



Luxembourg, 26 November 2014

20th Teleconference
with the Members of the Health Security Committee on Ebola and other issues
26 November, 11:00-12:30
Flash Report

The EU Health Security Committee held an audio conference on 26 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 issue of interoperability at medical evacuation procedures and the outcomes of the mission to Africa regarding exit screening.

1. 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.

2. Mission to check exit screening in affected countries.

The HSC took note of the update provided by the Commission. The Commissioner will provide a report during the Health Council on 1 December.

3. 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. The platform will go on production on 1 December. Nomination of experts is still possible by Member States.

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

A workshop was organized by the Directorate General for Humanitarian aid and crisis management to identify needs for medical support teams in the Ebola affected countries. Member States are invited to mobilise medical teams and volunteers. The Commission is currently analysing with partners in the affected countries where this support is most needed. The HSC took note of the information provided by Commission.

5. Ebola in Europe: Italy medevac

The HSC took note of the information provided by the Commission, which will return to the Committee if an update will be available.

6. Ebola: potential therapies and unproven vaccines

The HSC took note of the table prepared by Commission services regarding general medical countermeasures to Ebola, which will be updated on a regular basis. EMA will publish a report about available experimental treatments in due course.

7. Interoperability of procedures in Medical Evacuation

In order to ensure that evacuees from the airport to the treating hospital are safely transported the Commission will compile information related to technical specifications for aircrafts available for evacuation. The Health Security Committee Members will see with ambulance services at national level to ambulance services whether the technical equipment of the aircrafts and the ambulances match.

8. Request from the UN Special Envoy on Ebola

The HSC agreed to invite Dr. David Nabarro, UN Special Envoy on Ebola, to the next audio meeting to discuss treatment of international health care workers.

9. Second workshop on safety and infection control issues of Ebola patients in health care settings

The HSC took note of the workshop to be organised on 8 December in Luxembourg. The invitation will be sent out on 27 November.

10. Rapid risk assessment of Enterovirus 68

The HSC took note of the updated risk assessment provided by the ECDC.

11. Ebola in Mali

The HSC took note that, according to the WHO, Mali is considered to be an affected country with localised transmission. Mali is putting in place exit screening measures in the international airport of Bamako. FR has already implemented entry screenings for flights coming from Mali.

12. Next meetings

The next audio meeting of the HSC will be on 4 December at 1300 CET with the participation of Commissioner Andriukaitis.