Questionnaire about Institutions partners

SECTION 1

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

Unit 2
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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Mandate \(^3\) 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 Intelligence\(^6\)

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

c) Monitoring of services delivery, including immunization of migrant populations
A maximum of 200 words is allowed

Nominated doctors are in charge for delivery of immunization and vaccination services. Monitoring of these services is done by regional and national coordinators (monitoring the sensitivity and susceptibility of general population, including vaccination coverage, conduction of population based seroprevalence studies). Immunization of migrant population is not monitored separately from general population.

In Slovenia, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food and the Ministry of Health share the responsibility for matters concerning zoonotic diseases. Steering Committee on Zoonoses on national level gives an important opportunity for cooperation between Veterinary administration of RS (VARS), Ministry of Health (MOH), Health Inspectorate... Committee is chaired by an epidemiologist of the NIPH RS. There are certain ad hoc meetings and also occasionally regular sharing of data (bird flu). Regular outputs on zoonoses are: annual report on zoonoses; annual program for zoonoses monitoring; annual report for EFSA.

Microbiological testing in Slovenia is provided through the regional IPH laboratories and national reference laboratories. Most of the reference laboratories are contained within the national IPHRS. Exceptions are reference laboratories for TB, HIV and viral hemorrhagic fevers. Diagnostic services of IPHRS Public Health Laboratory are separated in following main diagnostic categories: – vaccine preventable diseases – influenza viruses, enteroviruses (including polioviruses) – invasive bacteria, – molecular and genetic diagnostics.

Outbreaks and events of public health concern are reported directly to the IPH which informs the MoH. Outside office hours, outbreaks are reported directly by phone to the epidemiologist on duty. Both at regional and national levels, a formal system of contacting the relevant persons outside office hours is in place (24 hours and 7 days a week).

Postgraduate education programs. Education about immunization and vaccination principles and cold chain (regular workshops).

In recent years, the Center has coordinated and/or participated in several studies such as: – a national general population probability sample study about sexual behavior, which integrated testing for genital Chlamydia trachomatis infection – first national hospital acquired infections survey – seroepidemiological studies relevant to vaccine preventable diseases (measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, hepatitis A, human metapneumovirus…) – seroprevalence and risk factor study of herpes zoster – seroprevalence study of cytomegalovirus – study about re-emergence of pertussis in Slovenia (with regard to the change in national immunization policy) – research on invasive bacteria epidemiology and antimicrobial resistence

Outbreaks and events of public health importance are detected at the regional level, either through (direct) notification by physicians, and institutions like schools, by analyzing the lab reports (microbiological laboratories are integrated in the regional public health institutes) or by analyzing the notifications. Reporting on outbreaks is obligatory and must be immediate and on suspicion using the quickest possible way (telephone, fax). Outbreaks are reported directly to the IPH which informs...
the MoH. Outside office hours, outbreaks are reported directly by phone to the epidemiologist on duty. Both at regional and national levels, a formal system of contacting the relevant persons outside office hours is in place (24 hours and 7 days a week). Outbreak or event is investigated by regional epidemiologist or national outbreak team, depending on the size of the outbreak and other characteristics and circumstances.

SECTION 7

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

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<th>Staff mix</th>
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<th>Junior</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>7</td>
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<td>Infectious diseases specialists</td>
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<td>Others (please, specify)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>16</td>
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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: 5

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<tr>
<th>Data–base</th>
<th>Content</th>
<th>Time span</th>
<th>Brief description</th>
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<td>Communicable diseases</td>
<td>Database on 75 mandatory reportable communicable diseases.</td>
<td>From 1950</td>
<td>Universal mandatory notification. Passive reporting system. Database of reports from GP.</td>
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<td>Sexually transmitted diseases</td>
<td>Database on mandatory reportable sexually transmitted diseases.</td>
<td>From 2001</td>
<td>Universal mandatory notification. Passive reporting system.</td>
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<td>HIV / AIDS</td>
<td>HIV/AIDS surveillance is based on mandatory reporting of HIV / AIDS / AIDS deaths.</td>
<td>From 1986</td>
<td>Additional sources: overall national HIV testing rates, unlinked anonymous testing, behavioral surveillance</td>
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<td>Adverse events following immunization</td>
<td>Database on reported adverse events after immunization.</td>
<td>From 1996</td>
<td>Passive reporting system</td>
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<td>Immunization registry</td>
<td>Immunization surveillance and evaluation, supported by computerized system, data exchange.</td>
<td>From 1996</td>
<td>Passive reporting system</td>
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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: 0

Number of bulletins: 1

Title | Frequency (Yearly, monthly, etc.) | Web link (if available)
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Number of reports: 5

Title | Frequency (Yearly, monthly, etc.) | Web link (if available)
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Analysis of vaccine side effects | two yearly | http://www.ivz.si/index.php?akcija=novica&n=1210

Number of research: 0

Others: 0

SECTION 10

Identify your main collaborating partners in each area.

Number of partners: 7

Partner name | Location | Surveillance of infectious diseases | Epidemic Intelligence | Monitoring of s. delivery | Zoonosis | Diagnostic Services | Emergency preparedness | Training and education | Research
---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---
Ministry of Health | National | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | No
Ministry of Health, the department of Health inspectorate | National | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | No
9 Regional Public Health Institutes | Regional | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes
Infectious disease clinic | National | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes
Institute of Microbiology and Immunology | National | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Veterinary administration of RS | National | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes
ECDC | Internat. | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes