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Summary:

This report, prepared by Unit C6 "Health Measures" gives an overview of the progress made in the 3 preparation phases for the start-up of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC):

- A) Actions until 28 February 2005 DG SANCO was charged with all preparation work.
- B) From 1 March until 1 July 2005 DG SANCO supported the growing ECDC in Stockholm.
- C) From 1 July 2005 the ECDC is independently operational in terms of administration and finance. DG SANCO will continue to provide advice and facilitate collaboration of the Centre, the Commission and other institutions and agencies.

This document follows the structure of previous progress reports and a set of work packages and milestones that had to be met in order to achieve the goal set.

At this stage all key milestones in the ambitious planning suggested by the Commission for the implementation of the regulation were met in time.

All documents mentioned throughout this document are stored in electronic format in two CIRCA sites used to share files in the ECDC Board on one hand and between SANCO C6 support staff in Brussels and the ECDC staff in Stockholm.

For the transfer of technical activities to the ECDC, Unit C/3 "Health Threats" will prepare a similar hand over file during Summer.

Fernand Sauer

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DOCUMENTATION

In the CIRCA Extranet Tool (www.forum.europa.eu.int) 2 environments were set up for facilitating the start up of the ECDC by safely and efficiently sharing files between Brussels and Stockholm. One CIRCA site is used to share information within the Management Board and the other between SANCO C6 support staff in Brussels and the ECDC staff in Stockholm.

All documents mentioned in this document are stored in electronic format in these locations http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/sanco/Home/main. The CIRCA tool will be available also in the future for the Centre to exchange documents with partners all over Europe.

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A vacancy notice for the future Director post at the Centre was developed and translated in June-July 2004 while the Management Board was not yet in place. The notice was formulated to appeal to potential candidates coming from different professional backgrounds. The Board approved the vacancy notice and the procedure in its 1st meeting.

The vacancy notice was published in the Official Journal C 200A Series on 7 August and application time closed on 10 September. Additional measures like publication on the SANCO website, dissemination of the notice to Permanent Representations and relevant public health networks were taken, including an advertisement in the Economist.

A High-level Selection Board was set up consisting of Mr Octavio QUINTANA TRIAS (RTD), Ms Marina MANFREDI-MAGILLO (ADMIN); Mr Fernand SAUER (SANCO) and chaired by Mr Robert MADELIN (SANCO).

Under the supervision of a High-level Selection Board a consultancy [Mercuri Urval], procured under a framework contract with the Commission (ADMIN), assisted in the evaluation of candidates through tests and interviews. The High-level Selection Board interviewed the shortlisted candidates and recommended 5 candidates for further scrutiny by an interview with Commissioners Byrne and Kyprianou. According to Article 17 of regulation EC 851/2004 the Commission forwarded its decision and a list of three names to the Management Board for their 2nd meeting.

The 3 candidates were interviewed by the Board, which voted in favour of Ms Jakab, who accepted the nomination and participated successfully in an audition in the European Parliaments Committee for Environment on 10 January.

SANCO C managed and administered in less than 5 month the entire process.

1 March Ms Jakab started her work after having accepted a contract offer from the Management Board. This milestone event was achieved ahead of schedule.

1	Director Vacancy notice
2	Selection procedure for the Director
3	Commission Decision
4	Letter President Borrell to M Sprenger

2. MANAGEMENT BOARD

2.1 Meetings

13 May 2004: SANCO invited Member States to nominate their representatives

5 Request to nominate MS Management Board members

July 2004: SANCO prepared Commission decision for 3 Board members representing the Commission.

6 Commission decision to nominate 3 Management Board members

August /September 2004: EP CoEnv audited 6 candidates for 2 Board members/ alternates representing the EP. EP nominated Ms M Malliori and Mr J Scheres as members and Mr R Haig as sole alternate.

7	Letter from President Borrel to Commission // Members
8	Letter from President Borrel to Commission // Alternate

27-28 September 2004: Start up event with Commissioner Byrne and the Swedish minister of Health. Further speakers: Mrs C Bennett, Minister of State for Health, Canada; Dr M Danzon, WHO European Office; Mr E. Thompson, Chief of Public Health Practice, U.S.; Dr P. Y Leung, Centre for Health Protection, Hong Kong;

1st meeting of the Management Board: Dr Marc Sprenger (NL) is elected as a Chair and Dr Meli Malliori (EL) as Deputy Chair. Furthermore the Board (25 representatives from MS, 2 nominated by the EP and 3 COM representatives) adopts its rules of procedure and a decision on access to documents. The Board supported the approach taken by the Commission for the Director selection procedure.

