



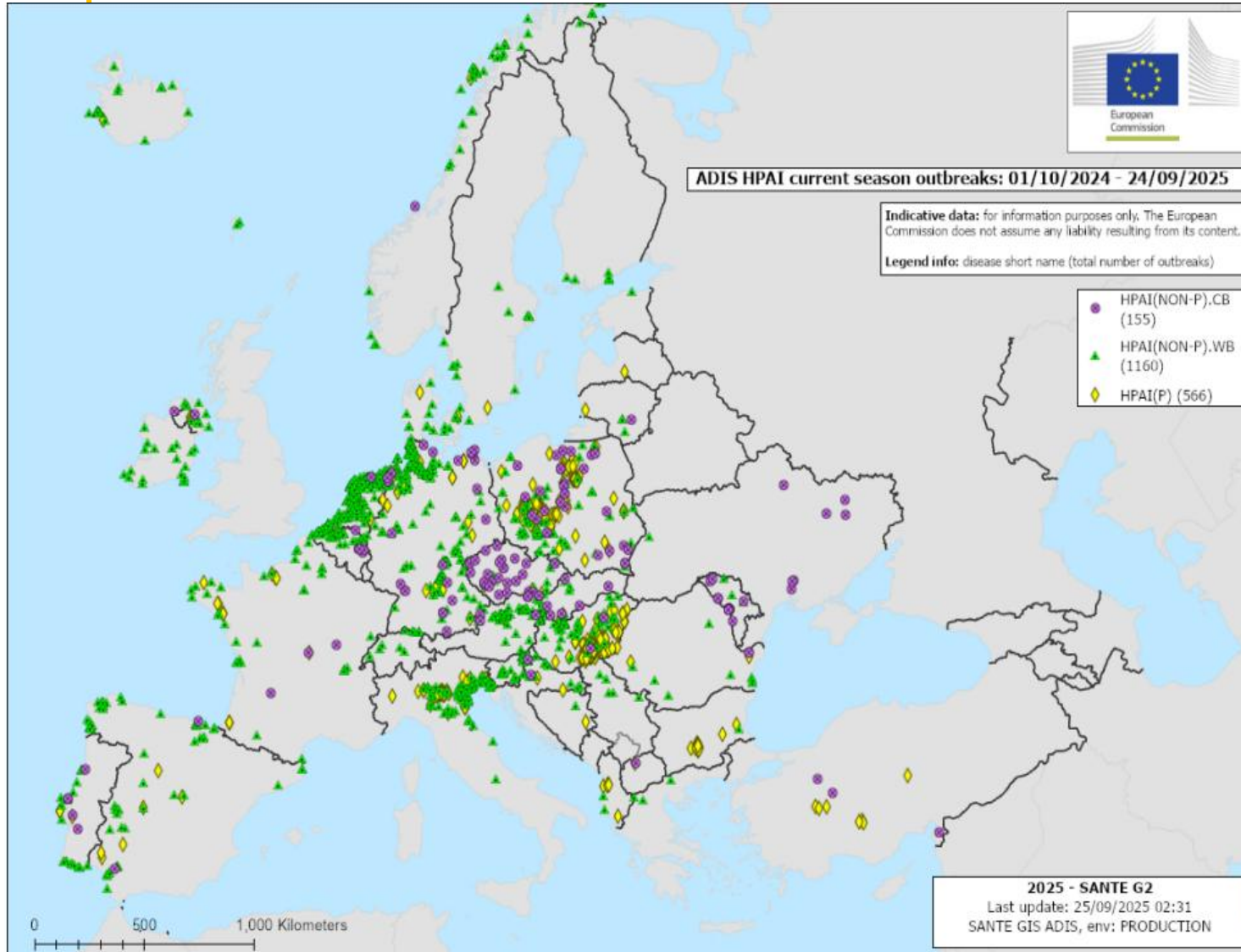
HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA NEWCASTLE DISEASE

