

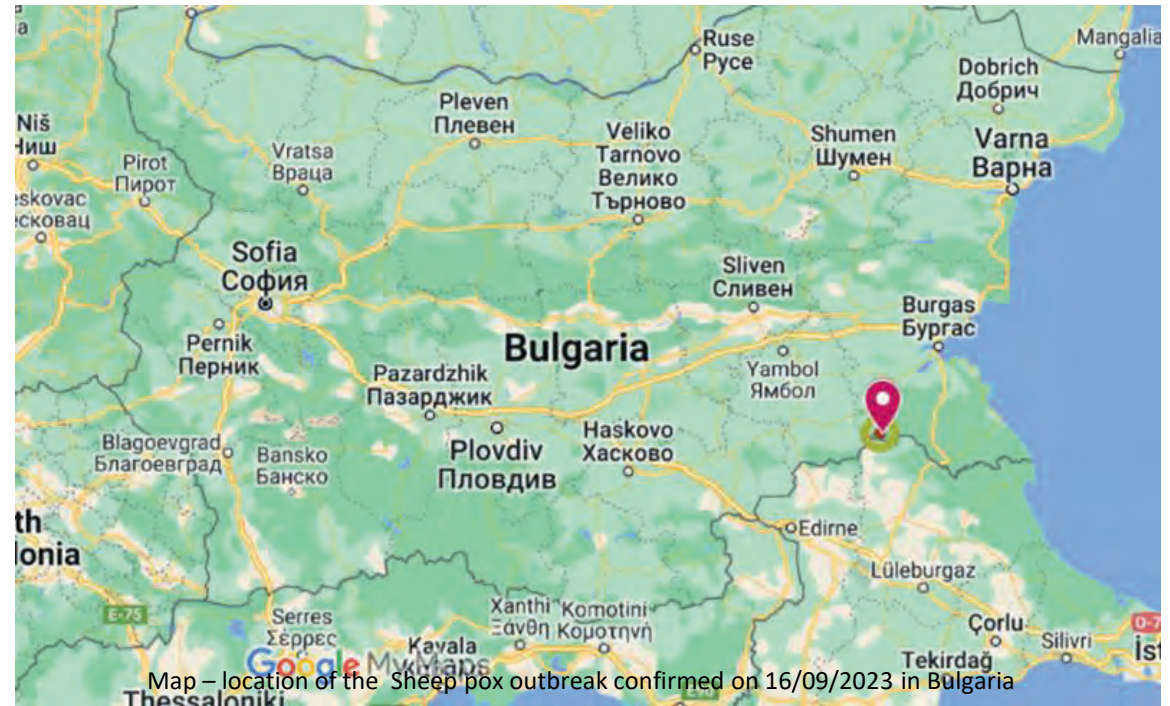


Sheep pox virus outbreak and control measures in Bulgaria, update

PAFF Committee, Brussels 23 -24.11.2023

Sheep pox virus outbreak update as by 23/11/2023

- Location: Gorno Yabalkovo village, Burgas municipality;
- Outbreak confirmed on 16.09.2023;
- Total number of animals - 225 animal;
- Restriction zone – 3 km (PZ) and 10 km (SZ) and further restricted (FR) zones; CID 2023/2067:
 - Clinical examination (5% prevalence (LC 95%) per village) and sampling in case of suspicion (blood and swab samples);
- Prohibition of fairs, markets, exhibitions and other concentrations of livestock;
- Movements of animals from the further restricted zone to a destination outside only for immediate slaughter to a slaughterhouse located within the territory of Bulgaria (CID (EU) 2023/2067)

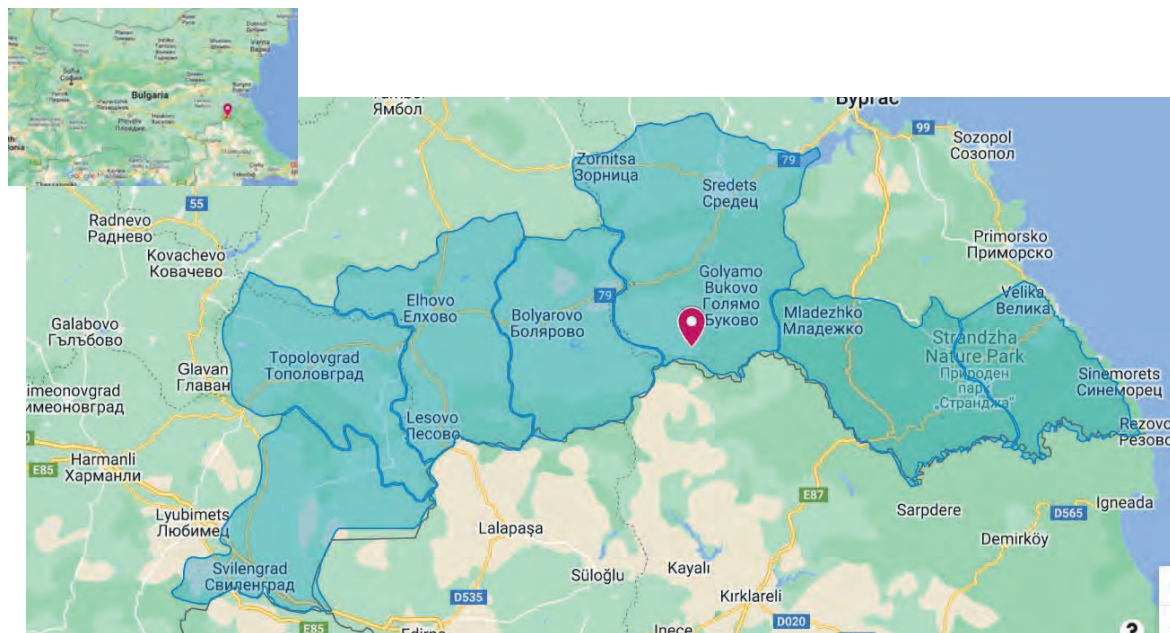


Map – location of the Sheep pox outbreak confirmed on 16/09/2023 in Bulgaria

ACTIONS AND RESTRICTION MEASURES ENFORCED

- Surveillance activities in the further restricted zone from 16.10 to 17.11.2023

NO SUSPICION for Sheep pox virus infection!



