

EuroMed Workshop
Communicable Diseases and Health Systems
AGENDA (version 29.11.07)

**Venue: Conference Centre Albert Borchette (CCAB) ROOMS 0D and 0B,
Rue Froissart 36, Brussels**

Day 1: 4th December 2007

9:30 – 10:30 Plenary session 1(Room 0D) :

Introduction to the key issues and rationale of the EUROMED cooperation. Presentation of EU instruments for cooperation and networking. Presentation of health policy priorities of the partners (EU and EMRO).

- Opening and introduction of the seminar's objectives (Androulla Kaminara; European Commission, DG EuropeAid, Director E) (10')
- Welcome address by the Portuguese EU Presidency (Dr. José Maria Albuquerque Deputy High-Commissioner for Health) (10')
- EU public health policy (Andrzej Rys, European Commission, DG SANCO, Director C) (10')
- Overview Regional Exchange on Health (World Health Organisation: John Martin, Director, WHO Brussels) (10')
- The EuroMed Partnership/Barcelona Process/ENP (Emanuele Manzitti, DG External Relations) (10')
- Health sector cooperation under MEDA and ENPI – perspectives of this workshop (Walter Seidel, European Commission, DG EuropeAid) (10')

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 13:00 Thematic Sessions:

Presentation of existing examples of activities, with a special consideration to the potentially regional dimension initiatives; EU examples with particular emphasis on new MS and candidate countries; identification of lessons learnt and specific added value of exchange, coordination and cooperation.

Presentations will be followed every time by a discussion about lessons learnt in exchange, cooperation and networking and about partner countries' needs and expectations. Suggestions for recommendations and conclusions will be recorded throughout the presentations and the ensuing discussions.

<i>1-health systems (room 0D)</i>	<i>2- communicable diseases (room 0B)</i>
1. Martial Favre, facilitator: Introduction to programme and working methodology (10' + 10')	1. Carole Peignot, facilitator: Introduction to programme and working methodology (10'+5')
2. Luisa Prates / Portugal: Keynote speech on behalf of the Portuguese Presidency / Portugal : National Health Service in Portugal: highlight in cooperation experience(10'+10')	2. Germain Thinus (SANCO C3) Epidemic Intelligence System under development (20'+ 10')
3. Josep Figueras /WHO Euro, Director of	3. EpiSouth –Sylvia Declich, ISS Rome (20'+ 10')
	4. IHR implementation in the EU MS – C3

<p>the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health systems : learning from experience (20' + 10')</p> <p>4. Hédi Achouri: L'expérience RESSMA et politiques de santé (10'+10')</p> <p>5. Hoda Rachad / Egypt: Health research and health policy (10+10)</p> <p>6. Sameen Siddiqi / WHO EMRO: The EMRO work on a regional observatory on health systems (10'+10')</p>	<p>Beatrice Toussaint, SANCO C3 (20'+ 10')</p> <p>5. Pre-accession twining in communicable diseases, new MS representative - Marek Tomasz Szkoda, Chief Sanitary Inspectorate, Poland (20'+ 10')</p>
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13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:30 Thematic Sessions:

Continuation of Morning session:

<i>1- health systems</i>	<i>2- communicable diseases</i>
<p>7. Carl-Eric Thors: The Northern Dimension Partnership, Experts Group on Primary Health Care – Cooperation experience around the Baltic Sea (10'+10')</p> <p>8. Awad Mataria / Palestine Territories: Departments of Community Health and health policy (10'+10')</p> <p>9. Samer Jabbour / Lebanon: Importance of civil engagement in health systems (10'+10')</p> <p>10. Ruth Pasemann/European Commission: The EU Open Coordination Method in health care (10'+10')</p> <p>11. Mohamed Lahouel / Tunisia: The MENA Health Policy Forum experience (10'+10')</p> <p>12. Martial Favre / Facilitator: Summary of the day and further process (introduction to next day's work) (5')</p>	<p>6. Migration and HIV/AIDS in Europe - Henrique de Barros, MoH Portugal (15'+ 5')</p> <p>7. The Northern Dimension Partnership, Experts Group on HIV AIDS Cooperation experience around the Baltic Sea - Pauli Leinikki: (15'+ 5')</p> <p>8. Health management on borders - IOM Roumyana Petrova-Benedict, IOM (15'+ 5')</p> <p>9. Avian Influenza and pandemic preparedness projects Dr Abdel-Nasser Abdel-Ghafar, MoH Egypt (15'+ 5')</p> <p>10. ShipSan project – Prof. Yiannis Arvanitogiannis, Mrs. Varvara Mouchtouri Thessalia University of Thessaly (15'+ 5')</p> <p>11. WHO (requested, subject to be determined) (15'+ 5')</p> <p>12. Tuberculosis- Vincent Houdry, SANCO C3 (15'+ 5')</p> <p>13. The Epidemiology of Measles in Europe, Mark Muscat, EUVAC.NET, Copenhagen) (15'+ 5')</p> <p>14. Carole Peignot / Facilitator: Summary of the day and further process (introduction to next day's work) (10')</p>
<p>17:00 Joseph Kutzin (WHO EURO): Addressing health financing system obstacles to effective communicable diseases control (Room 0D)</p>	

