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EpiSouth Activities

[The First EpiSouth-Plus Project Meeting will be held in Rome, Italy on 5-7 December 2012.](#)

The WP7 Steering Team participated to the WHO Meeting in Lyon, France on 16-18 July 2012.

[Read the agenda](#)

The Laboratory Training on Dengue and Biosafety was held in Paris, France on 2-6 July 2012.

[Agenda](#)

Material from the training session on spatial analysis of surveillance data held in Madrid, Spain, on 1-2 March 2012.

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The EpiSouth Network has been presented in two EU DG-SANCO/EHAC publications.

[Publication 1](#) & [Publication 2](#)

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

The Cypriot Presidency Conference on Cross Border Health Threats in the EU and Neighbouring Countries was held in Nicosia, Cyprus on 5 July 2012. It aimed at the protection of EU citizens from cross border threats to health, not only within the EU but also its neighbouring countries, with focus on Communicable Diseases.

[Visit the conference web site](#)

[Speech mentioning EpiSouth](#)

[Presentation mentioning EpiSouth](#)

EpiSouth Events

Epidemic Intelligence activities were presented at the 15th International Congress on Infectious Diseases held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 13-16 June 2012.

[Poster 1](#) & [Poster 2](#)

The EpiSouth Mediterranean Regional Laboratory Network (MRLN) was presented at the 15th Annual Conference of the European BioSafety Association (EBSA) held in Manchester, UK, on 11-13 June 2012.

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EpiSouth Documents

Statistics concerning the access to the EpiSouth web-site in the second quarter of 2012 are available on-line.

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

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