



**WP2: dissemination of results**

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**EpiSouth Project**

EpiSouth is a project aimed at creating a **framework of collaboration in epidemiological issues** across the countries of the Mediterranean basin and the Balkans.

The WP2 is dedicated to the dissemination of the project's results, which will be made by mean of:

- Web site
- Congresses, seminars and conferences
- Press releases
- Articles in public health journals
- Electronic bulletin

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**EpiSouth Information System**

In order to allow the EpiSouth project to work in an efficient way, an information system has been developed with two specific areas:

- a **web-based IT infrastructure (members' area)**, based on standard Internet technology, to support the network for secure communication among participants
- a **web portal (public area)** devoted to the dissemination to the public of the information collected or generated by the EpiSouth network

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**Network Working Area**

**Objective:** To provide a **virtualised work environment** where Network participants exchange documents and information in a secure way.

**A controlled-access suite of tools:**

- Meetings and events management
- Document workflow and storage
- Forum for open discussion
- List of contacts
- Data-entry



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## Access to Network Working Area

The system gives different accesses according to the different user profiles

## Network Working Area - Home

User info

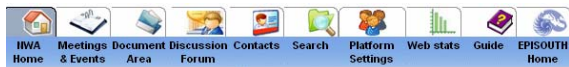
Main menu

Meetings and events area

Dedicated workspaces

WP-specific document and forum areas


## Available Tools



- Meetings and Events: shared calendar
- Document Area: shared documents area
- Discussion Forum: dedicated web area for discussion
- Contacts: all contact details (name, address, phone, e-mail, etc.)
- Search: simple and refined search within the NWA
- Platform settings: utilities for administrators
- Web stats: web-related statistics (only administrators)
- Guide: Network Area user guide
- Enter Data: on-line compilation of questionnaires (not yet active)

## Network Working Area - Profiles


- Members' area is accessed via a secure web-based interface by means of username and password using HTTP and SSL protocols to ensure data protection and secure transmission.
- Users can access different workspaces with different functionality according to their specific user profile:
  - WP leader
  - Steering Team Member
  - Participant
  - Administrator



### Steering Team Working Area - STWA

- 1. One separate working area for each WP
- 2. Upload of draft documents and revisions for internal use and possible dissemination in the public area
- 3. Upload of new or revised documents automatically notified to members of the steering team by e-mail
- 4. Storage of useful documents not available in the public area


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### Steering Team Working Area - STWA

- 1. Discussion on the uploaded documents among members of the steering team by mean of a forum-based system managed and moderated by the WP leader
- 2. After discussion, documents are finalised and validated by the WP leader and are kept available in this area
- 3. Validated documents are uploaded in the Episouth Network Working Area (ENWA) for discussion among all participants or directly uploaded in the public area


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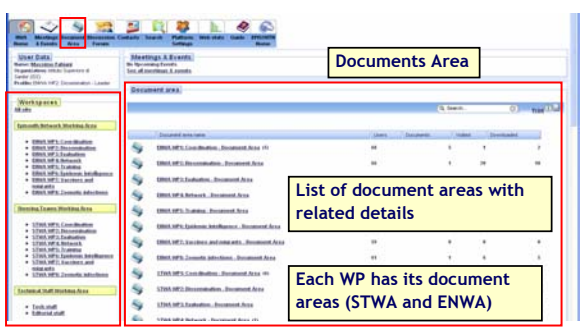
### Episouth Network Working Area - ENWA

- 1. One separate working area for each WP
- 2. Discussion on the documents uploaded by the WP leader among participants by mean of a forum-based system managed and moderated by the WP leader
- 3. Possible changes coming out from the discussion are inserted in a revised document by the WP leader
- 4. Final documents validated by WP leaders remain available in this area and are possibly uploaded in the public area

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### Access to the Documentation



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### Content of a documents area