Updates on disease situation

CDG Poultry and Eggs
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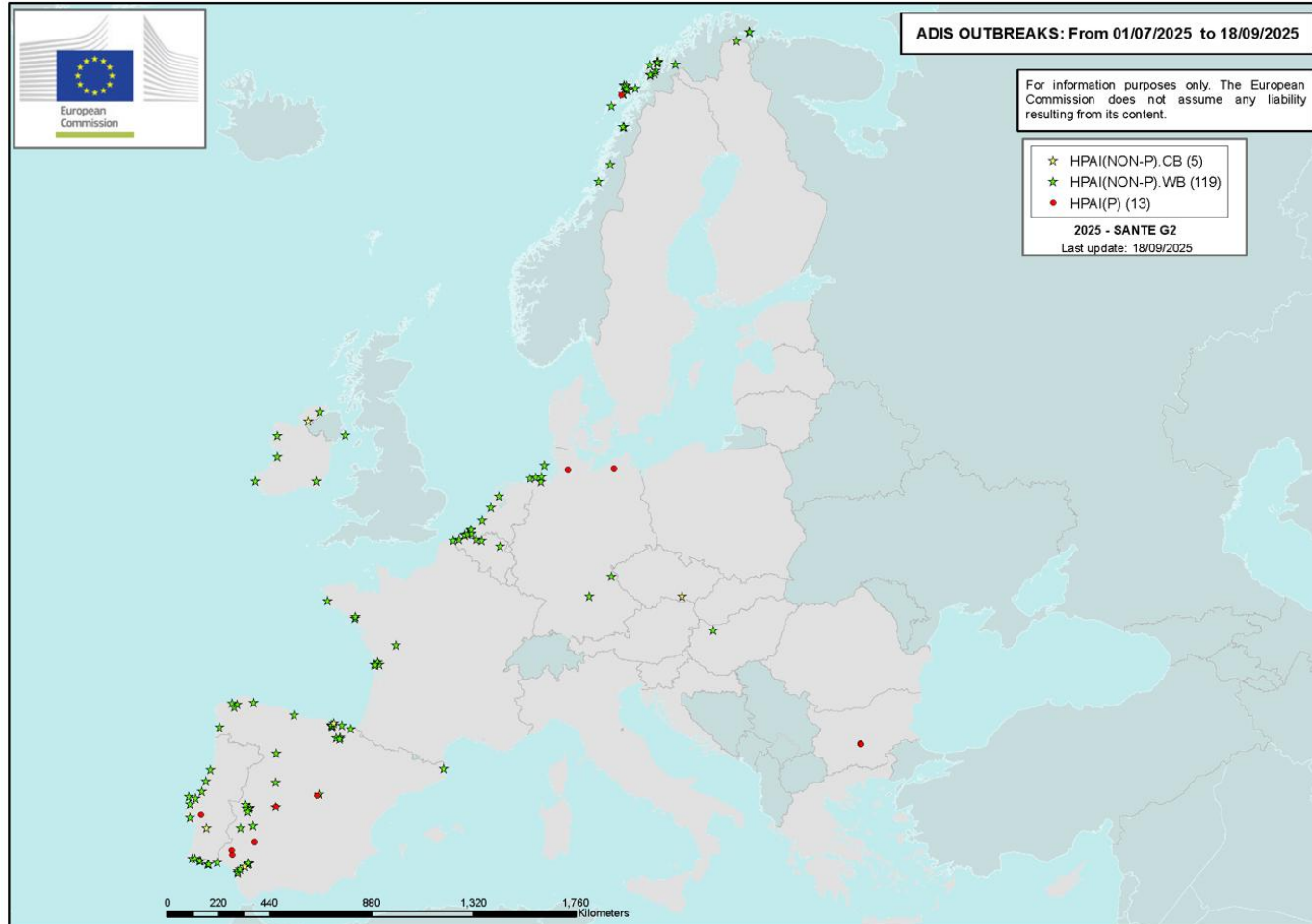
HPAI situation in 2024-2025 epidemic season



EU Member States:

- **1052 outbreaks in wild birds** in 23 Member States
- **549 outbreaks in poultry** confirmed in 19 Member States
- **23.2 million poultry** in the outbreak establishments (dead or culled)
- **in certain areas, clusters of outbreaks** involving ducks and turkeys

HPAI situation in Europe in summer 2025



- **119** outbreaks **in wild birds**
- **5** outbreaks **in captive birds**
- **13** outbreaks **in poultry** (mainly turkeys and ducks)
- predominant in **W and S-W** of Europe
- **more than 75%** of detections in wild birds **concerned colony-breeding seabirds**, particularly European herring gulls

Summary of HPAI epidemic seasons in figures

2021-2022:

the **most severe HPAI epidemic** season ever experienced by EU

2022-2023:

