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EpiSouth Events

The added value of the Early Warning and Epidemic Intelligence in the network was presented at the "1er Forum International Veille Sanitaire et Réponse en Territoires Insulaires", La Réunion, France , 11 -13 June 2013

[Agenda and presentation](#)

Site visit to Italy, Malta and Jordan in the context of the WP7-IHR National Situation analysis

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EpiSouth Documents

The updated directory of the laboratories participating in the Mediterranean Regional Laboratory Network (MRLN) is available on-line

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A thematic note on West Nile virus circulation in EpiSouth countries and neighbouring areas (2010, 2011 and 2012 seasons) is available on-line.

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EpiSouth Activities

The WP4 Laboratory Training on West Nile and Biosafety II was held in Madrid, Spain, on 24-28 June 2013

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Training materials from the WP5 Second Workshop on Public Health Preparedness and Response & Training Session on Risk Assessment (Madrid, Spain, 4-8 March 2013)

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Training materials from the WP5 Training on Outbreak Investigation and Spatial Analysis of Surveillance Data (Belgrade, Serbia, 8-12 April and 20-24 May 2013)

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The EpiSouth Network

Starting as an EU project, the EpiSouth Network struggled to develop its Mediterranean vocation. From an initial involvement of 5 countries (Italy, Spain, France, Greece, and Bulgaria), it finally includes ALL the Mediterranean countries (27 countries from Southern Europe, Balkans, Middle East, and Northern Africa) and partners from collaborating institutions.

The EpiSouth Project has been closed in June 2010 but the network activities are continuing in 2010-2013 through the EU-funded Project called "EpiSouth Plus".

[Participating Countries and Institutions](#)

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Focus Topic

A WHO technical consultation on event-based surveillance (EBS) took place in Lyon, France on 19-21 March 2013.

In many countries, EBS remains poorly understood, incompletely structured and only partially implemented by lack of operational guidelines. The objective of the consultation was to initiate the development of a guidance document on EBS, and specifically to:

- Define the terms used for surveillance under IHR(2005)
- Identify the different functions addressed by EBS
- Propose procedures for the acquisition and maintenance of these functions

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