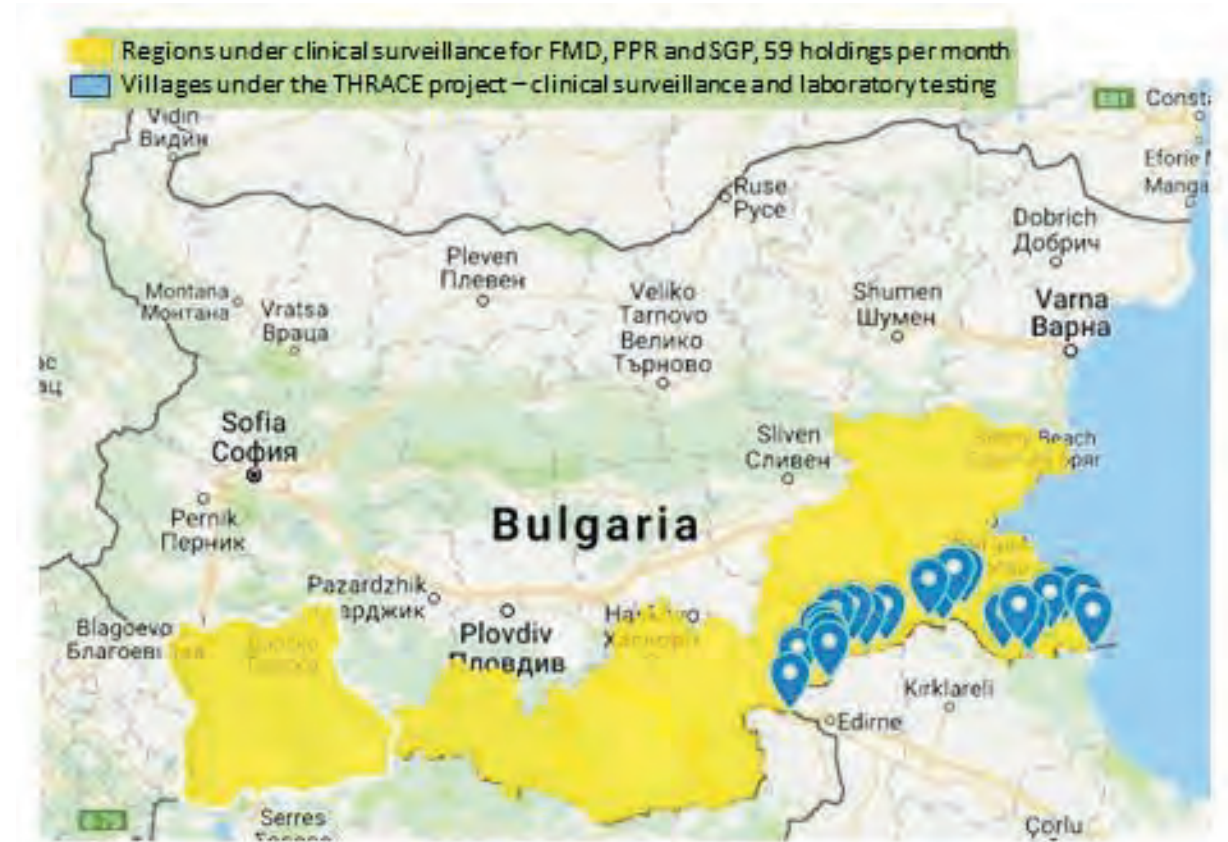
Map – further restricted zone and Sheep pox outbreak confirmed on 16/09/2023 in Bulgaria

Region	Animal population			Clinical examinations		
	Farms, n	sheep, n	goat, n	Farms, n	sheep, n	goat, n
Burgas	124	9518	1981	51	1234	378
Haskovo	83	9060	1936	77	1479	381
Yambol	162	9848	1634	233	5036	757

- Restriction zone and measures according to the CID (EU) 2023/2067 shall apply until 30.11.2023 if no new Sheep pox outbreak is confirmed.

ACTIONS AND FURTHER MEASURES

- **T.H.R.A.C.E.** and **TADs** programmes – risk based surveillance of FMD, SGP, PPR, LSD:
 - Clinical examination on monthly basis;
 - Serological surveillance every 3 months (small ruminants);
 - Target 5% prevalence (LC 95%)
 - LSD vaccination



ACTIONS AND FURTHER MEASURES

- Amendment of the TADs programme - LSD vaccination strategy

2023- 2024

Partial vaccination :

- vaccination of calves of vaccination age according to the vaccine manufacturer's instructions, unvaccinated large ruminants imported to holdings from other Member States/third countries;
- vaccination of bovine located in the areas bordering Turkey, in an unfavorable epizootic situation in Turkey;



2023 - Blanket vaccination - entire bovine population

2024 -Ceasing of the LSD vaccination



Thank you for you attention

