VACCINATION CHALLENGES: EU COLLABORATION & CONVERGENCE

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Success of vaccination

- Eradication of smallpox
- Near eradication of polio
- Prevention of estimated 2.5 million deaths each year worldwide.
- 94% decrease of measles cases since 1980.
- Estimated 74% reduction in measles deaths over the last 10 years.
- Seasonal influenza vaccination currently prevents up to 37,000 deaths each year in the EU.
Vaccination policy in Europe is **not** achieving its public health goals
Seasonal influenza vaccination coverage rates in older age groups in EU/EEA Member States, 2011–12 and 2012–13 influenza seasons (n=24 Member States)

Source: National seasonal influenza vaccination survey, March 2014
Vaccine acceptance

Underestimated

• Seriousness of vaccine-preventable diseases

• Benefits of vaccination

• Economic value of vaccines
Vaccine hesitancy
EU citizens still die from vaccine preventable diseases! The threat continues
Thank you for your attention


http://ec.europa.eu/health/vaccination/events/ev_20121016_en.htm