

## **Health Security Committee discusses vaccination issues and broader public health measures for influenza A (H1N1) 2009**

The European Commission chaired today (21 August 2009) a regular audio-conference on influenza A (H1N1) 2009 of the EU Health Security Committee and the European Early Warning and Response System national contact points. The items on the agenda were vaccination issues concerning the statement on target and priority groups for vaccination and broader public health measures for influenza. EU Member States and relevant Commission services and EU scientific agencies participated in the meeting.

On vaccination, the EU Health Security Committee and the European Early Warning and Response System national contact points exchanged views on the revised Statement on target and priority groups on influenza A(H1N1) 2009 vaccination. The revised Statement will be amended before an agreement is reached.

On broader public health measures, the Commission informed on the Commission Communication on influenza A (H1N1) 2009, which will be discussed at the extraordinary Health Council on 12 October 2009.

In addition, the use of face masks for travellers with symptoms was discussed. France also gave an update on national developments regarding advice to people going to Saudi Arabia on pilgrimage or Hajj. Next meeting is scheduled for 28 August 2009.