

WORK PACKAGE 5

WP5 Training in field/applied epidemiology

Objectives

To strengthen the early response capacity of participating countries to health threats and infectious diseases by organizing short-term training courses and seminars and by promoting participation in existing training programmes of interest.

Main Achievements

The WP conducted a training needs assessment among participating countries focusing on: analysis of surveillance data, outbreak investigation, risk assessment, system characteristics and communication among countries and analysis tools. Based on this assessment the team conducted three training modules and elaborated teaching material. Approximately 100 medium-to-high level epidemiologists, from EU and non EU Countries, participated with profitable exchange of knowledge and acquisition of a common understanding of health issues in the Episouth region. Moreover an updated directory of training courses and fellowships of interest to Episouth countries was elaborated. Finally the WP produced a strategic document on training in the Episouth region

Activities

WP5 organized short-term training courses and seminars and promoted participation to existing training programmes of interest. The three one-week modules included workshops and trainings. Workshops focused on: communicable disease surveillance systems in the region; risk assessment & communication and outbreak management. Training focused on: analysis of time series & spatial data; modelling of infectious diseases; multivariate analysis

With shores on three continents, the Mediterranean has long been the basin of trading societies. It is today, one of the biggest tourist destinations and has been described as a "central superhighway of transport, trade and cultural exchange". Thus past and present have conferred to the region a unique identity. More than a geographical or political aggregate, Mediterranean countries share a similar epidemiological profile and tend to face similar problems resulting from their sharing an open space. The Episouth project addressed, through WP5, some of the common training and networking needs of participating countries..

WP5 STEERING TEAM MEMBERS: Spain, Romania, Serbia, Algeria, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, and Syria



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