

The European Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority – HERA

Why do we need HERA?

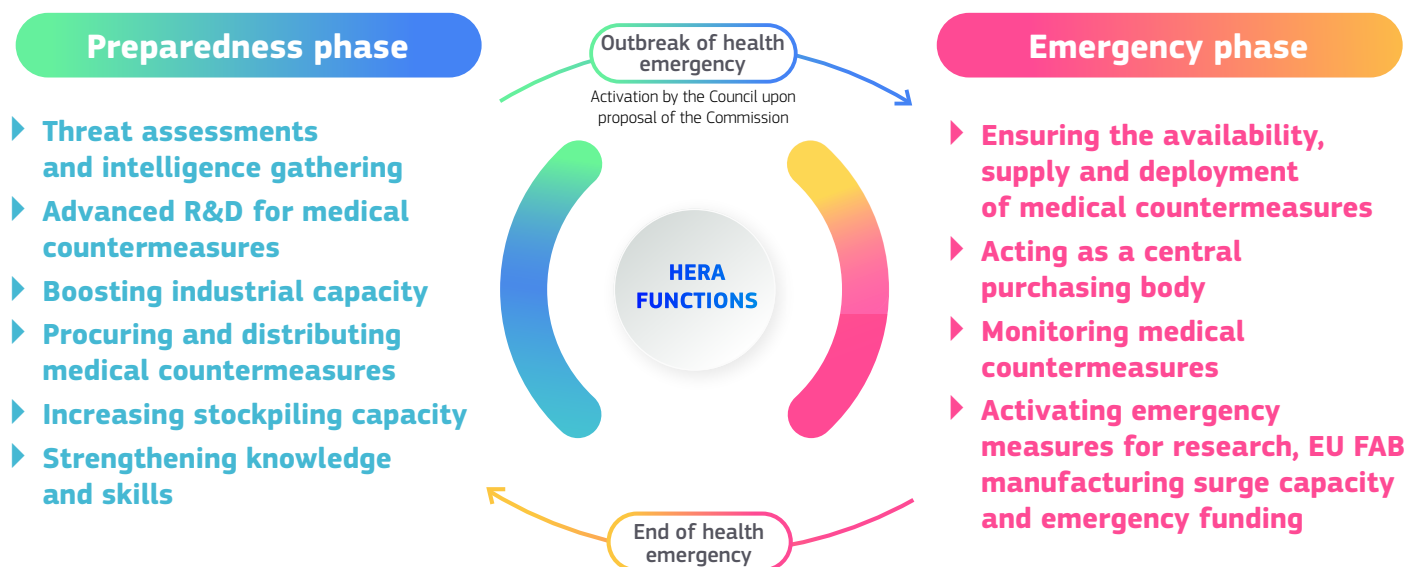
- ▶ outbreaks of infectious diseases are on the rise worldwide
- ▶ learning lessons from COVID-19: cooperation makes us stronger, we need to be better prepared for future pandemics and move from ad hoc to structured cooperation with all actors

HERA's mission

- ▶ better EU health security coordination before and during crises
- ▶ bringing together the EU Member States, industry and relevant stakeholders
- ▶ development, production, procurement, stockpiling and equitable distribution of medical countermeasures
- ▶ reinforcing the global health emergency response architecture

HERA is a shared resource and mission control centre for Member States and EU institutions to better prepare the EU for cross-border health threats.

What does HERA do?





What are medical countermeasures?

Medical countermeasures (MCMs) diagnose, prevent, protect from or treat conditions during a public health emergency. Examples are: vaccines, antibiotics, medical equipment, chemical antidotes, therapeutics, diagnostic tests or personal protective equipment such as gloves or masks.

International dimension

In close collaboration with global partners, HERA will:

- ▶ address international supply chain bottlenecks and expand global production capacity
- ▶ reinforce global surveillance
- ▶ in case of a health emergency, facilitate international cooperation and support for medical countermeasures
- ▶ support low- and middle-income countries to build expertise and develop manufacturing and distribution capacities
- ▶ support access to EU-funded medical countermeasures

Governance

- ▶ **HERA Board:** shapes the strategic direction of EU and national health preparedness and response
 - **Members:** Member States, European Commission with European Parliament as observer
- ▶ **HERA network** with similar national or regional authorities: contributes to ensuring medical countermeasures are available and accessible
- ▶ **HERA Advisory Forum** with external stakeholders (industry, academia and civil society): advises on planning and implementation of scientific, health and industrial activities of HERA
- ▶ **Health Crisis Board:** coordinates action in response to a crisis
 - **Members:** Member States, European Commission with involvement of other institutions

Funding

- **€6 billion** (2022-2027) from the Multiannual Financial Framework and NextGenerationEU
- + **€24 billion** invested by other EU programmes such as Recovery and Resilience Facility, REACT-EU, and cooperation instruments

€30 billion for better health system resilience and preparedness