**Document area name**

**Document search**

Name	Author	Date	Status
2007 Workshop and Newsletter - list (Original Version)	Silvia Declich	28/02/2007 15:41:49	Author: Maria Gracia Cerda
2007 Fit of EpiSouth Meeting - Minutes (Original Version)	Minutes: Fit of EpiSouth Project Meeting (28-30 March 07).doc	28/03/2007 11:13:39	Author: Maria Gracia Cerda
2007 Countries Focal Point draft list (Latest version)	Countries Focal Point updated 8 July 07 draft list.doc	16/07/2007 14:40:53	Author: Maria Gracia Cerda
2007 Countries Focal Point draft list.doc	Countries Focal Point draft list.doc	16/07/2007 14:40:53	Author: Maria Gracia Cerda

**Document details**

Each document revision is tracked. Documents are finalised and validated by the WP leader

Notification by e-mail is sent to users when a new document or a revision is uploaded

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### Document history details

**Document name**

**Document last version**

**Document older versions**

Version	Author	Date	Comments
Latest Version	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007 14:40:53	already sent to all by mail on 17.07.2007
Original Version	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007 14:32:12	already sent to all by mail on 15.05.2007

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### Access to forum

**Discussion Forum**

Name	Author	Date	Status
ENWA Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 1 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 2 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 3 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 4 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 5 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 6 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 7 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 8 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 9 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 10 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 11 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 12 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 13 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 14 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 15 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
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ENWA 19 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 20 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 21 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 22 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
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ENWA 25 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 26 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 27 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 28 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
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ENWA 39 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 40 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
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ENWA 47 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 48 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 49 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active
ENWA 50 Discussion - Discussion Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	16/07/2007	Active

In addition to the general forum, each WP has its forum areas (STWA and ENWA)

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### Discussion Forum List

**Discussion Forum List**

Name	Forum	Posted By	Verified	Subscribed	Enable
ENWA Forum	ENWA Forum	Maria Gracia Cerda	Yes	2	Yes
ENWA 1 Discussion	ENWA 1 Discussion	Maria Gracia Cerda	Yes	6	Yes

Each forum has discussion topics that are created and moderated by WP leaders

Each topic can be subscribed to receive e-mail notifications

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### Forum - message insertion

Possibility to insert a new message with links to documents stored in the platform

Posted messages

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### Network Working Area - Meeting & Events

- A summary page highlights the events' calendar with the possibility to view the details by clicking on the event title
- A notification e-mail is sent to all the invited participants when an event is published or modified by the WP leaders
- The notification mail contains a link to the platform for possibly confirming the participation to the event
- Event-related documents (e.g., agenda) can be attached and notified by e-mail to all invited participants

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### Access to the calendar

Calendar

Meetings & Events: On Upcoming Events See all meetings & events

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### Calendar - Meetings and Events

Calendar browsing buttons

Active meeting on the calendar

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## Public Web Portal - Home page

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Participating countries  
Project outputs  
Project related events  
Relevant links and Publications  
Members' area

**Web portal Menu**

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## Public Web Portal - About the Project

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The project

**Participating countries and organisations:**

- General description of the project (background, areas of activity, methods, expected results, and project office)
- Full names and addresses of the reference institutions and organisations with links to their official web sites
- Names and contact details of the main reference persons for the project

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infectious diseases as well as potential health threats do not have geographical boundaries. A part from few infectious diseases for which a valid and efficacious vaccine is available, surveillance is the only available instrument that public health personnel can use to contain the spread of infectious diseases. However, in order to translate data into appropriate action, dissemination of information is crucial. Furthermore, an early detection of cases and a cross-border, harmonised and prompt response is needed to effectively contain the spread of diseases.

The countries of the Mediterranean area have common sea borders in the remarkable ecosystem of the Mediterranean Sea and, as a result, they also share common public health problems.

In occasion of the Year of the Mediterranean (2005), a number of countries agreed to develop the project "EpiSouth", whose aim is to create a framework of collaboration on epidemiological issues in order to improve communicable diseases surveillance, communication and training across the countries of the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

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**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES**

List of Participating countries

**Shortcut to each country's details by clicking on the map or list**

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## Public Web Portal - Project's Results

**Project outputs:**

- Public documents and reports produced by the project made available for viewing and downloading
- Pre-defined analyses producing tables and figures derived from the datasets created within the Network Working Area
- The outputs area is subdivided by WP

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## Public Web Portal - Project's events and relevant links and publications