20:00 Dinner for Workshop Participants

Renaissance Brussels Hotel – rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Day 2: 5th December 2007

9:00 – 10:45 Two Thematic Sessions:

*Identification of areas where regional cooperation could be of particular added value;
Development of recommendations on possible actions to facilitate exchange and cooperation
in the EUROMED partnership.*

<i>1-health systems (room 0D)</i>	<i>2- communicable diseases (room 0B)</i>
- group work; Review and Synthesis of lessons learnt from examples presented yesterday's session. compilation of suggestions; drafting of document	- group work; Review and Synthesis of lessons learnt from examples presented yesterday's session. compilation of suggestions; drafting of document

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Plenary Session 2 (room 0D) :

Reports from the thematic sessions with the suggestions of areas and actions of future cooperation, with following discussion on the reports and possible next steps;

13:00 The END



EpiSouth Project

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Network for Communicable Disease Control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean Countries

***Mediterraneus* means
“in the middle of the lands”**





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



Project history

- ④ In occasion of the Year of the Mediterranean (2005), 6 European Public Health Institutes agreed to elaborate a framework of collaboration
- ④ In October 2006 the EpiSouth Project started with 9 European countries
- ④ In March 2007, 22 countries (S. Europe, Balkans, N. Africa and Middle East), WHO and EU met to elaborate a new partnership



Objectives

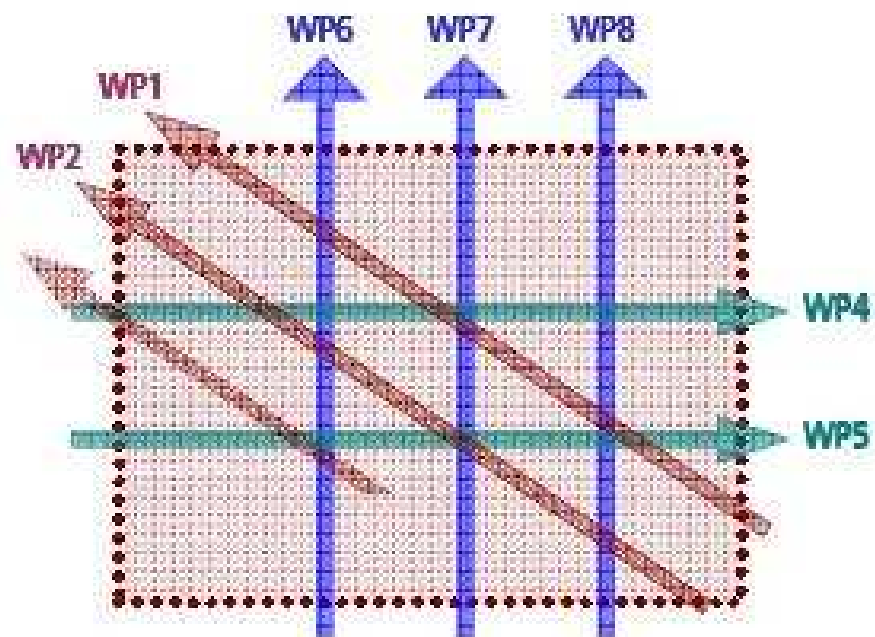
- ② EpiSouth is a “Network for Communicable Disease Control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean Countries”
- ② EpiSouth aims at creating a framework of collaboration on epidemiological issues for improving communicable diseases surveillance and control, communication and training across the countries of the Mediterranean and the Balkans



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

WPs Interactions





Work Packages

Framework WPs

The framework WPs include all managerial aspects and disseminate the information produced