MB1/1	Invitation
MB1/19	Articles on the Management Board in the Regulation
MB1/2	Provisional annotated agenda
MB1/3	List of representatives and alternates
MB1/4	Declaration of Commitment
MB1/5	Declaration of Confidentiality
MB1/6	Declaration of Interests
MB1/7	Rules of Procedure Final
MB1/8	Proxy voting statements
MB1/9	Vacancy notice
MB1/10	Note on the selections process
MB1/11	Draft letter to Permanent Representations asking for designation of an
	Advisory Forum Member
MB1/12	Aide memoire on the contacts between the Commission and the Swedish
	authorities regarding the Establishment of the Centre
MB1/13	Decision of the EEA Joint Committee
MB1/14	Memorandum on Dedicated Surveillance Networks
MB1/15	Financial statement to the Commission's legislative proposal
	COM(2003) 441 final/2.
MB1/16	Draft EU budget (PDB) for 2005, budget line 17 03 03 for the Centre
MB1/17	Decision on Implementing Rules on Public Access to Document
MB1/18	Provisional calendar for the EU's budget process

13-14 December 2004 Board meeting in Stockholm. The most important items were the interviews with candidates and the nomination of Director Jakab, adoption of the proposal for a work programme 2005-2006 drafted by a MB working party on the basis of a SANCO C proposal and the adoption of budgets and establishment plans for 2005 and 2006.

MB2/1	Institution
1,12,2,1	Invitation
MB2/12	Decision on collaboration with OLAF
MB2/25	Provisional list of participants
MB2/2	Provisional Agenda
MB2/23	List of Member States representatives Advisory Forum by 9 December
MB2/21	Draft memorandum on options for the premises of the Centre
MB2/22	Information on the Centre distributed to the EU Health Ministers
MB2/20	Letter Commissioner Kyprianou
MB2/5	Report on the work of the pre-selection board
MB2/26	Suggested questions to the candidates (to be handed out at the meeting)
	Voting slips (handed out at the meeting)
MB2/9	Draft work programme 2005-2006
MB2/13	Draft Budget and Establishment Plan 2005
MB2/9	Draft work programme 2005-2006
MB2/19	Draft Budget and Establishment Plan 2006
MB2/14	Draft Decision on a Memorandum of Understanding
MB2/18	Addendum to the draft decision on a Memorandum of Understanding
MB2/17	Protocol on Privileges and Immunities
MB2/10	Draft of the Centre's Financial Regulation
MB2/24	Reply from the EU Commission on the Centre's Financial Regulation
MB2/11	Decision on the implementing rules for the financial regulation
MB1/4	Declaration of Commitment

26 May 2005 Board meeting in Solna at the temporary location of the Centre. It is worth noting that now already the Centre had the capability to organise the event. The agenda included a progress report from the Director, feed back from the 1st Advisory Forum meeting, a recommendation for adoption by the MB concerning the permanent site of the ECDC, and the rules on conflict of interest. The meeting was followed by a <u>high level</u> event on **27 May** to mark the start of operations in the Centre with the participation of the EU Presidency, Commissioner Kyprianou and Swedish government representatives.

MB3/4	First meeting of the Advisory Forum
	- Draft Rules of Procedures
MB3/5	Work plan for 2005
MB3/6	Housing options for a growing agency
MB3/7 (ii)	Supplementary and amending budget for 2005
MB3/7 (iii)	2007-2013 New Financial Perspective
MB3/9	Conflict of interest
MB3/10	Internal audit arrangements for ECDC

2.2 Working party

A working party of the Management Board was formed at the 1st Board meeting consisting of the Chair Mr M Sprenger, the vice-Chair Ms M Malliori, Ms J Nielsson Carlson, Mr F George, Mr F Sauer, Mr Gouvras and Mr T Piha.

3 meetings of the working party were organised to advance the following issues Work programme 2005-2006 and Conflicts of Interest . The Commission submitted draft documents to the items discussed at each meeting

MB2/21	Draft memorandum on options for the premises of the Centre
MB3/9	Conflict of interest

3. ADVISORY FORUM

On 26 October 2004 an advance letter was sent to the 25 Permanent Representations to the EU in Brussels, requesting the designation of members to the Advisory Forum, followed by a translated, official letter signed by Director General Mr Madelin the 15 December 2004. After several reminders to the Permanent Representation a complete list with final names and their contacts were put together and copies of all nominations were transferred to ECDC in April 2005.

