

## **Health Security Committee - EWRS contact point audio-meeting, 9 December**

At the meeting of Health Ministers on 1 December, the Commission proposed the creation of an EU wide virtual stockpile of medical countermeasures for pandemics. This was met with positive feedback by the Member States and the Commission was requested to continue developing this proposal. At the meeting today, it was agreed that the Commission would act as a broker, identifying and putting together donors and beneficiaries. In addition, a new working group on the liability of pharmaceutical countermeasures has been established to respond to some of the Member States queries. The European Medicines Agency also presented results on vaccine safety and the weekly pharmacovigilance report on pandemic vaccines and antiviral medicines. The second weekly report dated 9 December can be accessed at the EMEA website: <http://www.emea.europa.eu/pdfs/influenza/79038609en.pdf>