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of the EPPO Network of experts working
on surveillance, monitoring, and control
of the Emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*

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A note of 15 July 2026

Dear members of the Network of experts working on surveillance, monitoring, and control of the Emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*,

Important information that became available after the release of the July issue of the Newsletter:

On 13 July 2026, the **NPPO of Slovakia** informed the European Commission and other Member States that 18 adults of *A. planipennis* had been found in a pheromone funnel trap on an ash tree (*Fraxinus* sp.) in district of Trebišov, region of Košice, **Eastern Slovakia**, close to the borders with Ukraine and Hungary. The accredited laboratory (Central Controlling and Testing Institute in Agriculture) identified the pest using stereomicroscopy. A sample (4 adults) was sent to the European Union Reference Laboratory in France for confirmation.

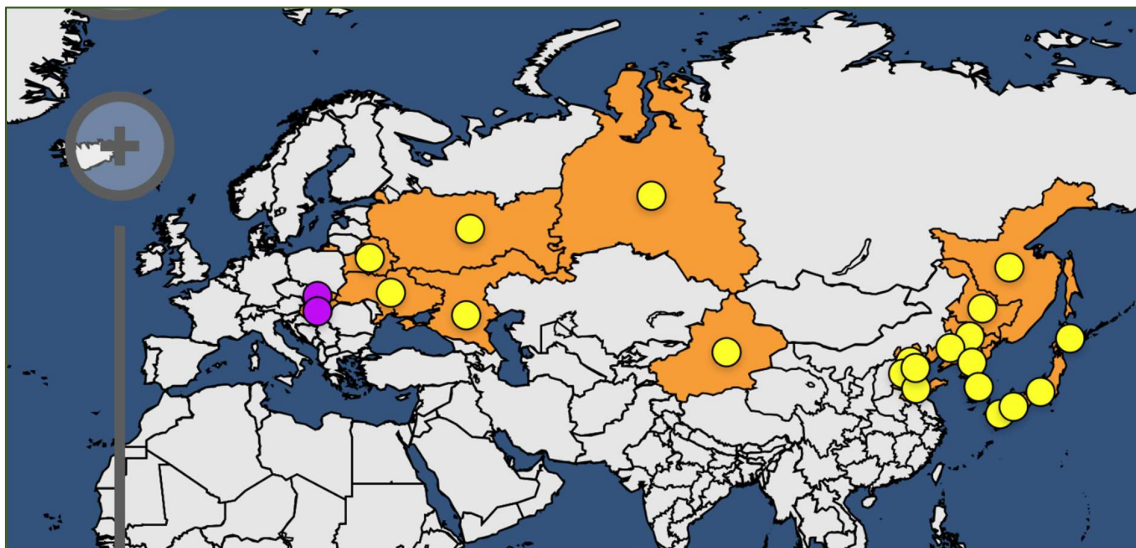
This is the second report of this pest in the European Union after the finding in Hungary in June 2026. In the EPPO region, *A. planipennis* was first reported in the European part of the Russian Federation in 2007, in Ukraine in 2019, and in Belarus in 2025.

Phytosanitary measures are implemented. Awareness raising activities are also conducted.

The pest status of *A. planipennis* in Slovakia is officially declared as: Transient.

Source: NPPO of Slovakia (2026-07); <https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/AGRLPL/distribution/SK>

The current distribution of *A. planipennis* in the EPPO Global Database:



Further details will be published in the EPPO Reporting Service in late July. It is also expected that this information will be updated in the next issue of the Newsletter in late 2026.