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Questionnaire about Institutions partners

SECTION 1

Official name¹

¹ Provide the name of the organization such as the Ministry of Health or Public Health Institute to which your unit belongs.

Medical and Public Health Services, Ministry of Health

Unit²

² Department/Unit within the institutions involved in the Network, in charge of the surveillance of communicable diseases (especially in early warning and response system, vaccine preventable diseases and zoonotic infections).

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SECTION 2

Mandate³ as described in the regulation enacting your organization

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

³ *The mandate defines the main functions of an organization and derives from outside and above an organization.*

SECTION 3

Describe your unit position within the organizational chart (organigram)⁴ of the larger institution you belong to

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

⁴ *An organizational chart for a whole organization shows the units who make up such organization and the relationships between them. Relationships refer to authority and communication lines.*

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SECTION 4

Describe your unit's organizational chart (organigram)⁵

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

⁵ *An organizational chart for a unit shows the managers and main professional roles who make up such unit and the relationships between them.*

SECTION 5

Illustrate the main roles and activities carried out by your organization in the field of infectious diseases prevention and control, specifically in the following areas:

a) Surveillance of infectious diseases

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

b) Epidemic Intelligence⁶

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

⁶ *Please, see: C. Paquet, D. Coulombier, R. Kaiser, M. Ciotti, Epidemic Intelligence: a new framework for strengthening disease surveillance in Europe in Eurosurveillance, 2006; 11 (12): 212–4.*

c) Monitoring of services delivery, including immunization of migrant populations

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

d) Zoonosis

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

e) Diagnostic services

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

f) Emergency preparedness

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

Department of the Ministry of Health

Surveillance Unit is a part of the Medical and Public Health Services (MPHS) that is a Department of the Ministry of Health of Cyprus (MOH). The MOH consists of six Departments

The Units personnel consists of two doctors (a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and a Senior Medical Officer), a Health Visitor, a Laboratory Scientist, an Environmental Health Inspector and a clerk. There is no organisational chart besides the CMO being in charge of the unit

The system for surveillance of communicable diseases is based in the Unit and is covered by the existing legislation for control of communicable diseases

Epidemic intelligence is a responsibility of the Unit and it is based on epidemic intelligence provided already by various organisations (ECDC, WHO etc)

Management of all vaccination activities is taking place in the Unit.

Surveillance and Control of all Communicable diseases is taking place at the Unit. In relation to Zoonoses there is a strong continued collaboration with the Veterinary Services and many joined Committees are functioning

Public Sector diagnostic services are provided by the microbiology laboratories of the Hospitals that are run by the Medical and Public Health Services

Emergency preparedness related to communicable diseases is organised/ undertaken by the Unit

g) Training and education
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

h) Research
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

SECTION 6

Describe the alert procedure adopted by your organization and the conditions to which applies paying special attention to infectious diseases.
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

SECTION 7

Provide a brief account of your unit's professional staff mix⁷
⁷ *The categories are mutually exclusive: please, assign only one profile to each unit's professional staff.*

Staff mix	Senior	Junior	Total
Epidemiologists	0	0	0
Infectious diseases specialists	0	0	0
Statisticians	0	0	0
Microbiologists	0	0	0
Biologists	0	0	0
Laboratory technicians	1	0	1
Information Technology Managers	0	0	0
Others (please, specify) Public Health Doctors (2), Health Visitor(1), Environmental Health Inspector(1) clerk (1)	5	0	5

SECTION 8

Describe the content of and time span covered by the databases related to infectious diseases your organization manages.
Please select the number of databases you want to describe, insert their descriptions, and leave the drop-down menu with the number of databases you have compiled.

Number of databases:

4

Data-base	Content	Time span	Brief description
Mandatory Notified Communicable Diseases	All Mandatory Notified Communicable Diseases	Since 2004 January (in the amended form)	Cases of Mandatory Notified Communicable Diseases (currently 57) are entered in an EPI Info database
Sentinel Network	Cases with 11 clinical entities	Since April 2003	Sentinel Network for 11 entities/ syndromes based on clinical diagnosis, reported weekly by a network of 71

Training and Education related to communicable diseases (at the central as well as peripheral level) is coordinated/ monitored by the Unit

Limited reasearch is undertaken by the Unit because of limited human resources

A system for the provision of information from the peripheries to the centre is established as well as for international emergencies.

clinicians of primary Health Sector

Laboratory Network

Cases microorganisms were isolated or cultured

Since January 2004

Reporting by a network of laboratories of private and public sector on a weekly basis

Sexually transmitted diseases

Cases of sexually transmitted diseases

Since January 2004

Weekly reporting of cases of STD by a network of dermatologists and gynaecologists

SECTION 9

Exemplify the main publications produced by your organization during the last three years.

Please select the number of publications you want to describe, insert their descriptions, and leave the drop-down menu with the number of publications you have compiled.

Number of newsletters:

1

Title

Frequency (Yearly, monthly, etc.)

Web link (if available)

"Enimerotico Deltio Epidemiologikis Epiritirisis Loimodon Nosimaton"

Six monthly

www.moh.gov.cy

Number of bulletins:

0

Number of reports:

0

Number of research:

0

Others:

0

SECTION 10

Identify your main collaborating partners in each area.

Number of partners:

0