



# EPISOUTH PLUS PROJECT

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

## FINAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Rome, 20-21 November 2013



Pocchiarri Conference Room

Istituto Superiore di Sanità

Viale Regina Elena, 299

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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.



**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013**

**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**





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### **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





**DAY 2: THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2013**

**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**





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## 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

EC DG SANCO: P. Van Lock

EC EAHC: C. Menel Lemos

EC DG DEVCO: S. Riva and J. Galabru

WHO EURO: G. Rodier (tbc)

WHO EMRO: D. Samhoury and J. Mahjour (tbc)

12.15-12.45 Discussion

## PLENARY SESSION

12.45-13.00 Closing Remarks (*G. Ruocco, DG of the Italian Ministry of Health, S. Salmaso, Director CNESPS-National Public Health Institute-ISS and S. Declich, National Public Health Institute-ISS*)



13.00 "Arrivederci" Lunch





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