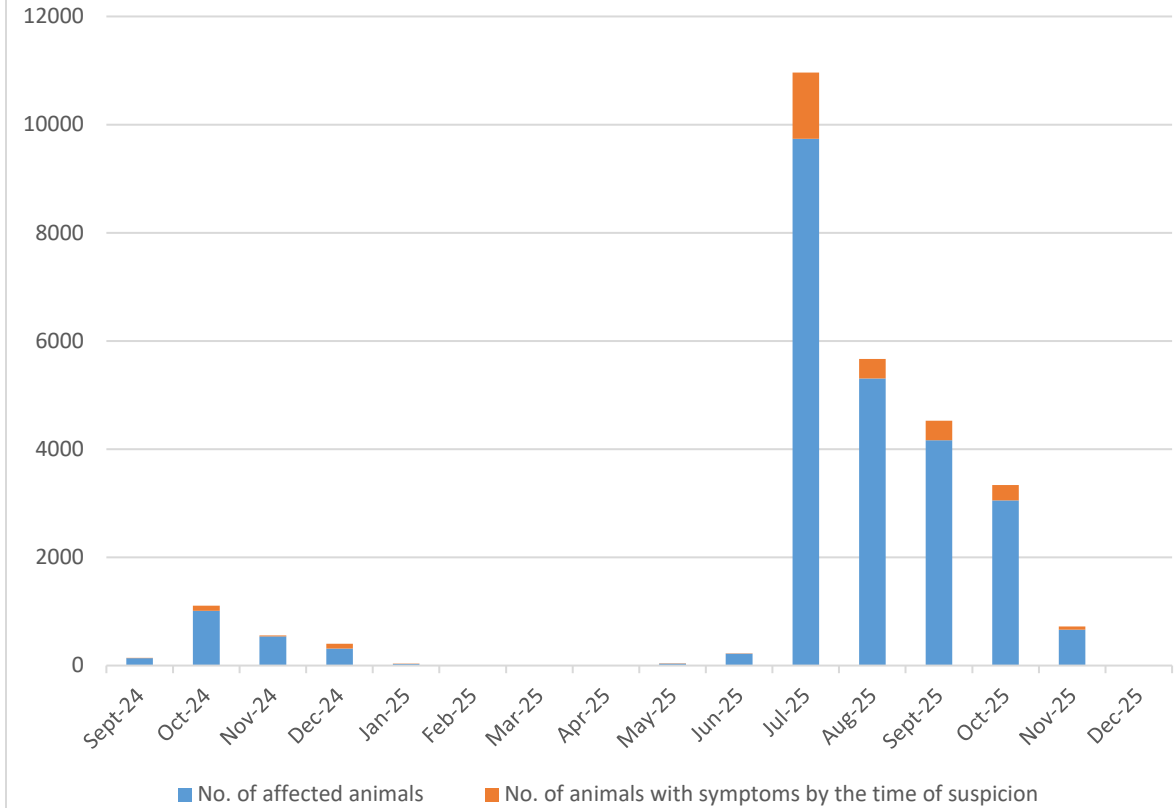
# Dynamic of the outbreaks

## SGP outbreak dynamics 2024-2025



### Outbreak dynamics for 2024 and 2025

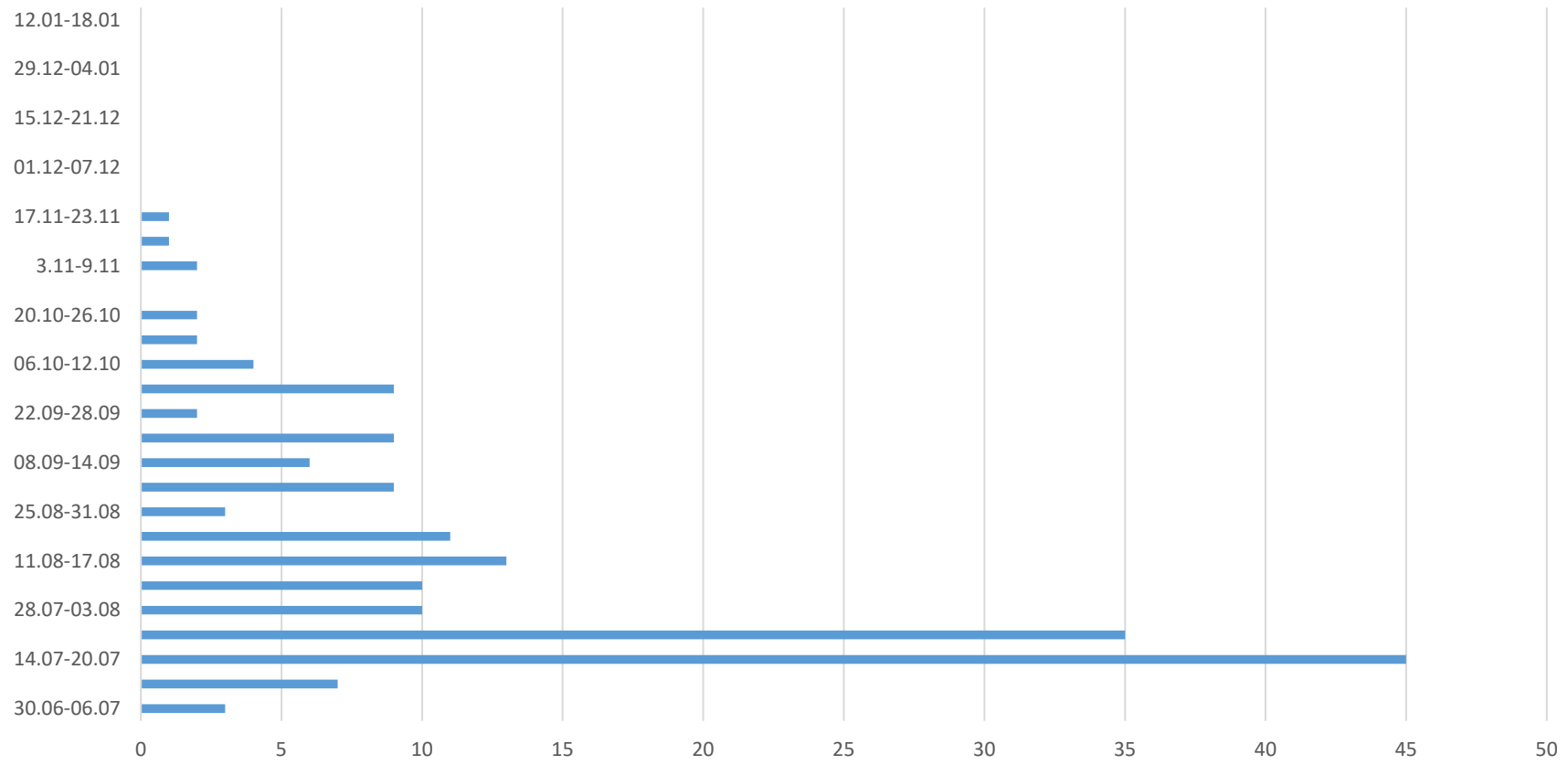
## SGP affected animals from Sept 2024 to 2025



### SGP affected animals 2024 and 2025

# Dynamic of the outbreaks

Weekly outbreak dynamics since 30 June (1<sup>st</sup> outbreak confirmed in Plovdiv region)



