EPISOUTH PLUS PROJECT
Network for the Control of Public Health Threats in the Mediterranean Region and South East Europe

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This Project is led by The Italian National Institute of Health and counseled by an Advisory Board composed by EC, ECDC, WHO and other international experts.
8.30-9.00 : REGISTRATION

PLENARY SESSIONS

9.00-9.30
- Welcome by Italian Authorities (D. Rodorigo, DG of the Italian Ministry of Health and F. Oleari, President of the National Public Health Institute-ISS)
- Conference’s programme and aims (S. Declich)

9.30-10.30 **Strengthening Preparedness Planning in the Mediterranean Basin**

  Moderator: Frank Van Lock/DG SANCO

- The Trainings (C. Martin Pando and D. Simic)
- The EPREP Tool (V. Sizaire)
- The Simulation Exercise (M.R. Belizaire and the EpiSouth Representatives from Lebanon and Greece)
- SE Evaluation (C. Hadjichristodoulou)

10.30-10.45 Discussion

10.45-11.15 Coffee Break
11.15-12.05  **Cross Border Epidemic Intelligence (EI) and Event Based Surveillance (EBS) in the Mediterranean Basin**  
*Moderator: Josep Jansa/ECDC*

- Sharing Alerts and Information (*F. Belghiti and C. Giese*)
- Emerging health threats: 2013 Thematic notes (*F. Riccardo*)
- The EI/EBS Stages (*F. Riccardo* and *F. Belghiti* and the involved EpiSouth Countries: Montenegro, Morocco, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Italy)

12.05-12.20  Discussion

12.20-13.05  **Mediterranean Regional Lab Network (MRLN)**  
*Moderator: Antonino Di Caro/INMI*

- Laboratories' needs assessment, capacity building and future needs (*K. Victoir and G. Korukluoglu* with representatives from the EpiSouth Med Regional Lab Network: Algeria and Libya)

13.05-13.20  Discussion

13.20-14.20  Lunch
14.20-15.10  Facilitating IHR implementation in the Mediterranean Basin
   Moderator: Pierre Nabeth/WHO IHR
   - Facilitating IHR implementation: the work of EpiSouth (F. Riccardo)
   - The National experiences on coordinating surveillance at Points of Entry (EpiSouth Countries/IHR NFP: L. Vellucci/Italy, M. Anthony Williams/Malta)
   - The WHO Points of Entry Guidance (G. Priotto)

15.10-15.25 Discussion

15.25-16.00 Coffee break

ROUND TABLE
16.00-17.00 Project Final Evaluation
   Moderator: Cinthia Menel Lemos/EC EACH and Simonetta Riva/EC DG DEVCO
   - Final Evaluation Preliminary results (C. Hadjichristodoulou)
   - Round table (A. Petrakova, R. Cook, D. Reynders, F. Cicogna, P. Rossi, F. Van Lock and EpiSouth Focal Points)

17.00-17.30 Discussion

18.00 Welcome Cocktail
PLENARY SESSION

9.30-10.30  Project's Sustainability and possible future sectors of activities

Moderator: Giovanni Nicoletti/Italian MoH and Silvia Declich/ISS

- Sustainability for EpiSouth Vital Functions (M.G. Dente and M. Fabiani)
- Future sectors of activities for the EpiSouth Partners
  - Lab development/Biosecurity (K. Victoir)
  - MediEpiet (N. Ghosn)
  - EW and EpiS for EpiSouth (J. Jansa)
  - Migrants Health (M.G. Dente)

10.30-10.45 Discussion

10.45-11.15 Coffee Break
ROUND TABLE

11.15-12.15  Episouth Added Value at National and Regional Level
Moderator: Francesco Cicogna/Italian MoH

Countries Directors: D. Ilic-Serbia, B. Mugosa-Montenegro, S. Memeti-FYROM, S. Salmaso-Italy
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EC DG DEVCO: S. Riva and J. Galabru
WHO EURO: G. Rodier (tbc)
WHO EMRO: D. Samhouri and J. Mahjour (tbc)

12.15-12.45 Discussion

PLENARY SESSION


13.00 “Arrivederci” Lunch
Speakers and Chairpersons

Anthony Williams M. - Port Health Medical Services - Floriana, Malta
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Korukloğlu G. - Public Health Institute - Ankara, Turkey
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