

A European Health Union: Tackling health crises together

THE ROLE OF EU AGENCIES



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

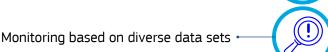
Defending Europe against infectious diseases

CURRENT MANDATE



FUTURE MANDATE





Recommend measures for outbreak control

Non-binding guidance and risk assessments



on common standards and definitions

Early warning and response mechanism for

State-of-the-art epidemiological surveillance

to monitor infectious disease outbreaks based



Concrete recommendations for response

Early warning and response mechanism for exchange of information

- Alertness
- Information exchange
- Preparedness planning

Cooperation with Member States' experts



 Network of reference laboratories for crisis-relevant advice on new pathogens and network on substances of human origin, e.g. tissues, cells and blood

European Medicines Agency (EMA)

Evaluating and monitoring the safety of medicines



CURRENT MANDATE

Monitoring the safety of medicines



FUTURE MANDATE

 Monitoring and mitigating shortages of medicines and medical devices caused by major events

Evaluating the safety of medicines



 Offering advice on medicines which may treat, prevent or diagnose a disease causing an outbreak



 Coordinating studies to monitor the effectiveness and safety of vaccines



Coordinating and advising on clinical trials of medicines







NEW EU health emergency preparedness and response authority

(proposal in late 2021)

CURRENT SET-UP

EU research programme reprogrammed to address the current emergency



ROLE OF NEW AUTHORITY

- Development of new medicines based on horizon scanning
- Following emerging biomedical issues and trends in their political, economic, social, technological and environmental setting

Joint procurement for medical equipment and other countermeasures, although not adapted to emergency situations



- Access to medicines and medical equipment for emergencies through production and procurement of emergency supplies, including via manufacturing surge capacity
- Ensuring immediate additional medical services to accommodate increased demand

Ad hoc advanced purchase agreement negotiations for vaccines



- Building surge EU manufacturing capacities
- Launching emergency procurements and emergency deployment of medical countermeasures including vaccines

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