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## EpiSouth-Plus

The new challenge of the EpiSouth Network for enhancing the Control of Public Health Threats in the Mediterranean Region and South-East Europe

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Problematiche sanitarie nei Paesi del Mediterraneo



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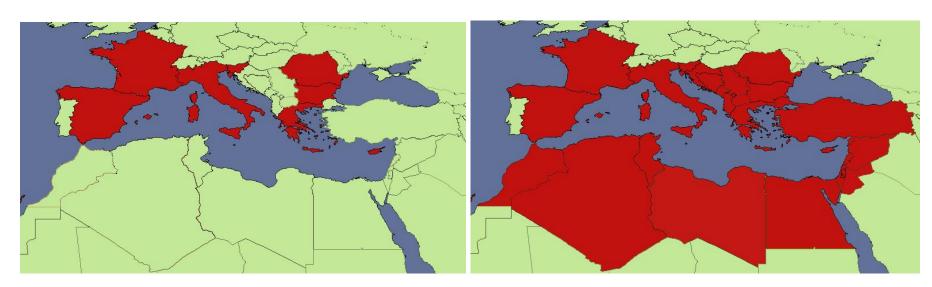


#### **Background**

- The EpiSouth network was established in 2006
- The network activities in 2006-2010 were funded by the EU DG-SANCO (EpiSouth Project) with the support of the Italian Ministry of Health (EpiMed Project)
- From the initial involvement of 9 EU-countries, the network was enlarged to include also 18 non-EU-countries
- A new phase of the network activities called "EpiSouth Plus" started in October 2010 with a funding partnership from the European Commission, the participatiing PHI and MOH, the Italian MOH and ECDC.



#### **Growth of the EpiSouth Network**



9 EU countries at the Project starting (October 2006)

27 countries as per December 2010 (9 EU countries, 17 non-EU countries and 1 acceding country)



#### **EpiSouth Activities (2006-2010)**

The network worked in the past four years to enhance communicable diseases surveillance in the Mediterranean region and South-East Europe

The network activities have focused on:

- Cross-border epidemic intelligence
- Vaccine preventable diseases and migrants
- Cross-border emerging zoonoses
- Training in field/applied epidemiology

More details are available at <a href="https://www.episouth.org">www.episouth.org</a>



### **Lessons Learnt (2006-2010)**

- The approach based on countries expectations and regional needs has facilitated interest in participation
- The methodology adopted with WP Steering Teams has enhanced co-ownership of participant countries
- The presence of international institutions (ECDC, EC, WHO-EURO, WHO-EMRO, WHO-HQ) has allowed <u>sharing</u> <u>views</u> while avoiding overlapping
- The web-based Network Working Area has provided a permanent communication tool and doc repository



### **Added Values (2006-2010)**

- Raised awareness on regional and countries <u>cross-border issues</u>
- Filled a <u>geographical area</u> with common public health problems that is not addressed, as a whole, neither by the European Union nor by WHO
- Succeeded in creating <u>trust</u>, <u>cohesion and concrete</u> <u>collaboration</u> among PH officers of 26 countries in the Mediterranean region and South-East Europe



#### **EpiSouth Plus (2010-2013)**

**Start:** 15 October 2010

**Duration:** 30 months

**Funding:** - EU DG-SANCO (EAHC)

- EU DG-EuropeAid (Instrument for Stability)

- EU Member States

- Non-EU countries

- Italian Ministry of Health

- ECDC



#### **EU Partners in EpiSouth Plus**

- 1. ITALY
- Institute of Health, Rome;
- Local Health Unit, Turin;
- General Hospital, Padua;
- National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Rome;
- CINECA, Bologna;
- 2. FRANCE
- Institute Pasteur, Paris;
- Institut de Veille Sanitaire,
   Saint Maurice Cedex
- SPAIN (Istituto de Salud Carlos III, Madrid);

- BULGARIA (National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Sofia);
- 5. CROATIA (Institute of Public Health) as acceding country
- 6. CYPRUS (Ministry of Health, Nicosia);
- 7. GREECE (Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Athens);
- 8. MALTA (Ministry of Health, Valletta);
- 9. ROMANIA (Institute of PH, Bucharest);
- 10.SLOVENIA (Institute of Public Health, Ljubljana);