In several Forums the Commission asked NGOs representing professionals, academia and patients organisations at European level to submit qualified candidatures in order to find three non-voting members/alternates in accordance with Regulation (EC) N° 851/2004, Art. 18(1). After an evaluation procedure 6 names were retained. The European Commission decision E/963/2005, to nominate the three members and their alternates, was adopted 22 June 2005. The list with members/alternates was presented to ECDC the same afternoon.

The Director convened with support from SANCO and in executing the work programme 2005-2006, the first meeting on 28 April in Solna. Participants considered the meeting a success and are willing to contribute to the future work. The Forum discussed the work programme 2005-2006 in the areas of infectious disease surveillance, preparedness and response. The meeting held a general discussion on "How to ensure that the ECDC becomes an institution in Europe that adds value to the present situation, is service minded and fills gaps?". The next meetings in 2005 are scheduled for 11-12 July, September and November.

9	Invitation to nominate member/alternate from Member States
10	List of members/alternates nominated by Member States
11	List of non-voting members /alternates nominated by Commission
	(European Commission Decision E/963/2005)

4. EEA/EFTA PARTICIPATION/ THIRD COUNTRIES / WHO

The EEA Joint Committee Decision No 23/2005 of 8 February 2005 concerning the EEA EFTA participation in the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control entered into force on 19 May 2005 following the completion of the parliamentary procedures in Norway. The decision was initiated by SANCO and RELEX, and subsequent to the ratification full collaboration with the EEA/EFTA countries is now possible. Norway attended the 2nd Management Board and the Advisory Forum meeting as observer and the 3rd Board meeting as a member (however without voting rights). Next steps towards Switzerland and accession countries will be done in coordination with SANCO C.

SANCO C invited WHO representatives from Geneva and Copenhagen to the start up event in September 2004. Director Jakab, a former director of the WHO European Regional office, is well placed to assure good cooperation and current talks include secondment of staff and avoidance of overlaps and double work and development of a

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). A letter of intent to collaborate has already been exchanged.

Director Jakab visited, accompanied by the Chair of the Board Mr M Sprenger, the US DHHS in Washington and the US CDC in Atlanta.

12	Invitation
13	EEA Joint committee decision 8 Feb 2005

5. CONTACTS WITH THE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES

On 26 February 2004 the Swedish government took the decision to locate the Centre in Stockholm or neighbouring communities. Since April 2004 SANCO and Swedish authorities have been in good contacts at various levels. Dedicated meetings took place on 23 April, 3-4 June and 26-27 August 2004 to provide for a swift start up of the Centre. In distinction from other host countries Sweden does not offer housing to the agency. It became evident in the negotiations, that the community of Solna was interested to offer to the Centre temporary premises without cost.

The progress made in the afore mentioned negotiations, was noted in an aide memoire, which was presented to the Board. The Aide memoire covered in detail that:

Sweden will facilitate the Start up event, 1st and 2nd Management Board meeting by providing free of charge venues and interpretation.

Sweden will compile a folder with essential information/ contact points/ arrangements for welcoming ECDC/ ECDC-staff in Sweden.

The discussion advanced sufficiently on an interim seat agreement (Memorandum of Understanding), that the draft was presented to and supported by/ at the 2nd Board meeting.

Before signing the Memorandum, the Director wanted further clarification of the situation in respect of status and recognition of the Centre, status of the staff, social security questions and taxation issues. Following further discussions and negotiations between ECDC and the Commission, the MoU is now ready for final approval by both sides.

On 24 May the Ministry of Foreign Affairs received a preliminary draft of a seat agreement prepared by the ECDC.

MB1/12	Aide memoire on the contacts between the Commission and the Swedish
	authorities regarding the Establishment of the Centre
MB2/18	Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of
	Sweden and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.

6. Premises and infrastructure

In 2004 efforts were made to find and evaluate possible solutions for a start-up housing in business hotels and other alternatives. Potential sites were short listed and visited by our Swedish interlocutors.

As it became evident that the Community of Solna was willing to supply to the Centre temporary premises for the first months without cost, this became the preferred option. The day after her nomination Director Jakab and the Chair of the Board visited the

facilities and accepted the offer. The offices were equipped in a joint effort of the Community of Solna and the SANCO preparation team. Until a move to more final housing the Centre will continue to occupy the temporary premises in Solna Centrum.