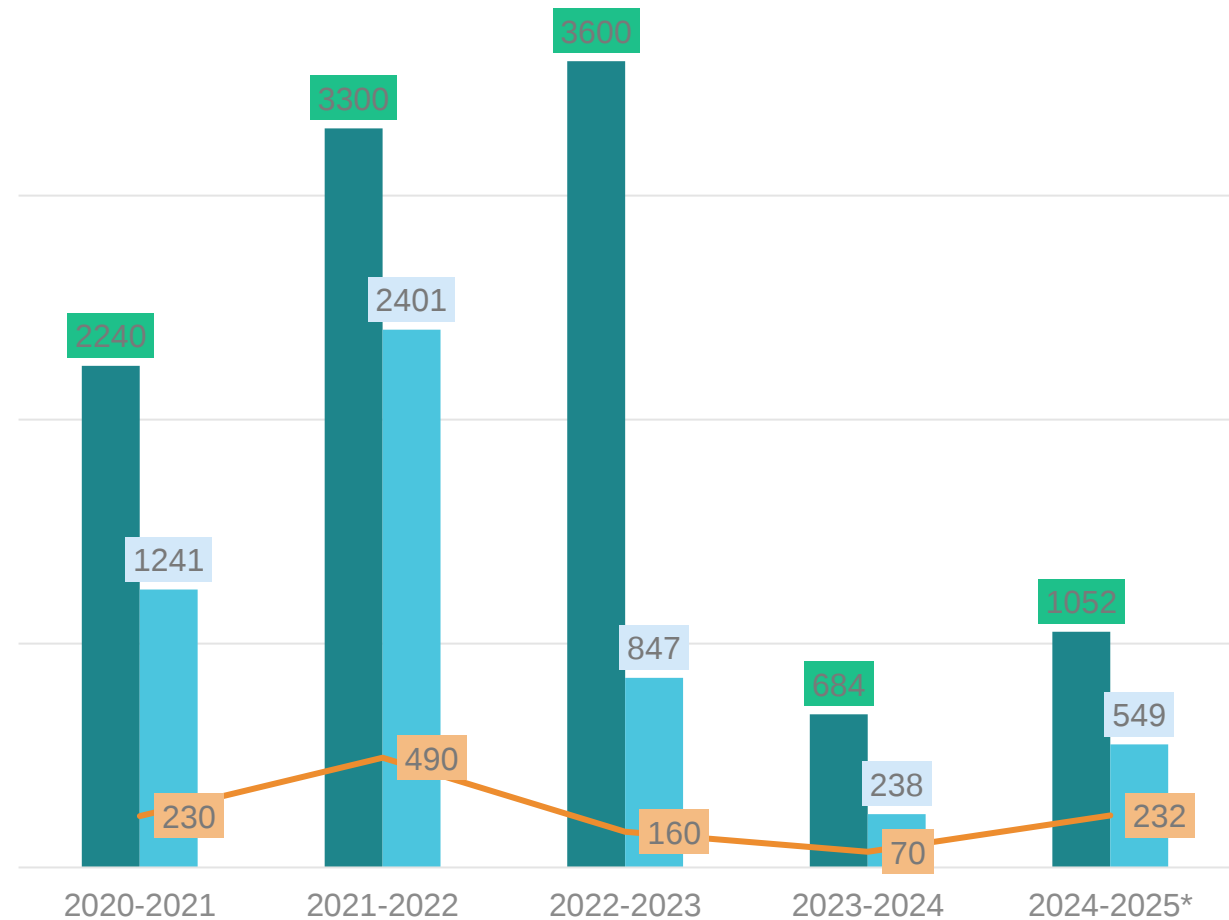
even with **higher number** of outbreaks in **wild birds**, **less poultry outbreaks** (improved biosecurity and preventive measures e.g. reduced density in high risk areas)

2023 – 2024:

the **least severe epidemic season** since 2020
Start **preventive vaccination** of poultry (**ducks**) in **France**

2024 – 2025:

Earlier start of season, **more outbreaks** than **previous season**. **Vaccination of ducks in France continues**