#### Non-EU Partners in EpiSouth Plus

- 1. ALBANIA, Tirana (Institute of Public Health);
- 2. ALGERIA, Alger (National Institute of Public Health);
- 3. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA (Ministry of Civil Affairs, Sarajevo; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Banja Luka, Republic of Srpska; Public Health Institute, Mostar, Federation of B&H);
- 4. EGYPT, Cairo (Ministry of Health and Population);
- 5. FYROM-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Skopje (Institute for Health Protection; Clinic of Infectious Diseases);
- 6. ISRAEL (Center for Disease Control, Tel Hashomer; Ministry of Health, Jerusalem);
- 7. JORDAN, Amman (Ministry of Health);

- 8. KOSOVO UNSCR 1244, Prishtina (National Institute of Public Health);
- 9. LEBANON, Beirut (Ministry of Public Health);
- 10. LIBYA, Tripoli (Infectious Diseases Department Tripoli Central Hospital)
- 11. MONTENEGRO, Podgorica (Institute of Public Health);
- 12. MOROCCO, Rabat (Ministry of Health);
- 13. PALESTINE, Ramallah (Ministry of Health);
- 14. SERBIA, Belgrade (Institute of Public Health);
- 15. SYRIA, Damascus (Ministry of Health);
- 16. TUNISIA, Tunis (Ministry of Health);
- 17. TURKEY, Ankara (Ministry of Health; Refik Saydam National Hygiene Center)



# **EpiSouth Plus (2010-2013) General Objective**

To increase the health security in the Mediterranean area and South-East Europe by enhancing and strengthening the <u>preparedness to common health</u> threats and bio-security risks at national and regional levels in the countries of EpiSouth Network.



#### **EpiSouth Plus Project organisation**

- General Assembly (GA)
- Country Focal Points (CFP)
- WP Steering Team (WP-ST)
- WP co-leaders
- Project Steering Committee (SC)
- Advisory Board (AB)



#### **Areas of activities (Work Packages)**

Apart from the three horizontal WPs (i.e., coordination, dissemination and evaluation), the project is articulated in four core WPs.

- WP4: Mediterranean regional laboratories network
- WP5: Generic preparedness plan and risk management procedures
- WP6: Early warning system and cross-border epidemic intelligence
- WP7: Data and info collection and assessments for IHR implementation



#### **WP4 - Specific Objective**

## Establishment of a mediterranean regional laboratories network:

A network of regional laboratories (including P4 Lab) will be established in order to facilitate common threats detection in the countries involved.

**WP leaders:** 

French Institute Pasteur & Refik Saydam National Hygiene Center, Ministry of Health of Turkey



#### **WP5 - Specific Objective**

Promotion of common procedures in interoperable generic preparedness and risk management for the countries involved in the project:

Specific capacity building measures will address the need of interoperability and intersectoral collaboration of countries' preparedness plans to fit the requirements of the IHR and to ensure multi-country harmonic and prompt response.

**WP leaders:** 

Spanish Instituto de Salud Carlos III & Institut National de Santé Publique of Algeria



#### **WP6 - Specific Objective**

To enhance mediterranean early warning systems (EWS) allowing alerts and epidemic intelligence information sharing among EpiSouth countries and developing inter-operability with other European early warning platforms:

Participating countries will share alerts generated by their national EWS with the EpiSouth EWS platform and interoperability with EPIS will be developed.

**WP leaders:** 

French Institut de Veille Sanitaire & MECIDS (Middle-East Consortium for Infectious Diseases Surveillance), Israel, Palestine and Jordan



### **WP7 - Specific Objective**

Production of a strategic document with guidelines based on assessments and surveys aimed at facilitating IHR implementation:

In order to support the implementation of IHR, specific surveys and assessments will be conducted among the EpiSouth countries to describe how national plans and legislations can interact/interfere with IHR requirements.

**WP leaders:** 

Italian National institute of Health & World Health Organization Lyon office



#### **Conclusions**

- The project promotes knowledge, resource and information sharing
- The reinforcement of relations of trust in the region is an objective and an instrument in the scope of project's implementation
- The large number of participating countries makes
   EpiSouth the biggest inter-country collaborative effort for health threats control in the mediterranean region



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