3rd EpiSouth Steering Committee Meeting  
30-31 October 2008, Brussels  
(Room F101 - 00/042 DG SANCO - Rue Froissart, n 101 )

AGENDA

Participants:
At present, Steering Committee is composed by 19 persons (in bold the members who have confirmed their participation):
Silvia Declich (project leader), Maria Grazia Dente (WP1), Massimo Fabiani (WP2), Roberto Gnesotto (WP3), Giovanni Putoto (WP4), Cinzia Montagna (WP4), Fernando Simòn Soria (WP5), Concepción Martin de Pando (WP5), Pilar Soler (WP5 observer), Philippe Barboza (WP6), Fatima Aït-Belghiti (WP6), Mira Kojouharova (WP7), Nadia Vladimirova (WP7), Rengina Vorou (WP8), Kassiani Mellou (WP8), Germain Thinus (EC-SANCO), Massimo Ciotti (ECDC), David Mercer (WHO EURO) John Jabbour (WHO EMRO) Pierre Nabeth (WHO HQ).

John O’Toole (ECDC External Relations and Partnerships) and Ines Steffens (Eurosurveillance Coordinator) will represent ECDC in the Meeting.

30 October – Thursday 2.00-6.00 pm
Session 1: Project’s state of the art
2.00-2.30
Welcome and Meeting’s aims and outcomes (Silvia Declich)
2.30-4.30
Project’s WPs achievements, delays and challenges (WPs leaders)
4.30-4.45
break
4.45-5.15
ECDC remarks on current project’s activities, suggestions for future developments and prospects after the project’s end (John O’Toole)
Discussion
31 October - Friday 9.30 am - 1.00 pm
Session 2: Future Developments and Sustainability of EpiSouth Network

9.30-10.00
Framework for discussion (Silvia Declich)
EpiSouth second phase: sectors/activities of the present project’s phase to be consolidated; new priorities/activities to be considered; tentative budget for the second phase.

10.00-12.00
i) - Priority and programming for ENPI and EuroMed (Walter Siedel - EuropeAid)
ii) - Opportunities in the framework of EC -financed programmes (Germain Thinus- EC DGSanco; representative of DG RTD- to be confirmed)
iii) - Eurosurveillance with focus on the ongoing collaboration with EpiNorth: a model for developing further scientific partnership with Episouth (Ines Steffens-Eurosurveillance Coordinator)
iv) - Association of National Agencies of International Cooperation/National Ministries: is there any opportunity?
  Spain (Fernando Simòn Soria- Istituto de Salud Carlos III)
  France (Philippe Barboza - Institut de Veille Sanitaire)
  Italy (Giuseppe Salamina - DG International and EU Relations, Italian MoH)

12.00-1.00 p.m.
Plenary discussion

31 October - Friday 2.00 - 5.00 pm
Session 3: Plans for the 3rd project’s year and Consensus on decisions
2.00-4.00
- WPs Work Plans (WPs leaders)
- 3rd Project Meeting in Sofia: proposals for the preparation phase and consensus on dates, schedule, themes and approaches ( Maria Grazia Dente)
4.00-5.00
Consensus on decisions and actions to be taken (Silvia Declich)