Wild birds

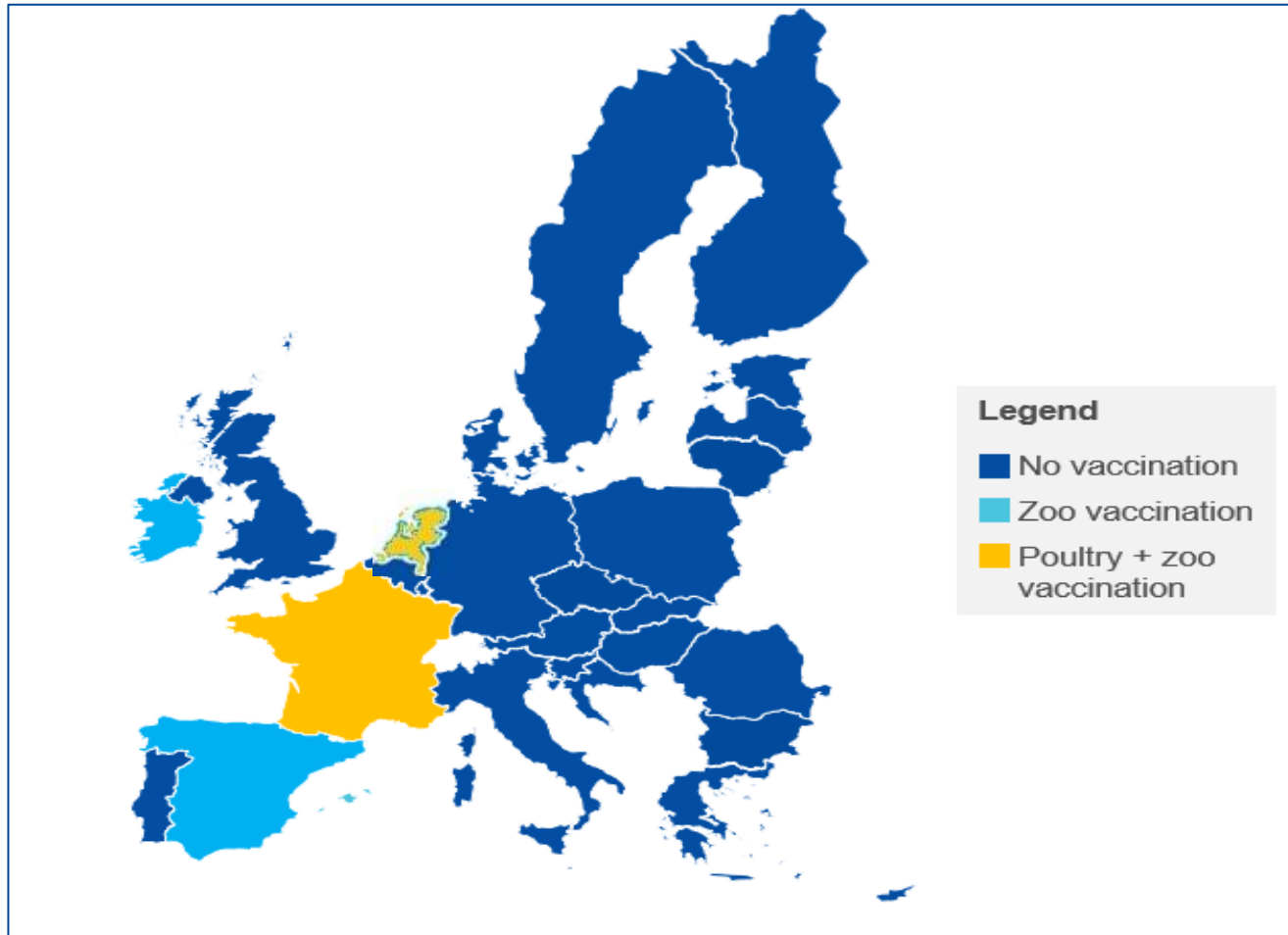
Poultry outbreaks

Poultry affected (100 thousands)

* Up to 24 September 2025

Vaccination against HPAI in EU

Preventive vaccination in the EU



Results of poultry vaccination in France



HPAI vaccination in poultry

France



Strategy

- Preventive vaccination

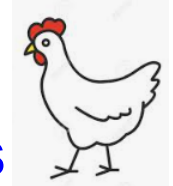
Species

- Ducks for meat/foie gras production (Barbarie, mulard and Pékin)