**Project's related events:**

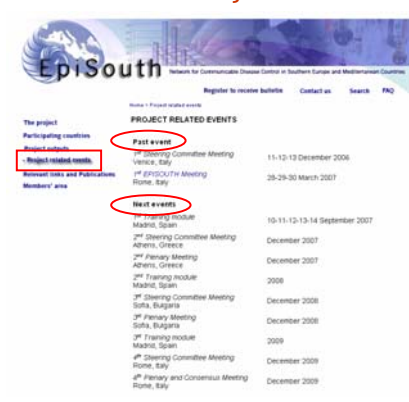
- List of past and upcoming events related to the project (e.g., training courses, network meetings etc.)

**Relevant links and documents:**

- Links to web sites of organisations, projects and other networks related to or of interest for EpiSouth
- List of documents of interest for the project with possible links to external web sites for downloading

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## Public Web Portal - Project related events



PROJECT RELATED EVENTS		
<b>Past events</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting Venice, Italy	11-12-13 December 2006
	1 <sup>st</sup> EpiSouth Meeting Rome, Italy	29-29-30 March 2007
<b>Next events</b>	Training module Madrid, Spain	10-11-12-13-14 September 2007
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting Athens, Greece	December 2007
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Agency Meeting Athens, Greece	December 2007
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Training module Madrid, Spain	2008
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting Sofia, Bulgaria	December 2008
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Agency Meeting Sofia, Bulgaria	December 2008
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Training module Madrid, Spain	2009
	4 <sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting Rome, Italy	December 2009
	4 <sup>th</sup> Agency and Consensus Meeting Rome, Italy	December 2009

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## Public Web Portal - Relevant links and publications



**RELEVANT LINKS AND PUBLICATIONS**

**Organizations**

- ECDC  
European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- EU PUBLIC HEALTH  
European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection, Public Health
- MCCG  
Mediterranean Communicable Control Centre
- WHO  
World Health Organization


**Training**

- EPHET  
European Programme for intervention Epidemiology Training
- ETHREAT  
European Training for Health Professionals on Rapid Response to Health Threats

**European and National Bulletins**

- EURODISSEMINANCE  
Peer-reviewed European information on communicable disease surveillance and control
- RIA-DARIA  
Epidemiological Surveillance Bulletin


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## Public Web Portal - Tools (1)

- @ **Register to receive the bulletin:**
  - Filling in of a questionnaire to receive bulletins by e-mail
- @ **Contact us:**
  - Official contact address for questions concerning the project (ISS-Rome)

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## Public Web Portal - Register to receive bulletin

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**REGISTER TO RECEIVE THE BULLETIN**

The First issue of the Bulletin is expected to be released on September 2007.

First name\*   
 Surname\*   
 Age   
 Sex   
 Profession\*   
 Institution\*   
 Department\*   
 Address   
 Town\*   
 Country\*   
 Telephone   
 FAX   
 E-mail\*

\* These fields are necessary for registration

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## Public Web Portal - Contact us

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**CONTACT US** Official contact details


EpiSouth Project (co)  
 Epidemiology of Communicable Diseases Unit  
 National Centre for Epidemiology, Surveillance and Health Promotion (CNESPS)  
 Istituto Superiore di Sanità  
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 00161 ROMA - Italy  
 Tel: +39 06 4990267

Send us a message:

First name\*   
 Surname\*   
 E-mail\*   
 Message

Send a message to:  
episouth@iss.it

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## Public Web Portal - Tools (2)

- @ **Search:**
  - Text-based searching system in the whole web site
- @ **FAQs:**
  - Replies to some pre-defined expected FAQs
  - Replies to the most frequent questions posed by visitors

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### Other dissemination tools (1)


- **Episouth bulletin:**
  - Released quarterly
  - Short description of the most relevant news from the Episouth web site
  - Distribution by e-mail to selected institutions and people registered for this service
- **Participation to conferences and seminars:**
  - Presentation of the project's results as posters or oral communications at congresses, conferences and workshops

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### Draft bulletin



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### Other dissemination tools (2)

- **Articles in public health journals:**
  - Papers submitted for publication to national and international journals
- **Press releases:**
  - Press releases for the final conference of the project

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