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### EpiSouth brings together experts for Mediterranean health conference

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Some 200 people – experts and representatives from international organizations and officers from National Public Health Institutes and Ministries of Health of countries in the EpiSouth Network co-funded by the EU – will attend the **EpiSouth Conference on Communicable Diseases and Public Health in Mediterranean and Balkans** to be held in Rome, on 21-23 April 2010.

The conference will focus on the role played and the added value provided by public health networks in reference to training on field/applied epidemiology, cross-border epidemic intelligence, vaccine preventable diseases in migrant populations, and cross-border emerging zoonoses. It will also see the presentation of 'EpiSouth Plus' a new project co-funded by the European Commission.

The conference will be preceded by the **4th EpiSouth Project Meeting**, which will be held in the same venue on 20 April among about 70 delegates from the 26 countries of the Mediterranean and Balkans and the international organizations participating in the EpiSouth Network.

The **EpiSouth Project**, co-ordinated by the Italian National Institute of Health (ISS) and co-funded by the EU Public Health Programme (DG SANCO) and the Italian Ministry of Health (EpiMed Project), started in 2006 from the initiative of some Public Health Institutes that highlighted how Mediterranean countries share common epidemiological characteristics and public health problems. The general objective of EpiSouth is to create a framework of collaboration on epidemiological issues in order to improve communicable diseases surveillance, communication and training across the countries in the area of Mediterranean and Balkans. (ENPI Info Centre)

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