5th EpiSouth Steering Committee
12 and 13 November 2009

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Participants (in bold the members who have so far confirmed their participation):
Silvia Declich (project leader), Maria Grazia Dente (WP1), Massimo Fabiani (WP2), Valeria Alfonsi (WP2), Roberto Gnesotto (WP3), Giovanni Putoto (WP4), Cinzia Montagna (WP4), Fernando Simòn Soria (WP5), Concepción Martin de Pando (WP5), 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/Roberta Andraghetti (WHO EURO), John Jabbour (WHO EMRO), Pierre Nabeth (WHO HQ).

Guests/Observers:
Guénaël Rodier (IHR Coordination Dept-WHO), Maarit Kokki (Coordinator of Director’s Cabinet – ECDC), Djohar Hannoun (Algeria FP); Mondher Bejaoui (Tunisia FP), Nada Ghosn (Lebanon FP), Silvia Bino (Albania FP).

Agenda

12 November, Thursday
2.00 – 6.30 pm

2.00 - 2.15   Welcome and Meeting Objectives
2.15 - 3.45   Status of the project activities and activities plan to June 2010 (WP1>WP8)
   > Each WP will prepare a short presentation (10 Minutes) on achieved vs planned activities; activities planned up to June 2010; constraints and lessons learned
3.45 - 4.15   Discussion
4.15 - 4.30   Coffee Break
4.30 – 6.30 Final Conference, Strategic Documents, reflections on EpiSouth Networking
- Project Coordination will update on the Conference technical aspects and organisation of the EpiSouth/Communicable Diseases final conference in Rome (including target audience, guests, budget etc.);
- WP5, WP6, WP7 and WP8 in coordination with WP4 will update regarding Strategic Documents preparation;
- Project leader will guide a reflection on Networking: strengths, weakness, technical aspects in political contexts; geographical coverage; ways of working together/keeping partners' participating; appropriateness for dealing with CD; effectiveness; sustainability; etc. (including also aspects highlighted by the internal evaluation).

13 November, Friday
9.00 am – 5 pm
9.00 – 11.00 Status of the Arts for EpiSouth Network after June 2010 (EC-EAHC; EC-AIDCO; National Government) - 1st part
  • Lines of activities and proposals contents
  • Partners
  • Strategies (Management, Governance, Co-Leadership Procedures, etc.)
  • Budget
  • Coordination, collaborations and synergies (WHO, ECDC, Networks etc.)
  • Network enlargement (Countries - Libya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Yemen etc - and Collaborating Institutions- UNRWA etc)

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 am – 12.00 pm Status of the Arts for EpiSouth Network after June 2010 (EC-EAHC; EC-AIDCO; National Government) - Discussion

12.00 – 1.00 EpiSouth project external evaluation: the ECDC evaluation proposal
  > the proposal and draft protocol will be presented by ECDC and discussed to reach final consensus

1.00 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.45 The extension period (October 2009 -June 2010):
  - Budget verification and amendments needs for the 9-months;
  - the 3rd Interim Report.
  > On the basis of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Financial Interim Report, the WPs leaders should present their budget estimation for the extension period highlighting possible needs for budget amendments

3.45 – 4.00 Coffee Break

4.00- 4.45 The way forward to April 2010: schedule; sharing tasks and responsibilities; challenges etc.
4.45-5.00 Conclusions