



Webinar

PPR in Europe – emergency preparedness and response

With a yearly socio-economic impact of USD 2.1 billion, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) threatens about 80 percent of the global 2.7 billion small ruminant population and is endemic in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. The [PPR Global Control and Eradication Strategy](#) (PPR GCES) was approved by FAO and WOAHA in 2015 under the umbrella of the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GFTAD). Since 2017, the PPR GCES is operationalized through the [PPR Global Eradication Program](#) (PPR GEP) targeting the global eradication by 2030. The program is coordinated by the PPR GEP Secretariat. Up until recently the European Union (EU) has been free of PPR. However, over the last 2 months, PPR was reported for the first time in Greece and Romania.

Emergency preparedness for **early detection** of the occurrence of the disease and a **quick and effective response** are essential to mitigate the impact of PPR.

Therefore, the EuFMD¹ and PPR GEP Secretariats are co-hosting a webinar on the **11th of September for EuFMD Member Nations** to provide information and allow discussion on the current situation in Europe, looking at the experiences of affected countries and at coordination mechanisms to support early warning, preparedness and control.

The aim of this meeting is to improve the **knowledge and capacity for early detection and rapid response** of contingency planners, veterinarians and animal health experts in the EuFMD Member Nations. The discussion will focus particularly on PPR recognition, diagnosis and genetic analysis of PPR virus.

The **online meeting is open to** disease control and animal health experts, private veterinarians, livestock production specialists, epidemiologists from private and public sector institutions across the EuFMD MNs and you are welcome to share the link with other colleagues.

To participate to the event please register in the following link:

https://fao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LxJgSk1xSRmMnPEi6P4wVA

The webinar will be delivered in English.

¹ [The European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(EuFMD\) | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations \(fao.org\)](#)



Draft Agenda

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11 September 2024		
Time CEST	Topics	Lead
13:00-13:10	Opening of the meeting	EuFMD and PPR GEP Secretariats
13:10 -13:30	Peste des Petits Ruminants: State of affairs and recent events in South East Europe.	Olivier Kwiatek - Deputy head of the EuRL-PPR
13.30 -13-50	Rapid diagnosis of PPR in the field and laboratory confirmation	William Dundon - FAO/IAEA Centre
13:50 -14.00	Global eradication program	Simon Kihu PPR GEP Secretariat
14.00 -14.10	Recent experience with the PPR epidemic in Greece - clinical signs and epidemiological situation	Mary Gianniou - Head of Animal Health Directorate (Greece)
14.10 - 14:20	Recent experience with the PPR epidemic in Romania - clinical signs and epidemiological situation	Cristian Siposean - Head of Service in the Animal Health Department (Romania)
14.20 – 14:30	Past experience from South-Eastern Europe - Bulgaria	Tsviatko Alexandrov - EuFMD
14.30 – 14.40	Past and recent PPR experiences from Georgia	Tengiz Chaligava
14:40 -14:55	Q/A	EuFMD
14:55-15.00	Closing	EuFMD and PPR GEP Secretariats