**Weekly outbreak dynamics since 30.06.2025 (first occurrence in Plovdiv region)**



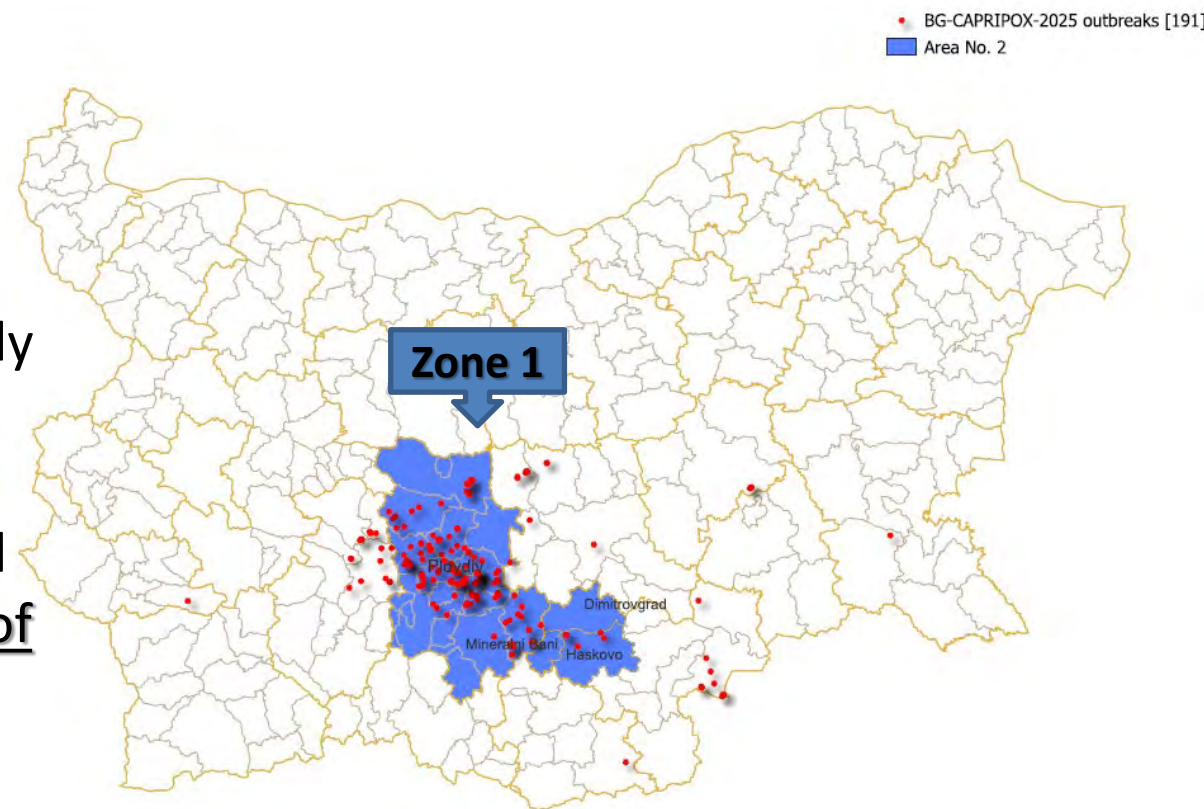
# Current measures - 1

- In relation to outbreaks – R 2020/687, **Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2492 of 4 December 2025 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/1160 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Bulgaria** – restriction zones of 5 km PZ, 15 SZ (already imposed by Commission Decision 2025/1483 of 31 July 2025) in the areas in the Annex (particularly Plovdiv region, certain municipalities in Haskovo and Kardzhali region, Pazardzhik region – the latter two of which have already elapsed)

- Measures in the region of Stara Zagora and Gabrovo elapsed

- Further restriction zones:

Ban of trade, movement and transport of small ruminants, except for those subject to immediate slaughter following clinical examination within 3 zones established, and transit consignments



- **Zone 1** – **Plovdiv** and certain municipalities in **Haskovo** region,

- **Zone 2** – ~~certain municipalities in **Stara Zagora and Gabrovo** region,~~

- **Zone 3** – ~~certain municipalities in **Haskovo and Kardzhali** region,~~

- **Zone 4** – the entire region of **Pazardzhik**

elapsed

## Current measures - 2

- No small ruminant consignments from Bulgaria.
- Ban of markets and exhibitions of small ruminants.
- Cleaning and disinfection of the means of transport of the approved movements.
- Clinical examinations on village level in PZ and SZ to detect 5% prevalence with LC 95%. => developed surveillance plan for sampling and laboratory testing.
- Sampling of all suspect animals.

# Surveillance implementation

Region	Municipality	Total no. of holdings	Total no. of animals	No. of holdings checked	% of holdings checked	No. of checks in holdings	% of checks in holdings	No. of animals clinically checked	% of animals clinically checked	No. of samplings	No. of samples taken	% of samples taken
Haskovo	Ivaylovgrad	44	5050	44	100.00	64	145.45	2652	52.51	51	510	10.10
	Topolovgrad	36	6470	32	88.89	32	88.89	2001	30.93	20	200	3.09
	Lyubimets	17	2030	17	100.00	31	182.35	2530	124.63	21	210	10.34
	Svilengrad	41	6764	23	56.10	27	65.85	1160	17.15	18	181	2.68
	Madzharovo	30	4259	30	100.00	40	133.33	2467	57.92	30	296	6.95
Stara Zagora	Pavel banya	44	4769	32	72.73	32	72.73	959	20.11	24	233	4.89
	Kazanlak	59	3321	59	100.00	66	111.86	1618	48.72	16	128	3.85
	Bratya Daskalovi	29	2588	27	93.10	27	93.10	597	23.07	27	244	9.43
	Chirpan	22	1218	15	68.18	21	95.45	326	26.77	15	148	12.15
	Stara Zagora	59	6927	59	100.00	74	125.42	2470	35.66	50	486	7.02
Kardzhali	Kirkovo	62	8569	62	100.00	124	200.00	2701	31.52	62	620	7.24
	Dzhebel	53	5982	16	30.19	32	60.38	1436	24.01	16	160	2.67
	Krumovgrad	62	5887	100	161.29	100	161.29	4121	70.00	74	740	12.57
<b>Total</b>		<b>558</b>	<b>63834</b>	<b>516</b>		<b>670</b>		<b>25038</b>		<b>424</b>	<b>4156</b>	

## Current measures - 3

- For the entire territory of Bulgaria
  - All movements are under official controls pre-movement clinical examination, pre-movement certificate issued by an official veterinarian, approval by the RFSD
  - Slaughter in a closest slaughterhouse
- Awareness campaigns
- Epi-commission meetings
- Increase of the biosecurity measures
- Sampling upon suspicion
- Inspections for illegal movement with Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Information and cooperation with border police and custom services
- Online meeting with Greece and Romania discussing further cooperation

# Possible source of infection

Preliminary hypothesis based on the epidemiological information collected:

- Possible introduction by illegal trade of animals with unknown health status
- Possible introduction/spread through humans – illegal traders of animals buying animals from the holdings for religious festivities (Eid in June 2025)
- Possible spread through common pastures and watering places
- Possible spread through other farm activities/poor biosecurity – milk collection, shearing



# Thank you!



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