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Workshop Health threats
Capacity building

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Scope of “strand II”

- assist in particular the co-operation undertaken under the Community network
- take account of the International Health Regulations
- cover all Member States, Candidate Countries, and EEA/EFTA Countries
- be in line with the Regulation establishing the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- countering the threat of deliberate release of biological agents will be undertaken in tandem with on-going activities on communicable diseases



Scientific and technical assistance and training

Article 9: The Centre shall

1. provide scientific and technical expertise to the MS, the Commission and other Community agencies in
preparedness plans and **intervention strategies**
2. provide scientific or technical assistance in any field within its mission when requested by Commission, MS, third countries and international organisations (WHO), aiding Commission and MS to develop technical **guidelines** on good practice and on protective measures..., providing **expert** assistance and mobilising and coordinating **investigation teams**



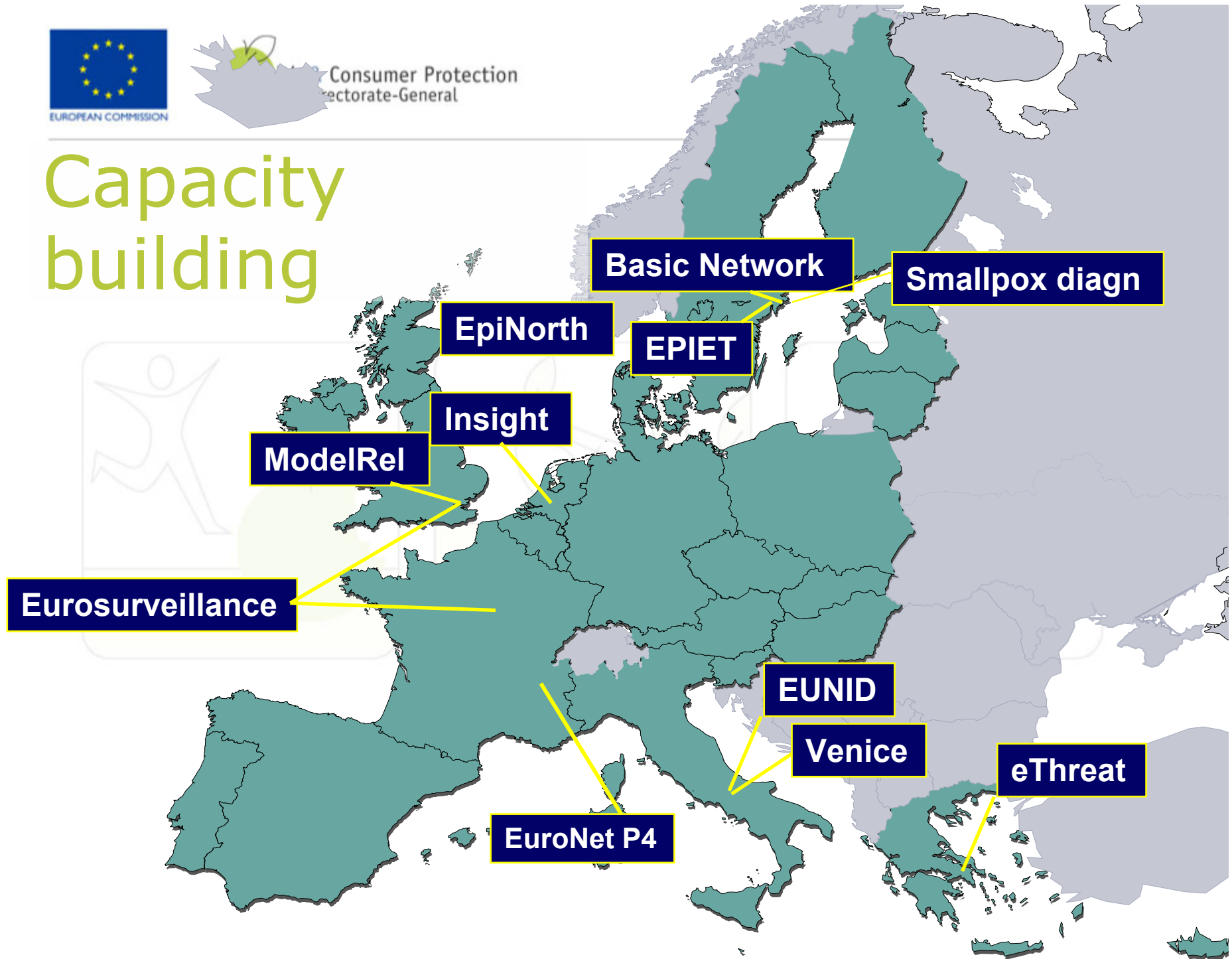
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3. agree on a set deadline when requested for assistance
4. assess the request and explore possibilities for response directly or through other Community mechanisms
5. inform MS authorities and Commission within the framework of the Community network
6. support and coordinate training programmes in order to ... have trained specialists ... epidemiological surveillance and field investigations, and to have a capability to ... control disease outbreaks.



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Capacity building: training

■ Previous examples

- 2003+4, EPIET: training in intervention epidemiology
- 2003, MODELREL: modelling capacity
- 2003, EUNID: infectious disease specialists
- 2004, ETHREAT: training towards rapid bio-terror-related response
- Many networks with capacity development” component

■ 2005: complement actions involving also other public health groups

- develop training programmes (e.g.: train the trainers programmes)
- develop training material relevant to public health
- involve specialist services dealing with
 - laboratory issues
 - first line clinical diagnosis issues
 - infection control
 - emergency management

} *Link to ECDC!*



Capacity building: exchange of information

- Previous examples
 - 2003, EUROSURVEILLANCE: exchange of information
 - 2003, EPINORTH: specific geographical interest
- 2005: improve information exchange and capacity for surveillance and response in regions bordering the EU