

Foot and Mouth Disease – Outbreaks in Europe since 2025

Timeline of key events since 10 January 2025

10 January 2025

Germany confirmed its first case of Foot and Mouth Disease in a herd of water buffalo in Brandenburg, marking its first case in almost 37 years.

No further cases were confirmed, and Germany regained its “Foot and Mouth Disease-free without vaccination” status on 14 April 2025.



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6 March 2025

Hungary confirmed Foot and Mouth Disease in a cattle herd in Kisbajcs, Győr-Ménfőcsanak District.

A DAERA press release can be found [here](#).



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21 March 2025

Slovakia confirmed Foot and Mouth Disease in three cattle herds close to the Slovak-Hungarian border.

All measures required were implemented including the establishment of a 3km protection zone and a 10km surveillance zone which extended into Hungary.

Preventive culling of susceptible animals within the 3km protection zone was completed and vaccination to cull was deployed as a control measure.



26 March 2025

A fourth premises in Slovakia, inside one of the restricted zones established around an infected premises confirmed the presence of Foot and Mouth Disease.

In addition, Hungary confirmed a further outbreak of FMD since the case they confirmed on 6 March 2025.



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31 March 2025

A fifth case of Foot and Mouth Disease was confirmed in Slovakia, close to the Austrian border.



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2 April 2025

Two further cases of Foot and Mouth Disease was confirmed on cattle farms in Hungary. This brought the number to four in the country and all outbreaks were concentrated in the Győr-Moson-Sopron region.

Neighbouring Austria and the Czech Republic both introduced measures to prevent the spread of the disease.



A Further Restricted Zone (FRZ) was also declared around the PZs and SZs that fell in Austria, Hungary and Slovakia.



4 April 2025

A sixth outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease was confirmed in a beef cattle establishment in the district of Dunajská Streda, Trnavsky region (Slovakia) in proximity with the border with Hungary.



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18 April 2025

A further case of Foot and Mouth Disease was confirmed on a cattle farm in the Győr-Moson-Sopron region of Hungary. This brought the number of confirmed cases to five in the country.

Restriction zones were established around the outbreak to control the spread of disease.



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September/October 2025

No further cases were confirmed, and Hungary regained its “Foot and Mouth Disease-free without vaccination” status on 10 September 2025.

Slovakia regained its “Foot and Mouth Disease-free without vaccination” status on 31 October 2025.



20 February 2026

Foot and Mouth Disease has been confirmed in three premises near Larnaca in the government-controlled south of Cyprus.

This follows confirmation of two outbreaks in the Turkish-controlled north of the island in December 2025.



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17 March 2026

Greece confirmed an outbreak of FMD in Pelopi, on the island of Lesbos. The last FMD outbreaks reported from Greece were in 2000 (serotype Asia 1) and from the island of Lesbos in 1994 (serotype O).

The total number of outbreaks in the Republic of Cyprus is now at 40, with media reports noting spread of disease on the island.



17 April 2026

Cyprus has confirmed a further 46 outbreaks of FMD serotype SAT1, bringing the total number of outbreaks to 85. This includes the first outbreak of FMD SAT1 in swine on the island, where infection occurred in a herd of 4,000 domestic pigs in Nicosia.

21 more outbreaks of FMD have been reported on the Island of Lesbos, bringing the total number of outbreaks to 22.



23 May 2026

There have been an additional 23 outbreaks of FMD serotype SAT1 in Cyprus, including one approximately 70km away from the nearest outbreaks previously reported, and is the first outbreak in the Limassol District.

Greece has reported an additional 55 outbreaks with further spread across Lesvos onto the eastern side of the island.



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13 July 2026

The Republic of Cyprus has reported an additional 4 outbreaks, bringing the total to 121. The situation in Cyprus appears to be improving, with a reducing number of reported outbreaks compared to previous updates.

Greece has reported an additional 55 outbreaks of FMD serotype SAT1, bringing the total to 139. While outbreaks remain contained to the island of Lesbos, they have now spread to the eastern half of the island.



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