



European Commission

A European Health Union: Tackling health crises together

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THE ROLE OF EU AGENCIES



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Defending Europe against infectious diseases

CURRENT MANDATE

Networking and information exchange



Monitoring based on diverse data sets



Non-binding guidance and risk assessments



Early warning and response mechanism for exchange of information



Cooperation with Member States' experts



FUTURE MANDATE

• Recommend measures for outbreak control

• State-of-the-art **epidemiological surveillance** to monitor infectious disease outbreaks based on common standards and definitions

• Concrete recommendations for response

• **Early warning and response mechanism** for
- Alertness
- Information exchange
- Preparedness planning

• **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



- **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



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



Ad hoc advanced purchase agreement negotiations for vaccines



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

- **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

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

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