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Public Health and Risk Assessment
Health threats

Workshop on Generic Preparedness and response- a multi sector responsibility

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Berlaymont Buidling, room 11

Brussels

Starting at 10:00 and ending at 17:30

Background

In partnership with EC, WHO European Region has for the past year implemented a project aiming at contributing to the improvement of the overall preparedness for public health emergencies in a number of countries falling under the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) framework. The report from this project is under preparation. In parallel and also in partnership with the EC, WHO implemented a project assessing emergency medical services preparedness in the framework of national crisis management structures in EU member states. This project will be finalized in July 2008.

The WHO European Region aims, with support from EU, to build on the results of these two activities, learning from the evaluation done in EU member states, focusing on expanding the assessments further EU accession and ENP countries, and on implementing the recommendations presented in this first phase.

Aim of the workshop

Informal discussions between WHO European Region and the Commission (Health Threats) are going on in how to introduce the next step. The Commission has an ambition to get more active in the process and is anxious to get advice from the Member States to identify areas to be focussed on in the next step. An ambition is also to identify areas where closer collaboration with other partners than the health sector is important.

Preliminary programme

09.00-10.00 Registration

10.00-10.15 Introduction (Andrzej Rys, DG SANCO)

10.15-10.45 Implementation of 112 (Martins Prieditis, DG INFSO)

10.45-11.10 European civil protection (Yves Dussart, DG ENV)

What is going on and what is planned at EU level

11.10-11.40 WHO projects on (current status)

Preparedness for Public Health Services (Gerald Rockenschaub, WHO/EURO)

and

Emergency Medical Services preparedness (Enrico Davoli, WHO/EURO),

11.40-12.00 "Administrative" break (*coffee*)

12.00-12.25 Bioterrorism (Magnus Ovilius, DG JLS)

What is going on and what is planned at EU level

12.25-12.40 Lessons learned from events (Per Kulling, DG SANCO)

A tool for improving preparedness planning and response

12.40-13.25 Working lunch (*outside the meeting room, hall n° 11*)

- 13.25-13.50 Nuclear threats (Vesa Tanner, DG TREN)
What is going on and what is planned at EU level
- 14.00-16.00 112-event
- 16.00-17.15 Discussion on the way forward
- 17.15-17.30 Conclusions and Final remarks