



Luxembourg, 20 November 2014

19th Teleconference
with the Members of the Health Security Committee on Ebola and other issues
20 November, 14:00-15:30
Draft Flash Report

The EU Health Security Committee held an audio conference on 20 November 2014. The main items were: the co-ordination of public health measures including EU preparedness in view of the Ebola outbreak, the established network of clinicians, the two Commissioners mission in Africa and the SANCO mission to Africa regarding exit screening .

1. Avian influenza (H5 N8) outbreaks in DE, NL and UK

The HSC took note of the rapid risk assessment by the ECDC, in particular the options offered regarding vaccination with seasonal influenza vaccine for exposed poultry workers and the monitoring of all workers in direct contact with infected poultry. The HSC also took note of the information provided by the Animal Health Unit and the expert of the EU Reference Laboratory for Influenza.

2. Updated risk assessment on Ebola

The HSC took note of the eighth update of the assessment as prepared and presented by ECDC. At this stage, Mali is not considered an affected country.

3. Preparedness questionnaire analysis

The HSC took note of the fact that the report prepared by SANCO and ECDC on the basis of the preparedness questionnaire available in the EWRS will be used as a background document to support the discussion during the informal health council on 1 December. Some Member States asked to update their information and a deadline will be shared with ECDC once the Commission has specified with the missing MS (including CH) the timeframe.

4. Mission to check exit screening in affected countries.

The HSC took note without any comments of the update provided by the Commission. A flash report of the outcomes of the mission will be shared with the HSC prior to the next council meeting on 1 December.

5. Network of clinicians

The HSC took note of the activation of the IT platform to support the network as well as the ongoing process to populate the application. CH was invited to participate, in particular after the reception of an Ebola patient.

6. Joint Procurement of PPE

The HSC took note of the update provided by the Commission. Four MS have already expressed interest to participate to a joint procurement of PPE. In this respect, a second workshop regarding safety issues and infection control protocols for managing Ebola patients before and in health care settings will take place in the first two weeks of December.

7. Technical workshop on European Foreign Medical Teams for the Ebola crisis

The HSC took note without comments of the information shared by DG ECHO. It was agreed that a flash report of the meeting will be shared with the HSC.

8. Visit of Commissioners of SANCO and ECHO to the affected countries

The HSC took note of the information provided by the Commission regarding the outcomes of the mission, without comments. A running table including imminent meetings will be circulated based on an existing table established by the General Secretariat of the Council.

9. Workshop with health and other professionals likely to enter into contact with Ebola patients

The HSC took note of the outcomes of the workshop, without any comments.

9. Assets for medical evacuation purposes

ES announced that the country offers a military aircraft for the purpose of medical evacuation.

10. Legionellosis outbreak in PT

The HSC took note of the risk assessment by ECDC and the update offered by PT without any comments

11. Poliovirus

The HSC took note of the IHR emergency committee statement regarding the international spread of poliovirus, and in particular the recommendations regarding Pakistan, without any comments.

12. Next meetings

The next audio meeting of the HSC will be on 26 November.

After that, the HSC will meet again on 4 December with the participation of Commissioner Andriukaitis.

The next plenary of the HSC will be on 27 February 2015, with the participation of Commissioner Andriukaitis