



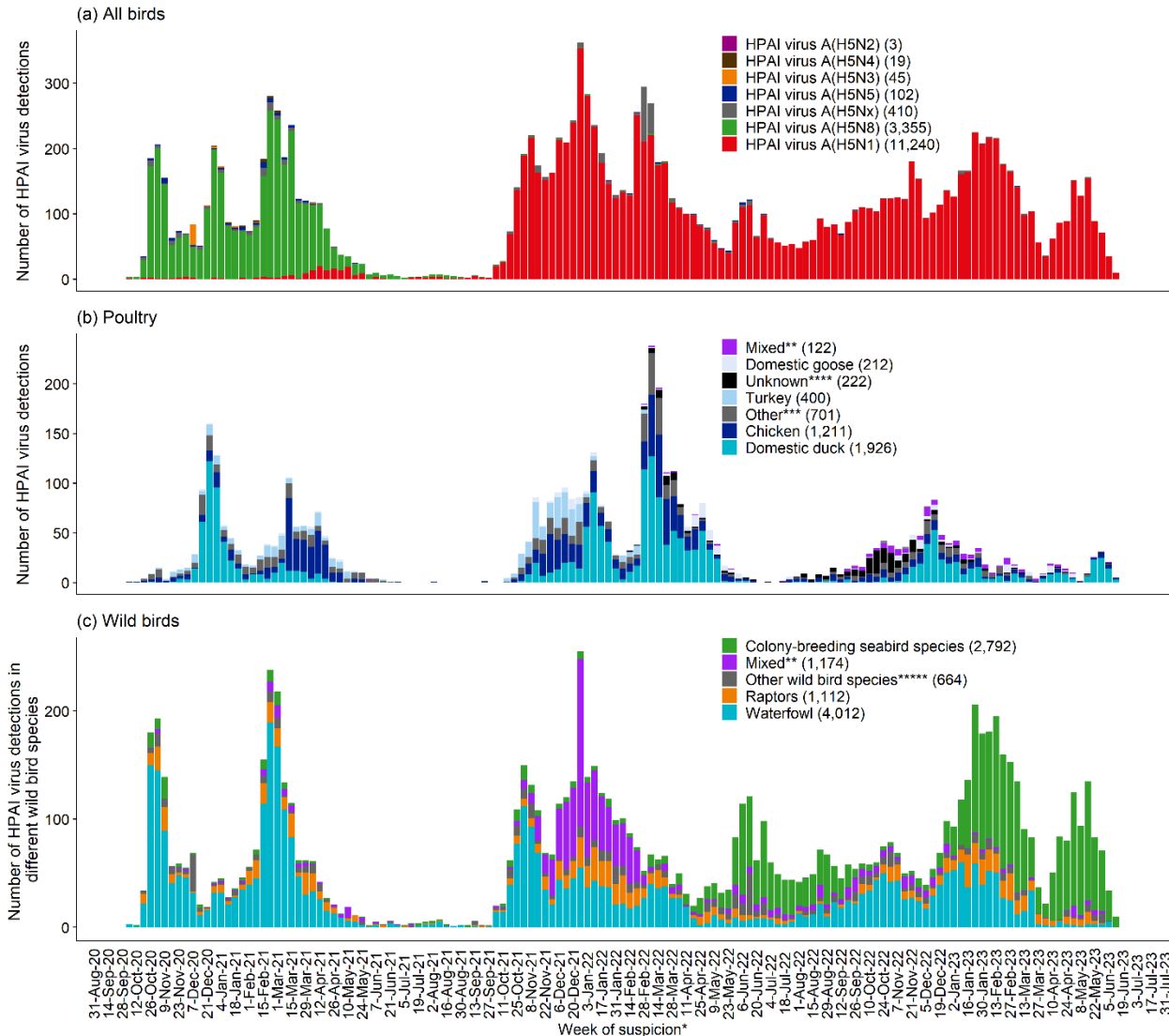
WEBINARS ON INCREASING PREPAREDNESS FOR HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN EUROPE