A memorandum highlighting the housing options was prepared by SANCO with reference to Commissions guidelines on buildings (http://europa.eu.int/comm/oib/building_policy_en.htm). It was supported at the 2nd Board meeting. SANCO tendered in December 2004 a real estate consultancy contract in order to procure services of an independent expert. The experts tasks were to provide a survey of the office-market, to give a general overview of the situation and prices in the Stockholm region, to develop with the approval of the director a detailed technical requirement document for the premises in conjunction with proposal for a solution for a growing agency and to shortlist possible premises suitable for the Centre from the beginning of 2006. The Director of the ECDC visited 11 short listed sites.

At the 3rd Board meeting the results of the consultancy work were presented and from a shortlist of 6 premises one was retained: Tomteboda skolan. Currently the promoter compiles an answer to a detailed technical and financial questionnaire. The Director received the mandate to negotiate the contract, which head terms were sent to the EP and Council.

SANCO as the DG tutuelle will be instrumental to assure the Commissions assessment of the proposal and forward it to the two arms of the budgetary authority which have to agree on the budgetary consequences.

14	Contract ECDC – Solna Stad
15	Final report regarding premises for ECDC - 1. Introduction
16	Final report regarding premises for ECDC - 2. Report part 1
17	Final report regarding premises for ECDC - 3. Report part 2
18	Emergency Operating Centre;
19	Tomteboda Skolan offer dd 09/2004

7. CONTINUITY OF SURVEILLANCE AND SURVEILLANCE PROJECTS

According to the mandate given in the regulation, surveillance of communicable diseases will in future be carried out or funded by the ECDC. Ongoing surveillance projects funded by the Commission under the current public health programme will either be taken over by the ECDC at the end of the contract period, or they will be discontinued, based on a decision to be taken by the ECDC. It has to be noted that all grant agreements under the Public Health Programme signed with beneficiaries in this area include the obligation to provide results to the ECDC. A dedicated hand-over-file is in preparation covering the scientific and technical activities (DG SANCO/C3) and most notably

- 1. Network: Aguis of legislation
- 2. AMR: The Recommendation and documents from Member States including the state of play
- 3. ESCON: list of officially designated structures/authorities, meetings' minutes and documents
- 4. EWRS: list of officially designated authorities, meetings' minutes and documents, standard operating procedures, other documents /guidelines (eg on SARS etc)
- 5. Technical annexes of all projects financed by Commission on surveillance, training, laboratories, including the ones on surveillance networks from ex-G4
- 6. Copy of Commission working document on influenza COM(2004)201 final dated 26 März 2004

7. Copy of Commission Communication on bioterrorism COM(2003) 320 final dated 2 June 2003

MB1/14	Memorandum on Dedicated Surveillance Networks
20	Health Security Council Discussion paper

8. STAFF

On 1 March Ms Jakab started the Centre in Solna. SANCO C managed the Director call, selection, contract and establishment of the personnel file. In line with standing practice the Commission's PayMaster Office provides services, which include payment of allowances and salaries. The support by SANCO C provided on the on hand for documentation and guidance on recruitment and employment, template documents, and on the other hand for interim staff, based on a call to several Stockholm based interim staff agencies requesting CV's of qualified candidates in Human Resources ICT and Finance and a mini selection. In addition Sweden pledged secretarial support and a Detached National Experts.

The first call for staff (assistant level HR, Finance and ICT and secretarial staff) in the name of the ECDC and with support by SANCO closed 28 February. The call was published inter-institutionally, with EU agencies and networks. It allowed the Director to interview pre-selected candidates as early as 2 March. Further interviews took place between the 16-18 March in Stockholm with support from SANCO C. As a result contracts were offered in the field of ICT, HR and Finance. The lists of candidatures received remains active.

Under the authority of Director Jakab, scientific and administrative profiles for auxiliary and temporary agents and most notably 4 heads of units were prepared on the basis of proposals drafted by SANCO and published inter-institutionally, on the ECDC / SANCO websites and elsewhere closing 22 April. Upon receipt SANCO produced a database, which provided an overview and ranking of all applications.

For SANCO F Sauer participated for the 4 heads of units in a selection committee together with the Head of Administration of the EMEA and the Director of the Epidemiological Institute of Luxembourg. At the May Board meeting Ms Jakab was able to announce the appointment of J. Giesecke (Swe); A. Ammon (De) and D. Coulombier (Fr) and J. Maes (Be) as unit heads. As of 1 July the latter three are already working at the Centre.

