



High Level Conference

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Results and perspectives

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Venue: Charlemagne Building,
170, Rue de la Loi (Wetstraat), Brussels, Belgium

Programme

8:30-09:00

Conference registration

Morning Session : The EU Health Programme: a success story

9:15-09:35

**De Gasperi room
Second floor**

Opening speeches

[John Dalli](#), Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy

[Alojz Peterle](#), Member of European Parliament, Slovenia

[Svend Særkjær](#), Deputy Permanent Secretary, Danish Ministry of Health

Conference facilitator: [Despina Spanou](#), Principal Advisor with special interest in communication and stakeholders, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

09:40-10:45

**De Gasperi room
Second floor**

Success stories

Rare diseases

[Yann Le Cam](#), Chief Executive EURORDIS and father of a patient with Cystic Fibrosis

Transplantation and organ donation

[Raffaella Bruno Pinto](#), transplantation patient

[Alessandro Nanni Costa](#), Director of the Italian National Transplant Centre

The Health Security Initiative

[Karoline Fernandez de la Hoz](#), Member of the Health Security Committee; Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, Spain

Action Against Cancer

[Marija Seljak](#), European Partnership for Action Against Cancer; Director of the National Institute of Public Health, Slovenia

10:45-11:10

Coffee break

11:15-11:30

De Gasperi room
Second floor

The Programmes in a nutshell

[Martin Seychell](#), Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

11:45-13:05

Jenkins room
Ground floor

Workshops: The value of the EU in public health: Delivering across the EU

Protecting citizens against serious cross-border threats to health - European experts networks contribution to the implementation of the Health security initiative

Chair: [Karoline Fernandez de la Hoz](#), Member of the Health Security Committee; Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, Spain

Co-chair: [John Ryan](#), Acting Director Public Health, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

Durieux room
First floor

Improving citizens' health safety, safety and quality of organs, substances of human origin and blood

Chair: [Isabel de la Mata](#), Principal Advisor with special interest in Public Health, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

Co-chair: [Dominik Schnichels](#), Head of Unit, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

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Second floor

Promoting health, including the reduction of health inequalities

Chair: [Clive Needle](#), Director EuroHealthNet

Co-chair: [Michael Hübel](#), Head of Unit, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

Mansholt room
Ground floor

Generating and disseminating health information and knowledge

Chair: [Alojz Peterle](#), Member of European Parliament, Slovenia

Co-chair: [Stefan Schreck](#), Head of Unit, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

13:10-13:15

Hall
Second floor

Opening poster exhibition

[Luc Briol](#), Director, Executive Agency for Health and Consumers

13:15-14:30

Lunch

Afternoon Session : Towards a future programme

14:30-15:00

De Gasperi room
Second floor

Reports from the workshops to the plenary meeting

15:00-15:15

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Key-note speech: The Commission proposal

[Paola Testori Coggi](#), Director-General, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

15:15-16:15

De Gasperi room
Second floor

Panel debate: Which contribution for the Europe 2020 strategy?

Chair: [Josep Figueras](#), Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Investing in disease prevention, the health sector and workplaces, the benefits for growth

[Gregor Breucker](#), Deputy Head of the Health Promotion Department at the Federal Association of Company Health Insurance Funds (BKK Bundesverband), Germany

Towards modern, responsive and sustainable health systems

[Mark Pearson](#), Head of Health Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Innovation in health and e-health

[Claus Duedal Pedersen](#), Head of the Department for Clinical Innovation, Odense University Hospital, Denmark

Active and healthy ageing: the European Innovation Partnership initiative

[Anne-Sophie Parent](#), Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe

16:15-16:25

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Second floor

Launch of HEIDI: Health in Europe: Information and data interface

[Paola Testori Coggi](#), Director-General, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

16:25-16:45

Coffee break

16:45-17:45
De Gasperi room
Second floor

Round table discussion: Preparing for the future programme: Expectations and involvement from different actors

Chair: [Andrzej Rys](#), Director Health Systems and Products, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

