



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Public Health and Risk Assessment

Health threats

AGENDA

**Workshop on Health Programme projects on Generic Preparedness planning and response
in health emergencies**

30 September and 01 October 2009

HITEC Building room 02/280

Luxembourg

Starting 30 September at 12:00h and ending 01 October at 13:30h

Background

Several projects on health threats topics, such as preparedness planning and information exchange have been financed through the Public Health Programme 2003-2008 and the 2nd Health Programme 2008-2013. The main issue is to establish synergies between projects, share methods and results and orient policies to be developed and implemented at MS and European level. An added value is also the reinforcement of cooperation between Member States at European level through developing collaborations between project-related experts.

Aim of the workshop

There are two major aims of the workshop. Firstly, project managers of projects related to generic preparedness planning and response with support from the Health Programme will meet and exchange experiences identifying areas of possible cooperation and coordination and knowledge gaps. Secondly, the result of the workshop will be an important input on the identification of Policy needs related to the implementation of Health Security projects. Participation of members of the Health Security Committee, Sections on Generic Preparedness and CBRN, will ensure dissemination to high EU policy level.

Preliminary programme

30 September 2009 (12.00-18.00)

12.00-13.00 Registration

Chairman: Day 1: Frank Van Loock, Health Threats Unit, DG SANCO

13.00-13.10 **Introduction** – Marianne Takki, Acting deputy Head of unit, Health Threats Unit, DG SANCO

13.10-13.30 **Health threats and the European Commission**
Per Kulling, Health Threats Unit, DG SANCO

13.30-13.50 **Evaluation, optimisation, trialling and modelling procedures for mass casualty decontamination (ORCHIDS)**, Richard Amlot, Health Protection Agency (HPA), UK

13.50-14.10 **Alerting System and Development of a Health Surveillance System for the Deliberate Release of Chemicals by Terrorists (ASHT)**, Rob Orford, HPA, UK

14.10-14.30 **MASs-casualties and Health-care following the release of toxic chemicals or radioactive materials (MASH)**, Åke Sellström, European CBRNE Center, Umeå, Sweden, SE

14.30-14.50 **The Public Health Response to Chemical Incident Emergencies (CIE TOOLKIT)**, Raquel Duarte Davidson, HPA, UK

14.50-15.10 **Support health security, preparedness planning and crisis management in EU, EU accession and neighbouring (ENP) countries (WHO Health Security)**, Dr Gerald Rockenschaub, Disaster Preparedness and Response, WHO Europe

15.10- 15.30 **FP7 Security theme - CBRN(E) related projects**, Clement Williamson, DG Enterprise

15.30-15.50 **Summary of session and discussion**, reporter Per Kulling, Health Threats Unit, DG SANCO

15.50-16.10 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.10- 16.30 **Public Health Law to Support Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PHLawFlu)**, Robyn Martin, University of Hertfordshire, UK

16.30-16.50 **Strengthening national pandemic influenza and other epidemic preparedness in Europe – Influenza (WHO Epidemic Preparedness)**, Michala Hegermann-Lindencrone, Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response, WHO Europe

16.50-17.10 **Modelling the spread of pandemic influenza and strategies for its containment and mitigation (FLUMODCONT)**, Andrea Pugliese, University of Trento, IT

17.10-17.30 **Emergency Data-based System for Information on, Detection and Analysis of Risks and Threats to Health (SIDARTHa)**, Alexandra Ziemann, University of Cantabria, ES and GEOMED Research Forschungsgesellschaft, DE

17.30-17.50 **Summary of session and discussion**, reporter Albrecht Werner, Health Threats Unit, DG SANCO

