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**CONFERENCE ON  
HEALTH CRISIS PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 – 9:00-13:00**

**Silken Hotel Berlaymont (Room Jean Rey, ground floor), Brussels**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Moderator:** Mr. Adriaan VAN DER MEER, Head of Unit – Unit B5, Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, Nuclear Safety – DG DEVCO – European Commission

- 9:00-9:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 9:30-9:45 **General Introduction** – Mr. Klaus RUDISCHHAUSER, Deputy Director General – DG DEVCO – European Commission
- 9:45-11:00 **Presentations**
1. Health Crisis Prevention, Preparedness and Response: the overall EU strategy through the IcSP – Mr. Eddie MAIER, Deputy Head of Unit – DEVCO B5 – European Commission
  2. **The first ring of Action: EU neighbourhood – Dr. Silvia DECLICH, Team Leader – Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), Rome**
  3. The second ring of Action: West Africa and Central Asia – Mr. Jean-Claude MANUGUERRA, Head of the Laboratory for Urgent Response to Biological Threats – Institut Pasteur, Paris
  4. The future: Centres of Excellence (CoE) systemic projects on epidemics – Ms. Cristina LONGO, Project Manager – Joint Research Centre – European Commission
  5. Ebola preparedness and response, West Africa – The EU health sector approach and support – Mr. Walter SEIDEL, Team Leader – Unit DEVCO B4 – Education, Health, Research, Culture – European Commission
- 11:00-12:15 **Discussion Panel** – Chaired by Ms. Ana GOMES, Member of the European Parliament
- Members of the Panel:*
- Mr. Klaus RUDISCHHAUSER, Deputy Director General – DG DEVCO – European Commission
- Mr. Rudolf STROHMEIER, Deputy Director General – DG Research & Innovation – European Commission
- Dr. Isabelle NUTTALL, Director – Global Capacities Alert and Response – World Health Organization
- Pr. Christian BRECHOT, Director General – Institut Pasteur, Paris
- Dr. Stefania SALMASO, Director - *Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS)*, Rome
- 12:15-13:00 **Light Lunch**



# **The first ring of Action: activities to reinforce the epidemiological surveillance and detection capacity of EU neighbouring countries 2010-2017**