Upcoming call for active surveillance in wild birds

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Rationale for this call

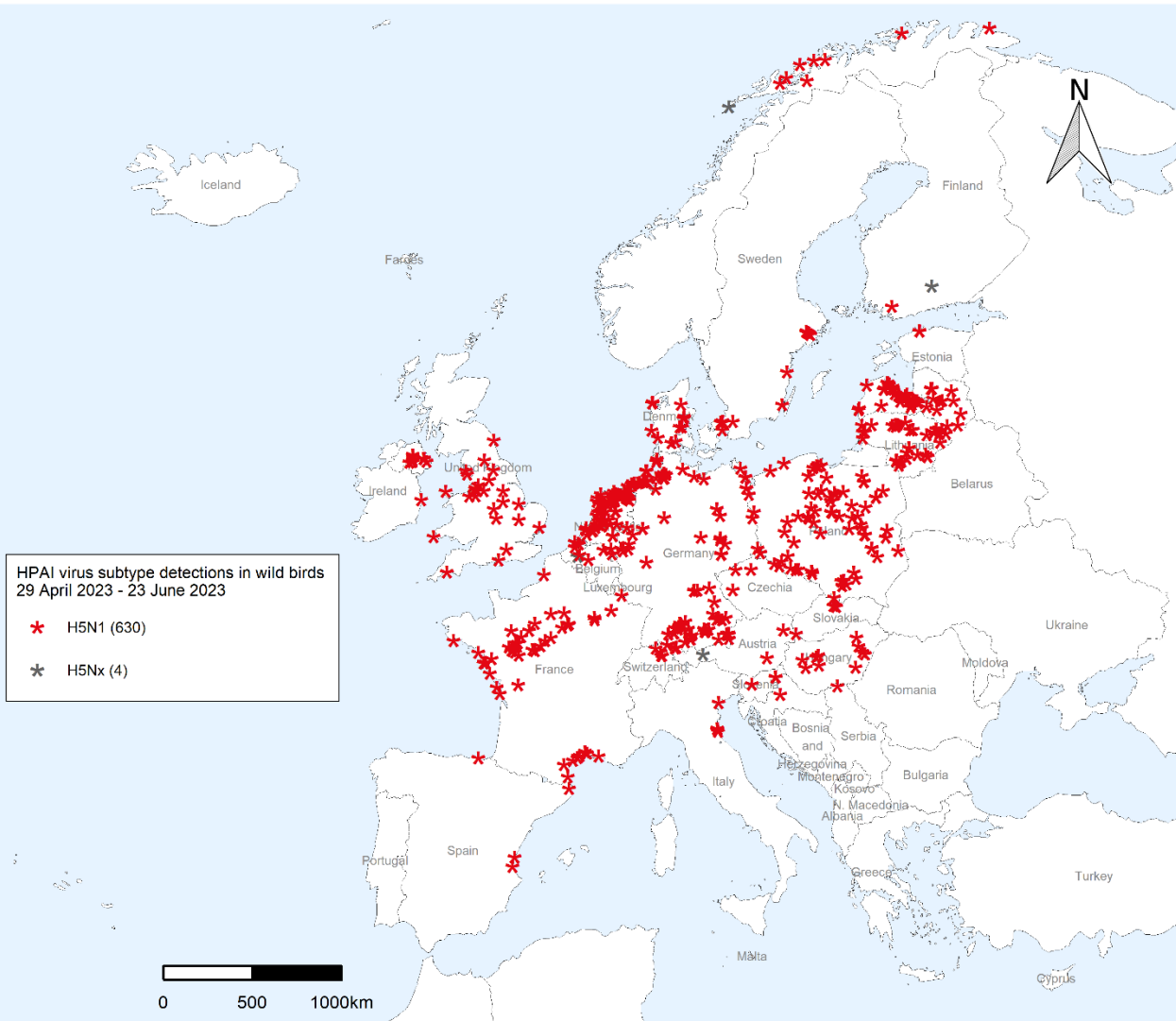
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Complementing already existing surveillance efforts in the EU



