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on behalf of the European Commission
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Certain costs incurred in carrying out veterinary emergency measures taken to address sheep pox and goat pox (SGP), like compensation to owners for the animals culled, may be eligible for EU co-funding, at a maximum rate of 30% (Regulation 2021/690¹ and Implementing Decision C(2023) 8926², Annex 3³ thereof).

EU financial support is provided for SGP surveillance, in risk areas, through the Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) programmes (Bulgaria and Greece) and the Transboundary High Risk Area Coordinated Epidemio-surveillance (T.H.R.A.C.E.) programme (Bulgaria, Greece, Türkiye).

Harmonised EU measures for SGP are set out i.a. in Regulation 2020/687⁴ and Implementing Decisions 2024/2207⁵ (Greece), 2025/1160⁶ (Bulgaria) and 2025/1406⁷ (Romania). Imports of animals from third countries into the Union are strictly regulated at EU level.

The Commission communicates regularly on SGP with all affected Member States, and offers technical support via the EU reference laboratory for SGP and visits of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team (Greece, May 2025). Member States are updated through meetings of the Standing Committee for Plants, Animals, Food and Feed. The EU SGP vaccine bank can ship up to 500 000 doses of vaccines free of charge (no request received to date).

Support might be provided under the Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan 2023-2027 (CSP)⁸ for investments aiming at the restoration of agricultural potential following catastrophic events. It is up to the Managing Authority to allocate funding to such interventions.

Besides basic income support and coupled income support, transhumance livestock farming benefits from a targeted eco-scheme under the Greek CSP called 'Environmental management of livestock systems'⁹.

¹ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/690/oj>.

² https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6150e32-3fa5-4276-923b-a36faf4fec1e_en?filename=C_2023_8926_F1_COMMISSION_IMPLEMENTING_DECISION_EN_V3_P1_3119489.PDF.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/c69d5f53-6966-420f-8628-7ff84bf91646_en?filename=C_2023_8926_F1_ANNEX_EN_V2_P1_3132789.PDF.

⁴ http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj.

⁵ http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2207/oj.

⁶ http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/1160/oj.

⁷ http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/1406/oj.

⁸ <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/category/sskap-2023-2027/sskap-egkrisi-tropopoiiseis/>.

⁹ <https://search.et.gr/el/fek/?fekId=583031>.