[Giovanni Nicoletti](#), Italian Ministry of Health and National Focal Point
[Karsten Uno Petersen](#), Interregional Group on Health, EU Committee of the Regions
[Helmut Brand](#), ASPHER President, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
[Mark McCarthy](#), Representative European Public Health Association (EUPHA)
[Monika Kosinska](#), Secretary General, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)

17:55-18:00
De Gasperi room
Second floor

Closing session

[Paola Testori Coggi](#), Director-General, Directorate-General Health and Consumers, European Commission

18:00

Cocktail reception

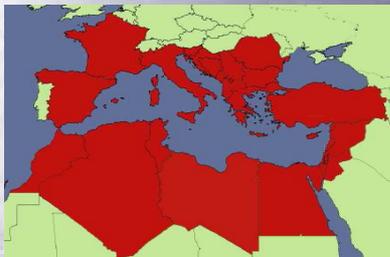


EpiSouth-Plus: the new challenge of the EpiSouth Network for enhancing the control of public health threats and other bio-security risks in the Mediterranean Region and South-East Europe

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EpiSouth participating countries

EpiSouth Project (2006-10)

In occasion of the Year of the Mediterranean (2005), a number of countries that share the Mediterranean ecosystem and therefore have common public health problems, agreed to develop the project "EpiSouth", whose aim was to create a framework of collaboration on epidemiological issues in order to improve communicable diseases surveillance, communication and training in the Mediterranean region and South-East Europe.

The Project "EpiSouth" started in October 2006 with the financial support of the EU DG-SANCO together with the Italian Ministry of Health and has been closed in June 2010.

As per June 2010, EpiSouth is a Network of 27 countries (9 EU and 17 non-EU countries plus 1 candidate to enlargement country). It is therefore the biggest inter-country collaborative effort in the Mediterranean Region.



EpiSouth Meeting - Rome, 2010

EpiSouth-Plus Project (2010-13)

A new phase of the EpiSouth Network activities has been approved and started on 15 October 2010 and is expected to last until 15 April 2013.

The new phase called "EpiSouth-Plus" implies a shift of the Network's activities to a wider approach. Building on the knowledge of regional gaps and needs identified during the first EpiSouth implementation in the fields of Epidemic Intelligence, Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Migrants, Cross Border Emerging Zoonoses and Training in field/applied Epidemiology, the new EpiSouth-Plus Project aims at contributing to the control of public health threats and other bio-security risks in the Mediterranean region and South-East Europe. The reinforcement of relations of trust in the region is an objective and an instrument in the scope of Project's implementation.

Activities

Apart from three transverse work-packages (WP) (i.e., **WP1**-Coordination; **WP2**-Dissemination; **WP3**- Evaluation) the EpiSouth-Plus activities are articulated in four WPs jointly co-led by EU and non-EU countries:

- WP4** - Establishing Mediterranean Regional Laboratories Network to facilitate common threats detection in the countries involved
- WP5** - Promoting common procedures in Generic Preparedness and Risk Management among the countries involved in the Network
- WP6** - Enhancing Mediterranean Early Warning Systems (EWS) and cross-border Epidemic Intelligence allowing alerts and Epidemic Intelligence information sharing among EpiSouth countries and developing interoperability with other European EW platform, especially EWRS, as forecast by the current EU legislation
- WP7** - Facilitating IHR implementation through the production of a strategic document, with guidelines based on specific assessments for describing how national plans/legislations can interact with IHR requirements

Added values

- Focus on the Mediterranean Region as a whole, including non-EU countries and all the three WHO Regional Offices covering this area
- The approach based on countries expectations and regional needs facilitates epidemiological communication and practical training
- It also strengthens solidarity and cohesion not only within the European Community but also between EU and non-EU countries
- It reduces disparity in the different approaches to early warning and preparedness by bringing together EU and non-EU countries in the planned activities
- The Project contributes to the stability of the region as well as to improving public health protection

The Project is co-funded by the European Union DG-SANCO/EAHC and EuropeAid together with the participating national partner Institutions. The financial support of the Italian Ministry of Health and ECDC is also acknowledged.

The Project is led by the Italian National Institute of Health and counselled by an Advisory Board composed by EC, ECDC, WHO and other international experts.

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