20:00 **Dinner for networking** at Abbaye de Neumünster,

01 October 2009 (08.30-13.30)

Chairman: Day 2: Germain Thinus, Health Threats Unit, DG SANCO

- 08.30-08.50 **European Training for Health Professionals on Rapid Response to Health Threats (ETHREAT)**, Agoritsa Baka, National & Kapodistrian University Athens (NKUA), EL
- 08.50-09.10 **European monitoring of excess mortality for public health action (EUROMOMO)**, Kare Molbak, Statens Serum Institut (SSI), DK
- 09.10-09.30 **Integrated Decision Support System for HEALTH THREATS and crises management (HEALTHREATS)**, Pietro Baroni, Azienda Sanitaria Locale di Brescia, IT
- 09.30-10.10 **European Network for Highly Infectious Diseases (EURONHID), European Training in Infectious Disease Emergencies (ETIDE) and European Network of P4 Laboratories (ENP4Lab)**, Francesco Fusco, INMI, IRCCS "L. Spallanzani, IT
- 10.10-10.30 **Network for communicable disease control in southern Europe and Mediterranean countries (EPISOUTH)**, Silvia Declich, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, IT.
- 10.30-10.50 **Summary of session and discussion**, reporter Helmut Walerius, Health Threats Unit, DG SANCO
- 10.50-11.10 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.10-11.30 **Response to Emerging infectious disease: Assessment and development of Core capacities and Tools (REACT)**, Gerard Krause, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) & Robert Koch Institute (RKI), DE
- 11.30-11.50 **EU Ship Sanitation Training Network (SHIPSAN TRAINET)**, Christos Hadjichristodoulou, University of Thessaly, EL
- 11.50-12.10 **Establishment of Quality Assurances for Detection of Highly Pathogenic Bacteria of Potential Bioterrorism Risk (EQADeBa)**, Roland Grunow, RKI, DE
- 12.10-12.30 **Climate Change Adaptation by TRaining, Assessment and Preparedness (Climate-TRAP)**, Joris van Loenhout, Public Health Services Gelderland Midden, NL
- 12.30-12.45 **Summary of session and discussion**, reporter Per Kulling, Health Threats Unit, DG SANCO
- 12.45-13.00 **Final remarks: Policy implications of the Health Security projects - the way forward and closure**, Frank Van Loock, Health Threats, Unit DG SANCO

Projects invited

ASHT	Alerting System and Development of a Health Surveillance System for the Deliberate Release of Chemicals by Terrorists - http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb_C/1220427000012
CIE TOOLKIT	The Public Health Response to Chemical Incident Emergencies - http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb_C/1217574164393
Climate-TRAP	Climate-TRAP – Climate Change Adaptation by TRaining, Assessment and Preparedness, observer
ECORAIP	European Content for public health awareness of Rural population on Avian Influenza Prevention, http://www.ecoraip.eu/
ENP4 Lab	European Network of P4 Laboratories - http://www.euronetp4.eu
EPISOUTH	Network for communicable disease control in southern Europe and Mediterranean countries - http://www.episouth.org
EQADeBa	Establishment of Quality Assurances for Detection of Highly Pathogenic Bacteria of Potential Bioterrorism Risk, http://www.rki.de/cln_091/nn_216268/EN/Content/Prevention/EQADeBa/EQADeBa_node.html?_nn=true
ETHICS Workshop	Ethics in our preparedness against an influenza pandemic in Europe today - www.espace-ethique.org
ETHREAT	European Training for Health Professionals on Rapid Response to Health Threats - http://euprojects.org/ethreat.info/
ETIDE	European Training in Infectious Disease Emergencies - http://www.etide.eu
EURO-MOMO	European monitoring of excess mortality for public health action - http://www.euromomo.eu/
EURONHID	European Network for Highly Infectious Diseases - http://www.eunid.eu
FLUMODCONT	Modelling the spread of pandemic influenza and strategies for its containment and mitigation, http://www.flumodcont.eu/index.php/home
HEALTHREATS	Integrated Decision Support System for HEALTH THREATS and crisis management - http://www.healthreats.eu/
IPPHEC	Improve the Preparedness to give Psychological Help in the Event of Crises - http://www.ipphec.eu/
MASH	MASs-casualties and Health-care following the release of toxic chemicals or radioactive materials - http://www.mashproject.com/
ORCHIDS	Evaluation, optimisation, trialling and modelling procedures for mass casualty decontamination, http://www.orchidsproject.eu
PHLawFlu	Public Health Law to Support Pandemic Influenza Preparedness - http://www.ephln.org
REACT	REACT - Response to Emerging infectious disease: Assessment and development of Core capacities and Tools - http://www.rki.de/cln_116/nn_203546/EN/Content/Prevention/React/react_node.html?_nn=true
SHIPSAN TRAINET	EU Ship Sanitation Training Network - www.shipsan.eu/trainet
SIDARTHa	European Emergency Data-based System for Information on, Detection and Analysis of Risks and Threats to Health - http://www.sidartha.eu/
WHO epidemic preparedness	Strengthening national pandemic influenza and other epidemic preparedness in Europe
WHO Health security	Support health security, preparedness planning and crisis management in EU, EU accession and neighbouring (ENP) countries
FP7	Seventh Framework Programme. Projects in Security area http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/security/articles/article_2009-05-06_en.htm

List of participants

Invited (costs covered)

1 person/project etc 23

Invited (no costs covered)

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