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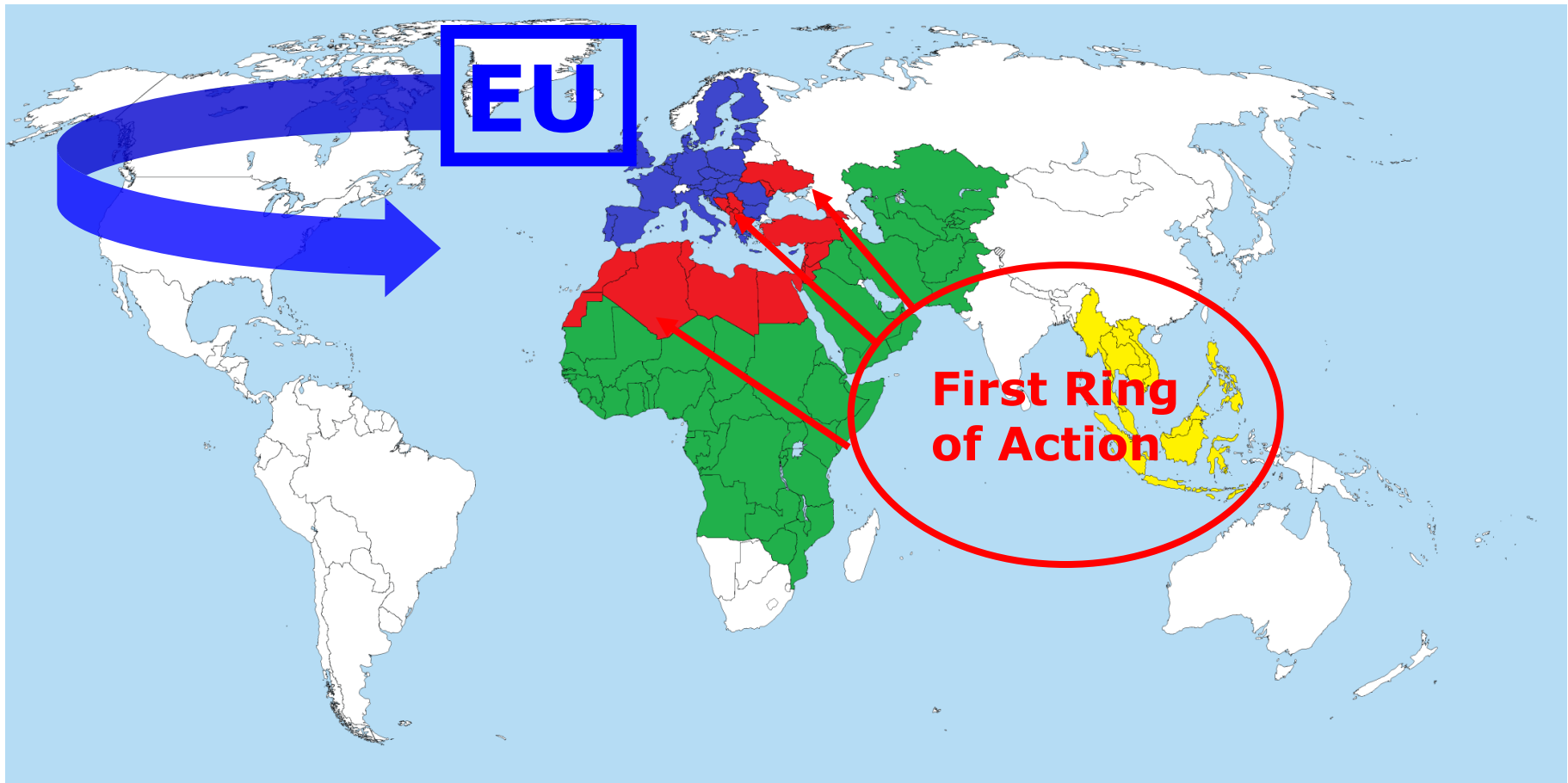
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# Objective

- To increase the health security in the Mediterranean area, South-East Europe and the Black Sea Region
- To enhance and strengthen the preparedness to common health threats and bio-security risks at national and regional levels in the countries of the EU Neighbourhood
- To contribute to IHR implementation

