



Network Working Area

Network for Communicable Disease Control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean Countries

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## Questionnaire about Institutions partners

### SECTION 1

Official name<sup>1</sup>

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

**Ministry of Health, Refik Saydam National Hygiene Institute**

Unit<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> 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

Mandate<sup>3</sup> as described in the regulation enacting your organization

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

<sup>3</sup> *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)<sup>4</sup> of the larger institution you belong to

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

<sup>4</sup> *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)<sup>5</sup>

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

<sup>5</sup> *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<sup>6</sup>

A maximum of 200 words is allowed

<sup>6</sup> *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.*

**Refik Saydam National Hygiene Center (RSNHC) is an institution affiliated to the MoH. It provides service in accordance with decisions and policies of MoH to conduct nationwide health services and protect public health at national level. RSNHC has administrative, financial and scientific autonomy. It is organised in 31 main and support service units, among which there are 15 directorates and 7 regional directorates. Aims of the institution are conducting researches for protecting public health and improving national health, studying on the ways of protection from and prevention of diseases, controlling (the products), training and coordination to ensure public health, monitoring the performance activities for national public health objectives and supplying information to the decision-makers, maintaining international collaboration.**

**Epidemiology unit is under the Communicable Diseases Research Laboratory. It is responsible for; conducting sero-surveillance for vaccine preventable diseases; managing and analysing data coming from routine system and field research; publishing quarterly Epidemiological Report; collaborating with national and international networks (National Enteric Pathogens Laboratory Surveillance Network, GSS, Enternet), support the surveillance activities carried out by MoH, outbreak investigation and training.**

Detailed informations are available in the organigram attached

**4 staff members are employed in the Epidemiology Unit. The head of the unit is a Microbiologist (Spc)(Msc). There are two public health professionals under the manager, and one secretary.**

**Since 2004 the organization has been working with MoH, General Directorate of Primary Health Care on EU project “STRENGTHENING OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SYSTEM (ESCCDS) IN TURKEY” . The general purpose of the project is to strengthen the institutional structure, capacity and the legal framework of the current Turkish communicable diseases surveillance system (CDSS) to be in conformity with the EU Directives\* in terms of structure, function, capacity, effectiveness and resources. It belongs to some European CD and health threats surveillance systems such as European Centre for Epidemiological Monitoring of AIDS (EUROHIV); European Working Group for Legionella Infections (EWGLI)Y; International surveillance network for enteric infections (ENTER-NET); European Laboratory Working Group on Diphtheria (ELWGD); International Network of National Public Health Institutes (INSIGHT). It has also been admitted for membership to Surveillance of tuberculosis in Europe (EUROTB).**

**Epidemic intelligence: As for now, RSHNC supplies information coming from researches, outbreak investigations or routine data collection. The organisation does not use the routine national surveillance data.**

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

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 mix<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> The categories are mutually exclusive: please, assign only one profile to each unit's professional staff.

Staff mix	Senior	Junior	Total
Epidemiologists	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Infectious diseases specialists	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Statisticians	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Microbiologists	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>
Biologists	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Laboratory technicians	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

**RSNHC unit has control labs for: Drugs, Vaccines, blood, food,water, environment and other products.h**

**The organisation has laboratories for zoonotic diseases, in response to research and routine diagnosis. Ministry of Agriculture is the responsible authority for the control of zoonotic infections. MoH has a protocol with MoA for establishment of the “National Zoonosis Committee” since 1991. This Protocol is under evaluation for monitoring zoonosis and zoonotic agents; epidemiological investigation of food–borne outbreaks and exchange of information related to zoonosis.**

**Diagnostic services: Bacteriology, mycology, parasitology, virology, tuberculosis, biochemistry, hematology and hormones.**

**The “STRENGTHENING OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SYSTEM (ESCCDS) IN TURKEY” project is also working on developing plans for emergency preparedness in Turkey.**

**RSNHC is accredited by MoH for Microbiology and Clinical Microbiology residency.**

**RSNHC as actively involved in research and publication activities: Turkish Bulletin of Hygiene and Experimental Biology, every 4 months, “Quality Bulletin: Step by Step Quality”, monthly publication and various researches on the responsibilities of the institution.**

**The organisation alerts for notification from MoH or its regional laboratories and acts in accordance with MoH to all events.**

Information Technology Managers	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Others (please, specify) <i>Public health specialist</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>

### 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: *0*

### 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: *0*

Number of reports: *1*

Title	Frequency (Yearly, monthly, etc.)	Web link (if available)
<b>Epidemiology Report</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>	<a href="http://www.rshm.gov.tr/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=411&amp;Itemid=313">http://www.rshm.gov.tr/index.php?option=com_content&amp;task=view&amp;id=411&amp;Itemid=313</a>

Number of research: *0*

Others: *0*

### SECTION 10

Identify your main collaborating partners in each area.

Number of partners: *0*

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