Research activities

Voluntary

Wild birds trapped/hunted without clinical signs

Sentinel wild birds

Legally required

Wild birds found dead, injured or sick/hunted with clinical signs



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Background

- Extensive analysis of data available from Europe and worldwide in combination with pilot studies in Ukraine and Georgia
 - Target **hosts**, **locations** and **times of the year** for active surveillance
 - **Rapid** detection and identification of avian influenza viruses
 - **Early warning** system
- Main conclusions:
 - Sampling site selection should be informed by ornithological and virological data
 - Operational flexibility in terms of hosts, sample matrices and times of the year should be guaranteed

EXTERNAL SCIENTIFIC REPORT

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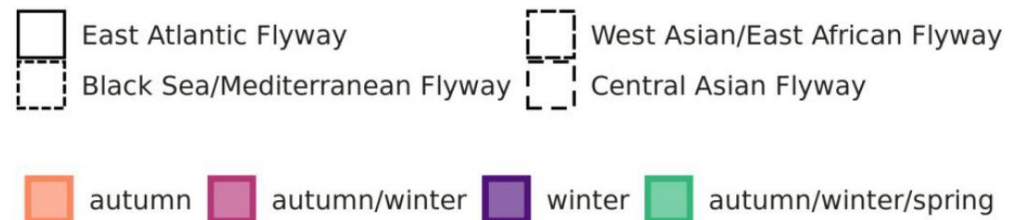
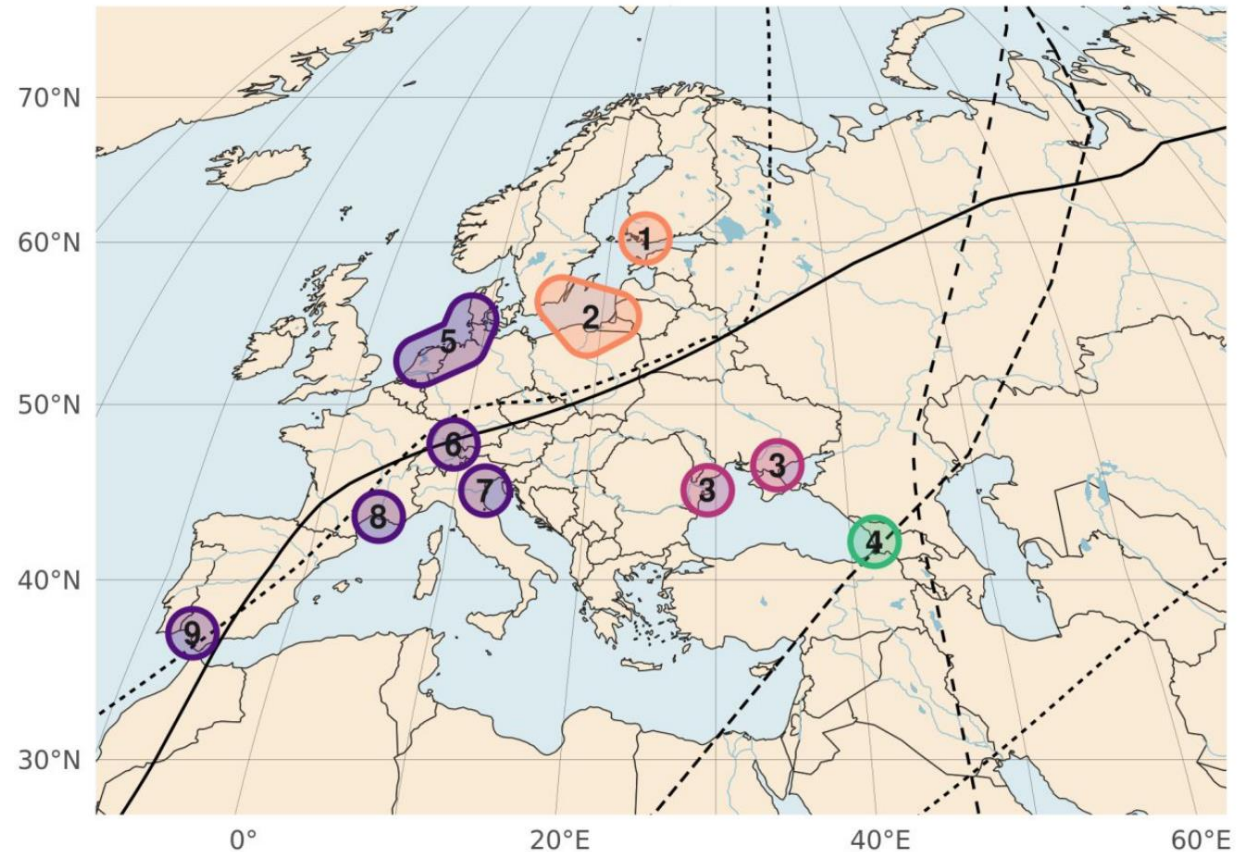


