

## Objectives

To assess the access to immunization of migrant populations and immigrants;

To collect data and exchange information on cases/outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in this target group;

To provide an overview of existing programmes for monitoring and improvement of immunization coverage of migrant populations;

To formulate recommendations facilitating the evaluation and improvement of immunization activities among migrant populations and immigrants in the Episouth region

## Activities

WP7 assessed the status of vaccine preventable diseases and migrant populations in the Episouth region, and elaborated a strategic document on the topic with specific recommendations for policy makers and public health officials.

## Main Achievements

The WP7 team conducted a country based assessment survey for vaccine preventable diseases and migrant populations among participating countries in order to collect information about country specific migrant groups of people, organization and performance of their immunizations and problems faced by the national public health systems in this area. Based on the analysis of this data, the team produced a strategic document on vaccine preventable diseases and migrant populations with general recommendations for improving the access to immunizations of migrant groups

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Apart from the increased potential for the spread of infectious disease, that a more mobile global population brings, there are also concerns that migrants' health prevention needs are not always adequately met in the receiving Country; especially for certain migrant groups, e.g. irregular migrants and asylum seekers. In the past years Countries in the Mediterranean and Balkans have been experiencing intensive migration and Health Systems in this region are challenged by the need to provide all residents with access to preventive care including immunization. WP7 aims to develop tools and recommendations to help participating countries assess access to immunization among immigrant and migrant communities and improve immunization coverage in identified vulnerable groups



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