The **actual headcount on 1 July is 21** (7 Scientific & 14 Admin, Secretariat and General Support) and further contracts are in preparation most notably for senior scientific staff, governance, communications and the accountant, due to be appointed at the Board meeting in September. Based on the facts available today, the Centre will make full use of the adopted establishment plan by the end of this year.

Furthermore the Centre is permanently seeking applications from Detached National Experts and successfully recruits from this group.

21	PMO Service level agreement
22	Commission décision on DNE
32	Employers assurance
33	Guidance on Personnel files
34	PMO FS to DD on Salaries and pay

9. PROCUREMENT

As per the publication of the ECDC legal base (20 May 2005) SANCO assured that the Centre has been and will be invited to participate in all on-going procurement activities and tendering of DG DIGIT and OIB. This has for the ECDC the advantage that it can access the technical expertise during tendering and evaluating of offers and obtain competitive pricing by increased purchasing power.

As per standing practice the ECDC is invited, when it is deemed favourable to contact suppliers of the Commission to seek inclusion in the already existing contracts and or to be offered similar conditions.

A similar approach was chosen as to respect of procurement through Swedish government channels. Appropriate contacts were laid and used. Inclusion into future tendering needs to be discussed by the ECDC autonomously.

35	CdT ECDC agreement
36	Telephony: Offer from Telia for the start up phase

10. Information and Communication Technology

ECDC events and progress were reported on the SANCO web site http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_overview/strategy/ecdc/ecdc_en.htm , as well as it carried all vacancy notices.

In June 2004 the acronyms ECDC and ECDPC were reserved by DG SANCO as future web site addresses.

With the support of the City of Solna and SANCOs IRM, the Centre's web site was up as of the 2nd week of March and the Centre will increase its functions and use over time [www.ecdc.eu.int]. The Commissions DIGIT will make an offer of hosting the site once it becomes a multilingual site assuring compliance with the EU guidelines.

SANCO C6 and A4 assisted with providing a first complement of computers and preparing the secured TESTA II connection to the Commission data centre in Luxembourg. Based on the secured high speed network connection the ECDC securely access applications and exchange data with the Commission, Member states and connected agencies.

Since March the Centre had access to the Commission intranet (INTRACOMM) making available admin/ budget / HR information. Personal and functional E-mail-address for the ECDC were prepared using hosting arrangements with the Commission

DG ENTR was approached on possible additional funding from the programme for interchange of data between administration, business and consumers (IDABC). Other Agencies like EMEA and EFSA have used this programme to set up networks with institutes and experts to improve the collaboration between different locations and benefited from experience gained when setting up similar networks. The IDABC

secretariat awaits a proposal including a request for funding from the ECDC supported by SANCO. The next call for proposals will go out in November 2005.

http://europa.eu.int/idabc/

11. BUDGET

2004

The Centre had no budget of its own and DG SANCO used its own funds to finance the preparations most notable the two Board meetings and working party meetings between September and December as well as the Director selection (consultancy and travel). *Amounts Committed:* Executed by the financial cell of Dir C

Committed amount	Payments	Concerns
76.500 €	75.288 €	Recruit Director
7.000 €	1.297 €	Experts
<u>103.000 €</u>	<u>46.444 €</u>	Mgmt board
186.500 €	123.029 €	

2005

The initial budget estimates in 2003 were calculated with a weighting of 1,0 (applicable for Brussels and Luxembourg location) and could at that point in time not take into account the impact on costs of the location in Sweden, in particular the salary costs. The weighting factor in Sweden is 1,174 for 2004/5. A preliminary desk analysis by SANCO of the consequences suggests that annual costs may be as much as 26% higher in Sweden than in the original financial Statement.

A decision on the longer-term premises will require a separate agreement with the Budgetary Authority by the end of the summer. In addition the Centre decided to ask for a similar emergency operation centre as planned for the Commission in DG SANCO Luxembourg, and requires agreement for supplementary investment from the budget authority $(3 \text{ million } \mathbf{\epsilon})$

In the start-up phase the budget was supported and executed through DG SANCO / A3 financial circuits. F Sauer was acting as delegated authorising officer. Initiated through the DG SANCO channels, the Commissions PMO assists in executing payroll services for the Centre. It is envisaged that this PMO service is continued throughout 2005 and a service level agreement is in preparation. By 1 July 2005 Director Jakab disposes of sufficient competent staff and systems to assume sole responsibility as Authorising Officer.

The ECDC is provided with copies of the validated legal entity and 3rd party files created on behalf of the ECDC in the Commission accounting environment. In May 2005 the appointment of an interim Accountant (an EMEA staff member) and setting up of an imprest account management marked another corner stone.