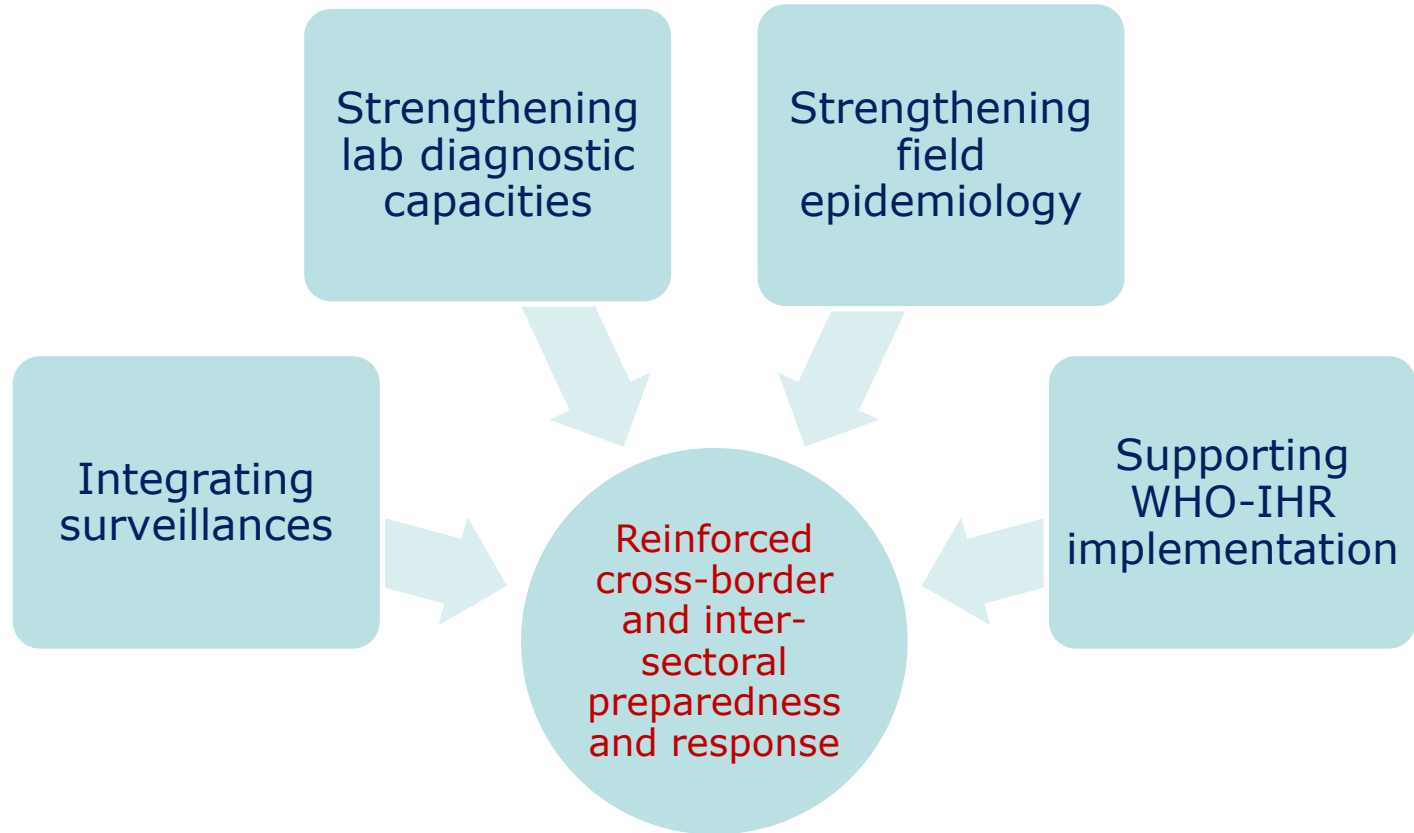
# Involved Countries



# Collaborating Institutions

1. *European Commission: EuropeAid-DG DEVCO – EC DG SANCO – EC DG JRC*
2. *European Agency: EAHC (now CHAFEA) – ECDC*
3. *WHO*
4. *Instituto de Salud Carlos III - FIIAPP Cooperación Española - Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria*
5. *Institut Pasteur – Institut de Recherche pour le Développement*
6. *Italian National Institute for Health - Italian Ministry of Health*

# Multisectorial strategy



# Capacity building strategy

Knowing  
the  
regional  
gaps

Setting  
regional  
priorities

Addressing the  
priorities with  
trainings

Assessing  
the  
acquired  
capacities

**Capacities  
installed**

## Sectors of activities



- Laboratories diagnostic capacities



- Field Epidemiology



- Integrated Surveillance



- IHR implementation





# Laboratories

Human Virology  
Animal Virology  
Medical Entomology

- 16 Training Modules for 57 Regional Labs (440 participants) on:
- Emerging arboviruses
- Emerging respiratory viruses
- Biosafety
- Future target viruses and hemorrhagic fevers

# Field Epidemiology

Public Health  
Institutes

- 32 Training Sessions for 19 Public Health Institutes (650 participants) on field epidemiology:
- Senior specialists, Train the trainers
- Junior specialists
- Specific modules: Ebola, CBRN etc

# Integrated Surveillance

Human Virology  
Animal Virology  
Medical Entomology  
&  
National Surveillance  
Systems

- Concerted and coordinated response to health crisis:
- Common tools
- Common procedures
- Interoperable systems for exchanging data

