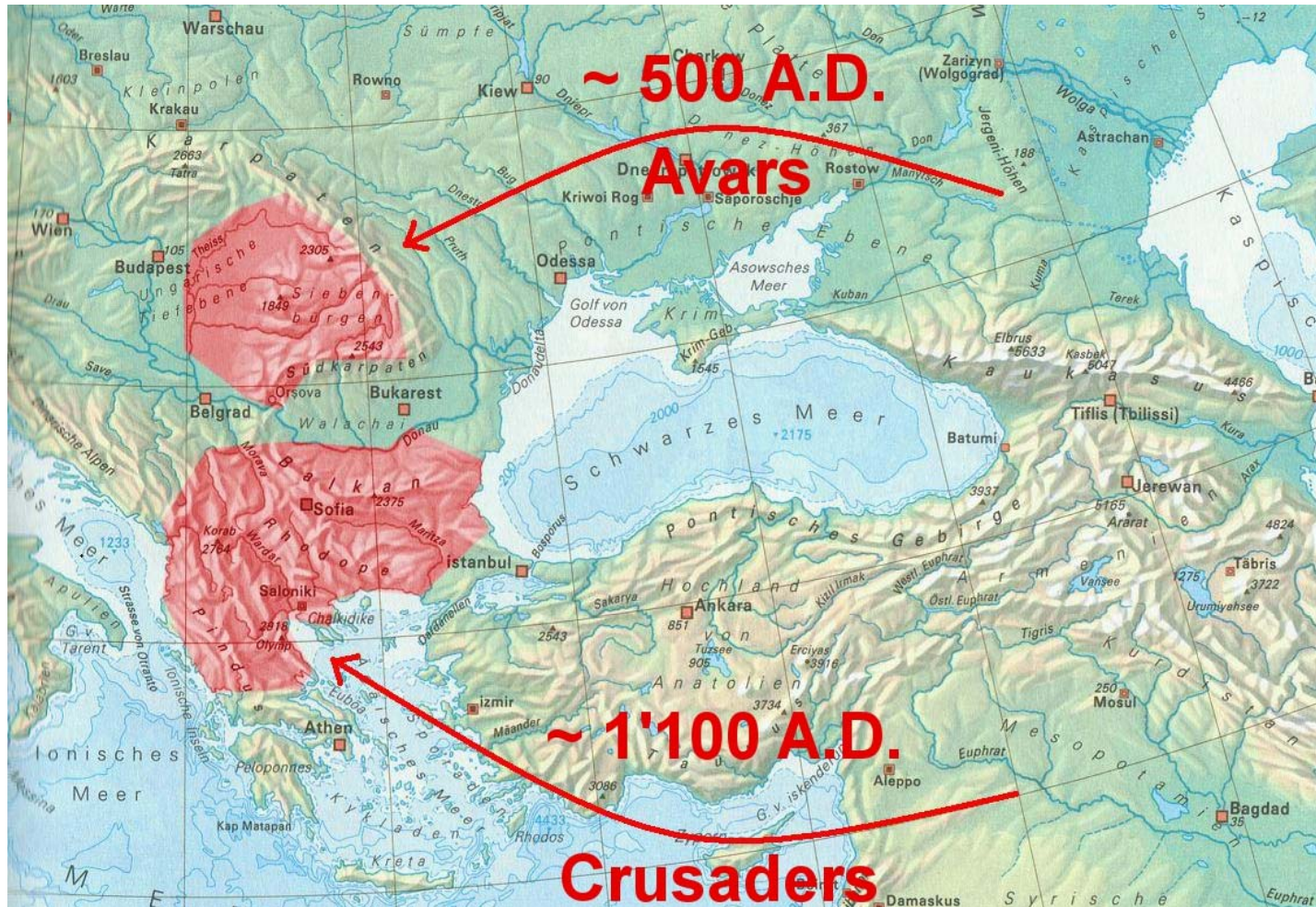


# Where did the Buffalo come from?



(simplified drawing)



## Avars and Lombards

- Brought the Lombards buffalo from the neighbouring Avars when moving to Italy? Or were the buffalo brought by the Crusaders?
- Only DNA analysis may give an answer on the relationship between European buffalo populations!

# Buffalo populations in SE-Europe



- The „Carpathian buffalo“ consisting of
  - Transylvanian buffalo (2 different types)
  - Transcarpathian buffalo
  - Pannonian or Danube buffalo
- The „Balkans buffalo“ (as part of the „Mediterranean“)
  - Greek buffalo (and buffalo from FYROM)
  - Albanian/Western Balkan (interesting isolation!)
  - Bulgarian buffalo (pure extinct, only Murrah-crosses)

=> to discuss and verify