

Project Overview

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Mediterraneus means
“in the middle of the lands”



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The Mediterranean

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

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Project history

- 🕒 In occasion of the Year of the Mediterranean (2005), 6 European Public Health Institutes agreed to elaborate a framework of collaboration
- 🕒 In October 2006 the EpiSouth Project started with 9 European countries
- 🕒 In March 2007, 22 countries (S. Europe, Balkans, N. Africa and Middle East), WHO and EU met to elaborate a new partnership

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Objectives

- ④ EpiSouth is a “Network for Communicable Disease Control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean Countries”
- ④ EpiSouth aims at creating a framework of collaboration on epidemiological issues for improving communicable diseases surveillance and control, communication and training across the countries of the Mediterranean and the Balkans

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Areas of activities

- ④ The project is composed by 8 Work Packages (WPs) which should be considered as autonomous in their scope, tasks, topic and membership
- ④ Each WP is lead by a Public Health Institution and developed by a WP Steering Team
- ④ Numerous meetings (steering committees, network meetings and working groups) contribute to match the goals of each separate WP and the overall ambitious objective of the whole project

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Work Packages Framework WPs

- WP1 Coordination of the project (ISS, Italy)
- WP2 Dissemination of results (ISS, Italy)
- WP3 Evaluation of the project (GH Padua, Italy)

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Work Packages Horizontal WPs

- WP4 Network of PH Institutions (GH Padua, Italy)
- WP5 Training in epidemiology (ISCIII, Spain)

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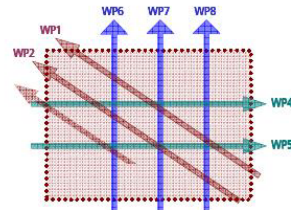
Work Packages

Vertical WPs

- WP6 Cross-border epidemic intelligence (InVS, France)
- WP7 Vaccine-preventable diseases and migrant populations (NCIPD, Bulgaria)
- WP8 Epidemiology and preparedness to cross-border emerging zoonotic infections (HCDCP, Greece)

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WPs Interactions



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WPs Interactions (2)

- Ⓞ The framework WPs include all managerial aspects (WP1) and disseminate the information produced by the project (WP2)
- Ⓞ The horizontal WPs (WP4 & WP5) provide the skills, networking and capacity building required to match the vertical WPs (WP 6, WP7, WP8) that compose the technical basis of the project
- Ⓞ The project is evaluated through a dedicated WP (WP3)

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Project Organization

- Ⓞ The executive board (EpiSouth Steering Committee) is composed by the 6 Partners WP leaders plus ECDC, EC-DGSANCO, WHO-HQ, WHO-EMRO, WHO-EURO as observers
- Ⓞ Each Country designated national Focal Points to be part of the EpiSouth Network
- Ⓞ Each Country choose to be part of one or two WPST and to participate to one up to all the WPs

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Involved Countries

South Europe (9)

- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- France
- Greece
- Italy
- Malta
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Spain

Balkans (6)

- Albania
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Croatia
- FYROM
- Kosovo
- Serbia

Involved Countries (2)

North Africa (3)

- Algeria
- Morocco
- (Tunisia)

Middle East (4)

- Israel
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Turkey

Involved Organizations

European

- EC DGSANCO
- ECDC

International

- WHO EPR - Lyon Office
- WHO EURO
- WHO EMRO

EpiSouth Network



(update August 2007)

Potential partners

Egypt
Libya
Montenegro
Palestine
Portugal
Syria

Organizations (Mediterranean, Regional...)

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Duration

- Ⓢ The action shall run for 36 months
- Ⓢ From 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2009
- Ⓢ Main activities started in December 2006

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Funding

- Ⓢ The total cost of the action is 2,3 million euro
- Ⓢ The European Commission (DG SANCO) contributes 75% of the total (Grant agreement with EU countries)
- Ⓢ Additional funds from DG-Enlargement TAIEX for the organization of the First Project Meeting
- Ⓢ Additional funds from Italian MOH (EpiMed Project) for the participation of non-UE Countries (Grant agreement with ISS)
- Ⓢ Countries contribute with human resources

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Next appointment

EpiSouth Project Meeting
Athens
11-13 December 2007
(to be confirmed)

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