# IHR implementation

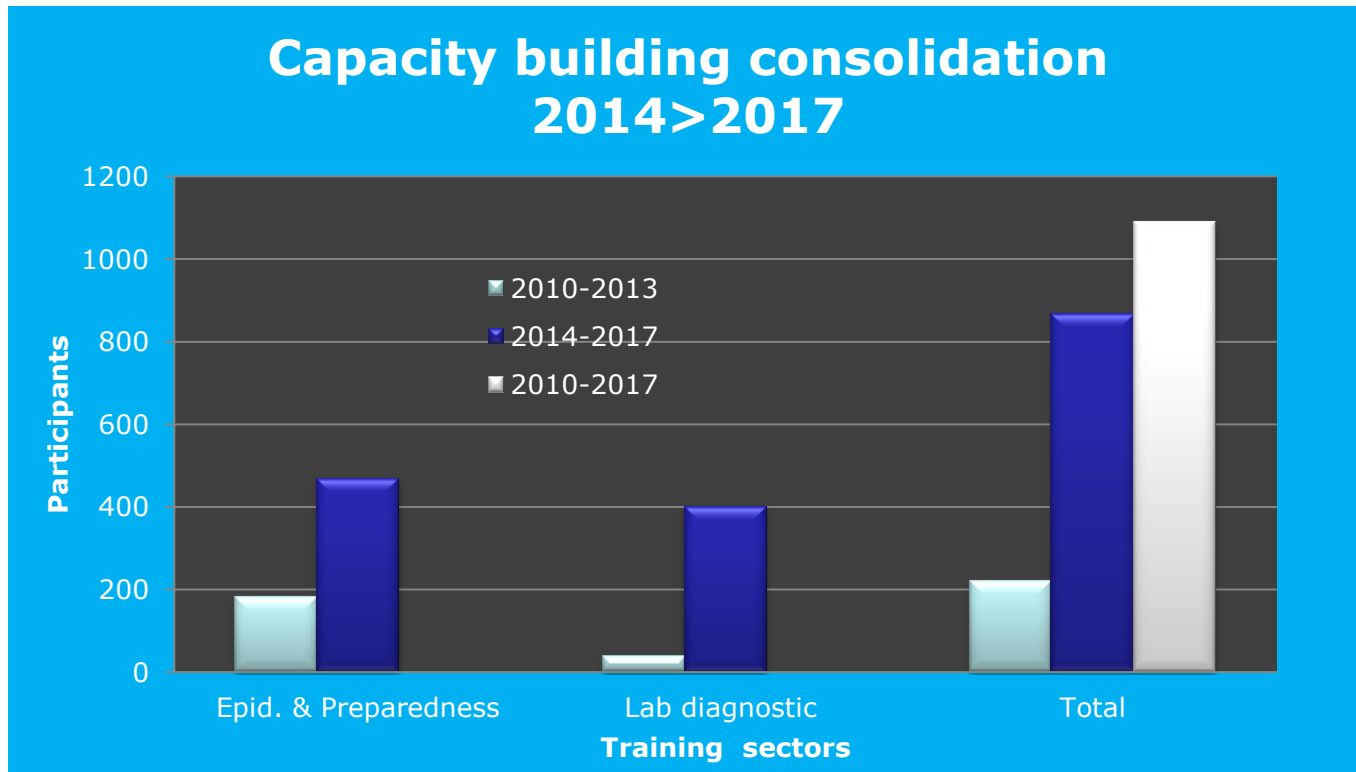
Health Security at  
Ports, Airports and  
Ground Crossing  
(Ports of Entry)

- Appropriate measures to control natural or intentional spread of diseases:
- Foster collaboration, information and knowledge sharing
- Technical guidance for points of entry activities
- Trainings

