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Draft concept for the satellite workshop as pre-event to the ESCAIDE conference

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Satellite workshop on 10 November 2015

Courtyard by Marriott Stockholm | Rålambshovsleden 50 | SE-112 19 Stockholm | Sweden

Bridging epidemiology to public health security policy

A satellite workshop presented by Chafea, with contributions from EU experts from the projects in the area of Health Security, funded under the Health Programme 2008–2013.

Background information

The Health Programme funded actions generate relevant data, which is used to orient Public health policies, improve health programmes and services, and increase the health professionals' capacities to perform risk assessment, support risk management and response to health threats.

The initial concept of this event is to bring experts to discuss on how to bridge epidemiology with public health. The experts will present examples on how the knowledge produced under the Health Programme actions, where used to develop/improve public health programs/policies at EU level in the area of Health Security.

Aims and objectives

The **aim** of this satellite workshop is to offer experts, project partners and other conference participants the opportunity to exchange information on their work in the field of preparedness and response, and demonstrate how the Health programme actions outputs have been take-up at national/regional level.

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During the expert presentation and debate, the panel will identify common challenges and opportunities for improving the EU MS capacities, sustainability of work and future developments.

The meeting will focus on available results, the state of art reports, guides, tools, training programmes developed to support the MS effectiveness of the risk assessment and response to biological threats in Europe. Improved programming and project implementation using the collective expertise from across Europe can be used to contribute to preventing the impact of infectious diseases outbreaks in Europe.

The satellite workshop is supported by Chafea, the Executive Agency for Health from the European Commission, developed in collaboration with the Directorate General for Health and Food safety, and the EU MS experts' networks on Health Security.

Out of the sixteen actions funded by the Health Programme 2008–2013, a selection of ten EU HP actions were selected based on the public health relevance, European added value of the intervention proposed.

Draft agenda

09:30–12:30 h Morning session:

Chair: Cinthia Menel Lemos, Chafea and Anders Tegnell, Public Health Agency of Sweden

Opening session

- Welcome by the EC, ECDC expert (Piotr Kramarz, Deputy to the Chief Scientist, ECDC) and Public Health Agency of Sweden representative
- Purpose of the meeting, agenda and intention behind the interactive format (Cinthia Menel Lemos – Chafea)
- Bridging health security knowledge from epidemiological studies to public health policy development **SHIPSAN ACT**¹ experience – Christos Hadjichristodolou, SHIPSAN ACT Joint Action coordinator– Thessaly University(EL) (30')

Four Project snapshots: preparedness planning and risk assessment session, Chair (Andreas Gilsdorf (RKI) and Anders Tegnell (Public Health Agency of Sweden)

10:00 – 10:15 The contribution of the EpiSouth Network to strengthening preparedness for cross border health threats in the Mediterranean (**Episouth plus**), FLAVIA RICCARDO, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS (IT)

10:15 – 10:30 Coordinated action in the aviation sector to control public health threats – An EU funded project aiming to facilitate the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), (**AIRSAN**) Astrid Milde-Busch, Robert Koch Institute (DE)

10:30 – 10:45 Preparing the European public health sector on changing patterns in climate change-related communicable diseases (**Climatrap**), Joris van Loenhout, Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED), Université Catholique de Louvain (BE)

10:45 – 11:00 Effective communication for responding against biological threats: the results of the Crisis Communication and Risk Management (**CriCoRM**), Grazia Orizio, Azienda sanitaria locale di Brescia(IT)

11:00 – 11:30 h Coffee break

11:30 –12:30 Expert panel discussion how can the EU networks expertise can be better used to increase the EU MS capacities on preparedness planning and risk assessment to effectively respond to health threats, from emergent infectious diseases and unknown agents.

Panel facilitated by: Andreas Gilsdorf (RKI) and (ECDC expert – Maarit Kokki) with

¹ SHIPSAN ACT Joint Action - The impact on maritime transport of health threats due to biological, chemical and radiological agents, including communicable diseases

participation of:

1. Massimo Ciotti, ECDC, Head of Section, Country Preparedness Support)
2. EU Health programme experts
3. EU MS Policy makers, members of the HSC

12:30 Lunch break networking

13:30 – 14:30 – Visit Health Programme stand and projects posters:

Each project has a stand with a poster and facilitator.

Participants can find out more about the projects they are most interested in. Each facilitator ensures there is a balance of presentation and open discussion at the stands. Three rounds of 20 minutes each (participants can visit up to three projects).

14:30–17:30 h Afternoon session

Five Project snapshots: Risk management and risk communication (Cinthia Menel lemos (Chafea) and Christos Hadjichristodolou (Thessaly University)

14:30 – 14:45 Cost-Effectiveness of public health interventions against human influenza pandemics in France (**FLURESP**), Massimo Fabiani, Italian National Institute of Health (IT).

14:45 –15:00 Promotion of Immunizations in Europe: the case of Health Professionals (**HProImmune**), Agoritsa BAKA, from Hellenic Center for Disease Control and Prevention(EL)

15:00 – 15:15 Promotion of Immunizations in Europe: the case of Migrants and the case of Health Professionals (**PROMOVAX**) Dina Zota, from Prolepsis Institute(EL)

15:15 – 15:45 h Coffee break

15:45 –16:00 Bridging epidemiology to public health security policy: is migration health an issue of concern? (**EQUI-HEALTH**), Mariya SAMUILOVA, Migration Health Division, International Organization for Migration(BE)

16:00 – 16:15 Quality assured microbiological diagnostics as essential part of epidemiological surveillance and outbreak management (**QUANDHIP**), Francesco Fusco, National Institute for Infectious Diseases Lazzaro Spallanzani, INMII(IT)

16:15 –17:15 Expert panel discussion on how can the EU networks expertise can be better used to increase the EU MS capacities on risk management and risk communication to health threats, from emergent infectious diseases and unknown agents.

Panel facilitated by: Christos Hadjichristodolou (Thessaly University) and Cinthia Menel Lemos(Chafea) with participation of:

1. Piotr Kramarz, Deputy to the Chief Scientist, ECDC,
2. Anders Tegnell,Public Health Agency of Sweden,
3. EU Health programme experts
4. EU MS Policy makers, members of the HSC

17:15 – 17:30 Closing remarks: EC, ECDC (Piotr Kramarz, Deputy to the Chief Scientist) and Public Health Agency of Sweden