MB 2/13	Draft Budget and Establishment Plan 2005
MB 2/9	Draft work programme 2005-2006

23	2005 Status commitments SI 2
24	Excel detail of Budget expenditure
30	ECDC register number Sweden / Organisation number

2006

The proposed and adopted estimate for a budget and establishment plan 2006 of the Centre was supported by the Commission in its PDB 2006 proposal. The increase from € 14,3 to 15,7 million (€ 15.3 Million EU subvention and 0,4 Million EEA/EFTA contribution) is due to the location.

It is expected that Council in 1st reading (mid July) will accept the proposal and the European Parliament rapporteur of the Environmental Committee (CoEnv) Ms Haug has given support in a meeting with SANCO representatives on 16 June 2005 and in the report to the CoEnv.

MB 2/19	Draft Budget and Establishment plan 2006
25	PDB 2006 Commission proposal

12. COORDINATION

Regulation 851/2004: Article 3.1 Mission of the Centre. Some language versions (NL EL PT) depart from the negotiated EN FR and DE versions (1st sentence ending 'and other serious threats to health '). Upon discovery SANCO C made a formal note to the Council (in charge of the language version) to publish corrigenda.

Prior and after their appointment ECDC staff has participated in series of meetings organised by SANCO C 3 and C 6 to facilitate their initiation and integration, as well as functioning on their new posts.

DG SANCO C6 has prepared handover to the Centre by July 2005. From that day onwards DG SANCO will progressively reduce direct support for the Centre in the field of human resources, ICT and finance as well as technical and scientific activities to be taken on by the ECDC. DG SANCO C 3 will prepare a 2nd handover file for the Centre on the transfer of operations.

LS, DG BUDGET and ADMIN provided input into various matters eg the interim seat agreement, conflict of interest, access to documents financial regulation and implementing rules. Support was provided by DG PRESS most notably the Stockholm office during events.

Based on the SANCO preparation the Centre joined the Inter- Agency cooperative networks including the Common Support Services, which will provide, together with the DIGIT and DG BUDGET a solution for a central hosting of the Centre's budget environment from 2005 onwards. This solution is favoured by the ECoA as it facilitates auditing.

Ms Jakab attended several briefing and preparatory meetings with the SANCO DG, IAC and SANCO C including Units C3 and C 6 in February and March. SANCO staff continued during Q1 and Q2 of 2005 to provide information on an ad hoc basis and the

lines of communication are good at all levels. Staff was on stand by to undertake mission upon request of the Centre.

26	Invitation
27	Formal note to Council on translation problems
28	Interim financial arrangements ZJ FS
29	Financial arrangements 09 June ZJ FS
31	Handover acceptance II ZJ FS

13 FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

The Regulation No 851/2004 establishing the Centre stipulates in Article 31 <u>"Review clause"</u>

- 1. By .May 2007 the Centre shall commission an independent external evaluation of its achievements on the basis of terms of reference issued by the Management Board in agreement with the Commission. The evaluation shall assess:
- (a) the possible need to extend the scope of the Centre's mission to other relevant Community-level activities in the field of public health, in particular to health monitoring; and
- (b) the timing of further reviews.

This assessment shall take into account the tasks of the Centre, the working practices and the impact of the Centre on the prevention and control of human disease, and shall include an analysis of the synergy effects and the financial implications of such an extension. The evaluation shall take into account the views of the stakeholders, at both Community and national level.

2. The Management Board shall examine the conclusions of the evaluation and issue to the Commission such recommendations as may be necessary regarding changes in the Centre, its working practices and the scope of its mission. The Commission shall forward the evaluation report and the recommendations to the European Parliament and the Council and make them public. After assessment of the evaluation report and the recommendations, the Commission may submit any proposals for amendments to this Regulation which it deems necessary.

The financial perspectives as proposed by the Commission in April provide for an increase of the ECDC over time, especially from 2009, when the scope of work in ECDC is likely to be extended.

Without prejudice to the outcome of the evaluation, the subsequent review of the Centres founding regulation and of the final decision on the EU financial perspectives, the estimates as decided by the Commission are as follows:

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Staff	50	70	120	170	220	270	300	300
Budgets (Mio €)	15.7	23	27	46	58	68	75	92

DG SANCO maintains its offer to provide advice and support on request from the ECDC and to facilitate the collaboration of the Centre with the Commission and other Institutions or EU-Agencies.

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