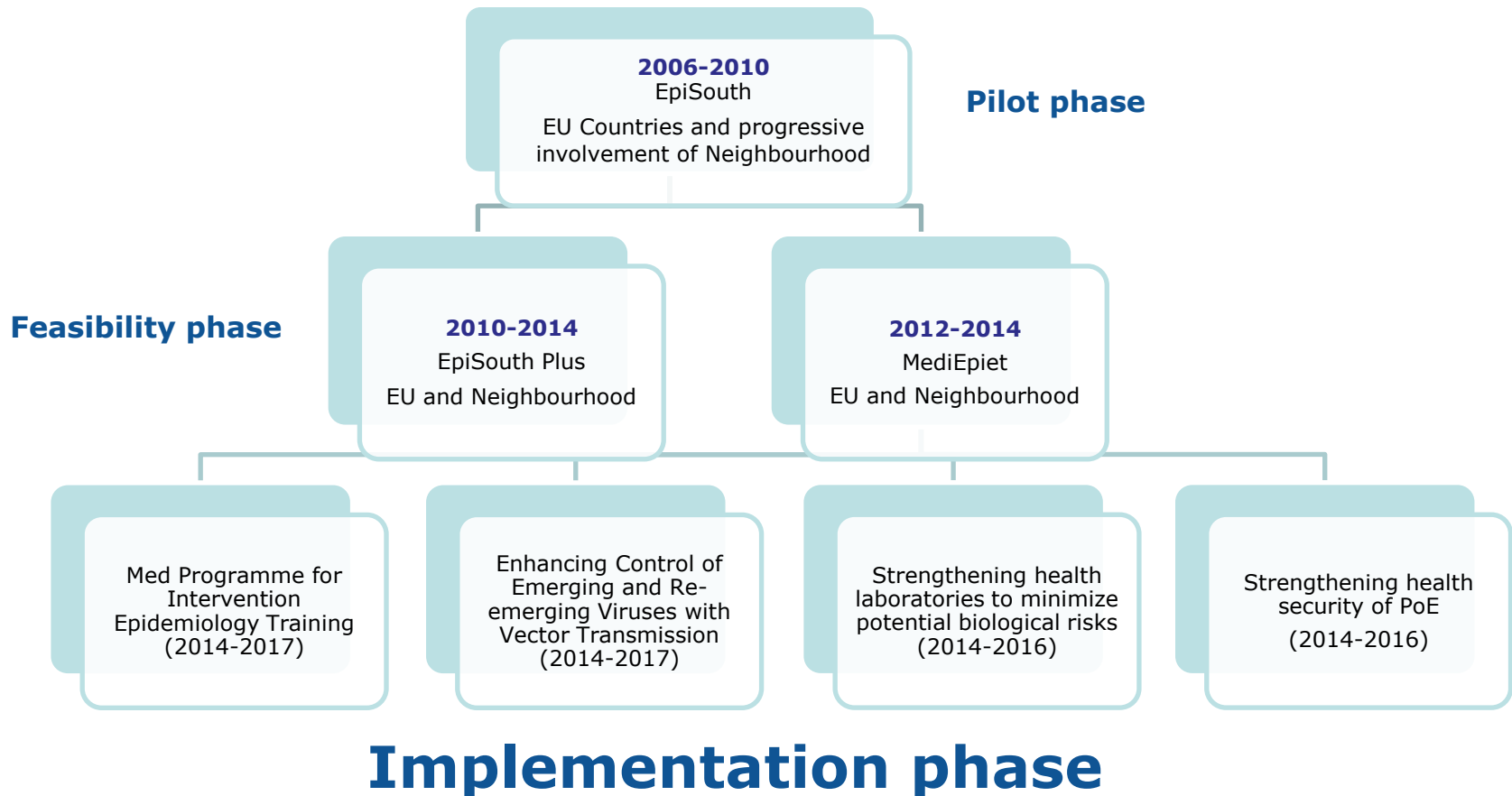
## Results achieved

- *Networking increased and facilitated working relationships: sharing knowledge and info without reservation*
- *Creation of an environment able to address specific global and trans-regional threats*

# Capacity building 2010-2013 & 2014-2017



## The first ring of Action: EU neighbouring countries 2010-2017



## European Health Award 2014 to EpiSouth Plus



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