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Scope

- Aims:
 - Establishment of a coordinated **network of surveillance nodes** across Europe
 - Building **capacities** and **long-term partnerships** for active wild bird surveillance of HPAI in those locations
 - Getting a fuller picture
 - **Preparedness** and **early warning**

- **9 surveillance nodes** (geographic locations to be covered)



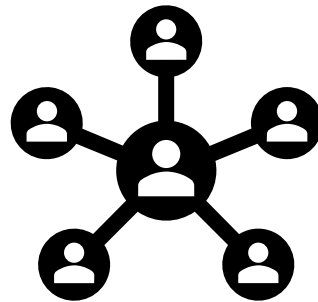
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Tasks

- **Establishment** and **maintenance** of **infrastructure** (e.g. wild bird traps, transport vehicles) and **capacities** (e.g. manpower, laboratory benches, IT systems)
- Active **participation** in the **network** (e.g. training, annual meetings)
- Following a harmonised **sampling plan** and **data collection/sharing** framework developed together with the central coordinating body



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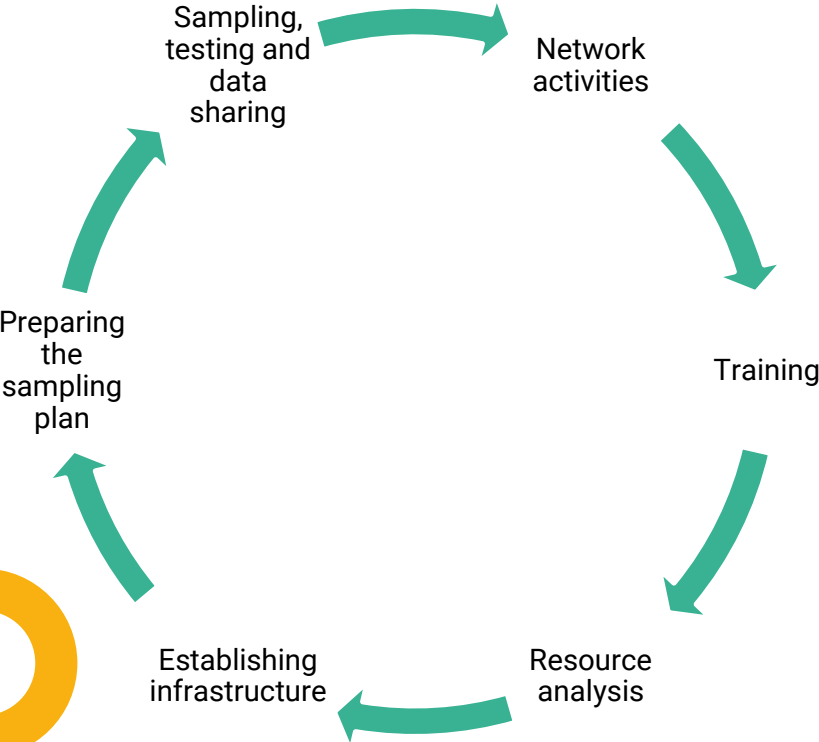
- Evaluating the established surveillance node by sampling and testing according to the developed sampling plan (hosts, sampling volumes, times of the year)
 - **Field work** (i.e. trapping/hunting and sampling wild birds)
 - **Screening** for HPAI by rapid diagnostic methods (e.g. PCR)
 - **Whole genome sequencing**
- Real-time **data collection, collation** and **submission** to the central coordination body
- Keeping national authorities involved and/or informed