Period

- Started 1 October 2023, extended twice for one year, until end September 2026

the Netherlands



Strategy

- Small scale **pilot** preventive vaccination
- one participating establishment

Species

- Laying hens

Period

- Started 10 March 2025

Newcastle disease situation in the EU in 2024-2025



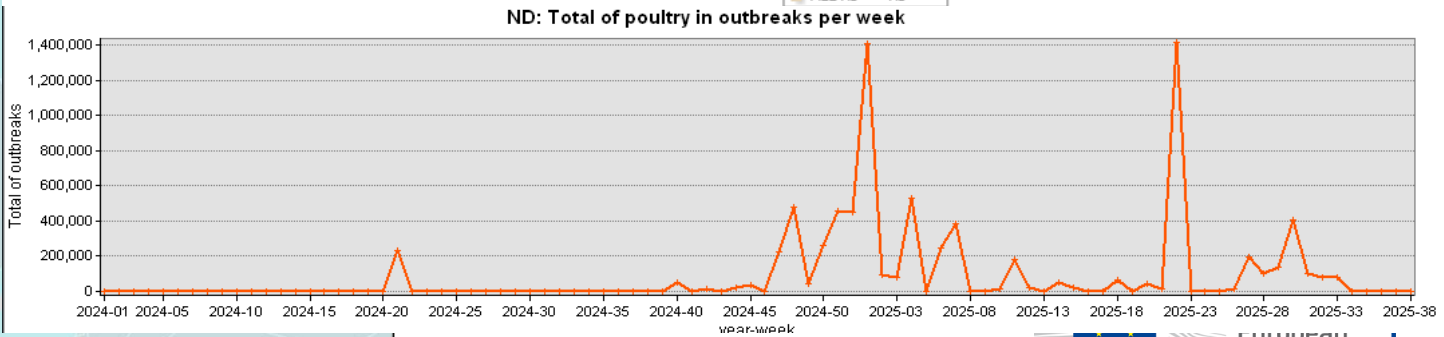
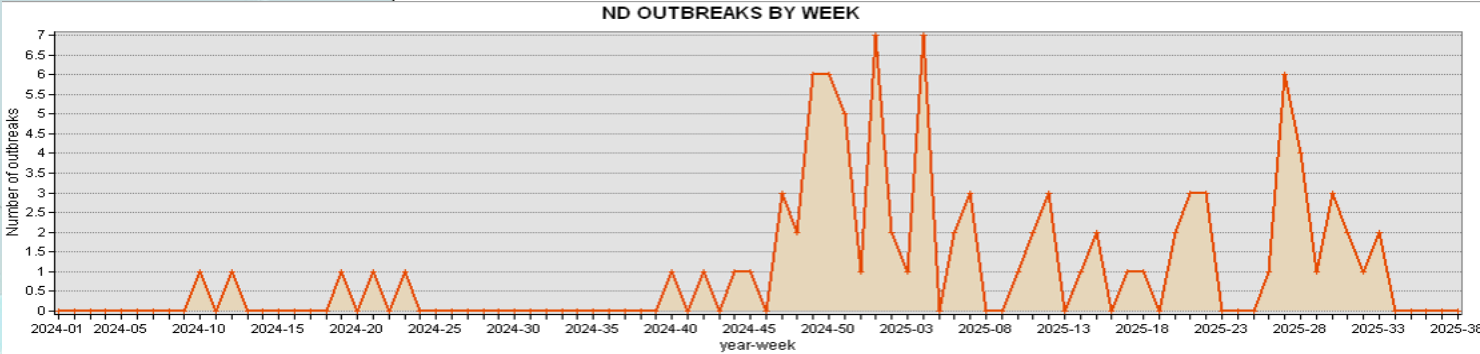
ADIS OUTBREAKS: From 01/01/2024 to 26/09/2025

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Legend
• Newcastle disease in 2024
• Newcastle disease in 2025

2025 - Sante G2
Last update: 26/09/2025

	2024	2025
Number of outbreaks	37	51
Affected poultry (million)	3,3	4.7



Why “old good habits” are forgotten



Essentials

- No mix species in one establishment
- “All in all out” principle

Biosecurity

Weakening/risky practices seen in farms/areas with severe epidemics in poultry

- Commercial farms with multiple species in one establishment
- Thinning practices for turkeys and broilers
- Palmipedes movements for gavage

Facts

- Routine vaccination against ND not under the scope of DR 2023/361
- Effective and unexpensive vaccines for ND vaccination are available
- ND vaccination historically proved to be an effective preventive tool

ND vaccination

Threats

- Some Member States/ farms do not use ND vaccination as routine preventive tool
- ND outbreaks reemerged in certain MS after decades, with huge economic consequences

New: Compartments for HPAI and ND in the EU

based on AHL (Art. 37) + Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/2623

General rules:

- Member States **may** apply for recognition of disease-free status of compartments, if:
- **introduction** of the disease **can be effectively prevented** at compartment level
- compartment is subject to a **single common biosecurity management** system for all establishments forming part of it
- has been **approved by the Competent Authority**

Specific rules:

- Compartments possible **for HPAI and ND**
- Compartment status based on higher level of **biosecurity management and surveillance plans** developed and implemented by operators, and verified and approved by Competent Authorities
- **not an alternative to regionalization/zoning**, but a voluntary mechanism, complementing it
- **not a replacement** but an addition **to compulsory biosecurity (higher level)** according to EU and national legislations

Thank you