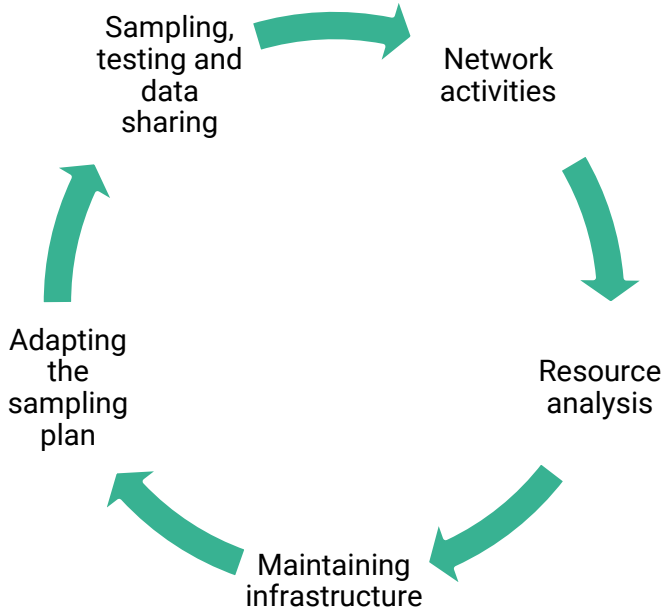
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Timeline

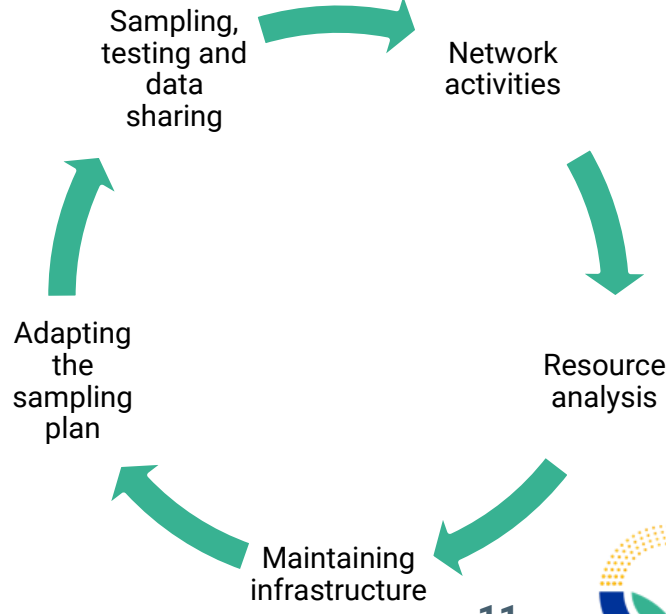
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



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Coordination by EFSA's experts

- Management of network exchange and communication
- Organisation of annual network meetings
- **Training** and **guidance**
- Support in preparing **sampling plans**
- **Harmonisation** of sampling, testing and data collection across all surveillance nodes
- **Interpretation** and **communication** of **surveillance results**
- Regular **publication** of outputs on an open-access online platform



WEBINAR 1: CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Call expected to be launched at the beginning of **November 2023** as a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) divided into 9 Lots



Overall estimated budget: **EUR 2 million**
Finance Not Linked to Costs: no need to justify incurred costs



Time to prepare proposals: **~12-14 weeks**
Aim to start activities in **April/May 2024**



Applications in **consortium** from several Art. 36 organisations advisable for some Lots involving more than one country



Estimated FPA duration: **36 months**

Only **Art. 36 organisations** can apply as partners – full list [here](#)



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Use of EU Funding & Tender Opportunities portal



N.B.: any organisation can access the portal and its “Partner search announcement” section, but remember **that only Art. 36 organisations** (full list [here](#)) can apply to this call as partners (other organisations can be involved as subcontractors for non-core tasks).



Launched on the EU Funding and Tender Opportunities portal.



Hard copy paper applications will **not be accepted**. Only electronic applications using the EU Funding and Tender Opportunities portal will be accepted.



The EU Funding and Tender Opportunities portal includes a feature allowing for the search of partners.



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Next steps



Start considering partners to be involved in your area for this call for proposals



Launch of the call in **November 2023**



The call will be published on EFSA's website and on the EU Funding and Tender Opportunities portal



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