- **WP1 Coordination of the project (ISS, Italy)**
- **WP2 Dissemination of results (ISS, Italy)**

The project is evaluated through a dedicated WP

- **WP3 Evaluation of the project (GH Padua, Italy)**



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)



Work Packages

Horizontal WPs

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

The horizontal WPs 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



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EpiSouth Network



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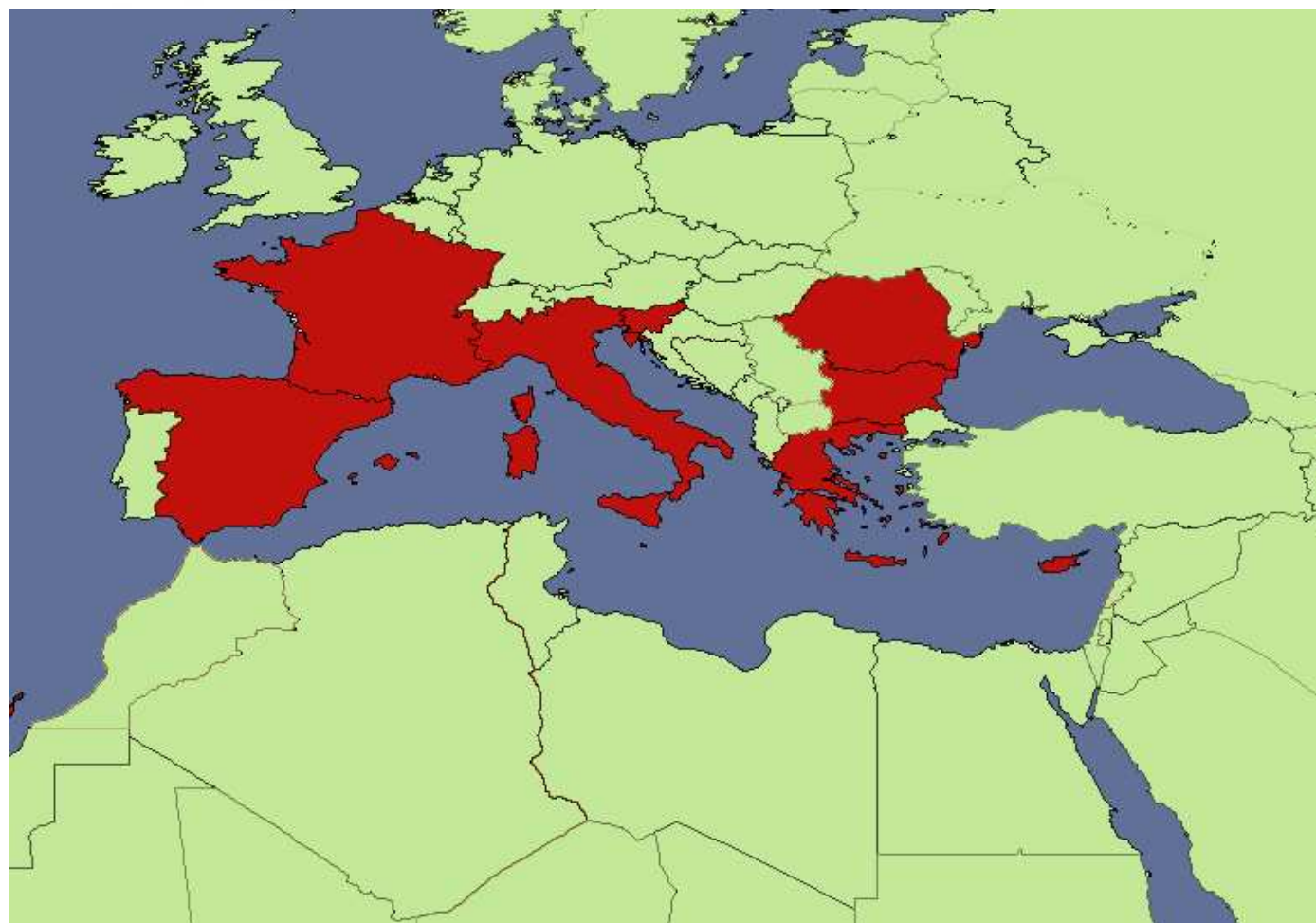



Duration

**The action shall run for 36 months
from 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2009**



**Regional Dimension:
from a European Project to a
Mediterranean Project**

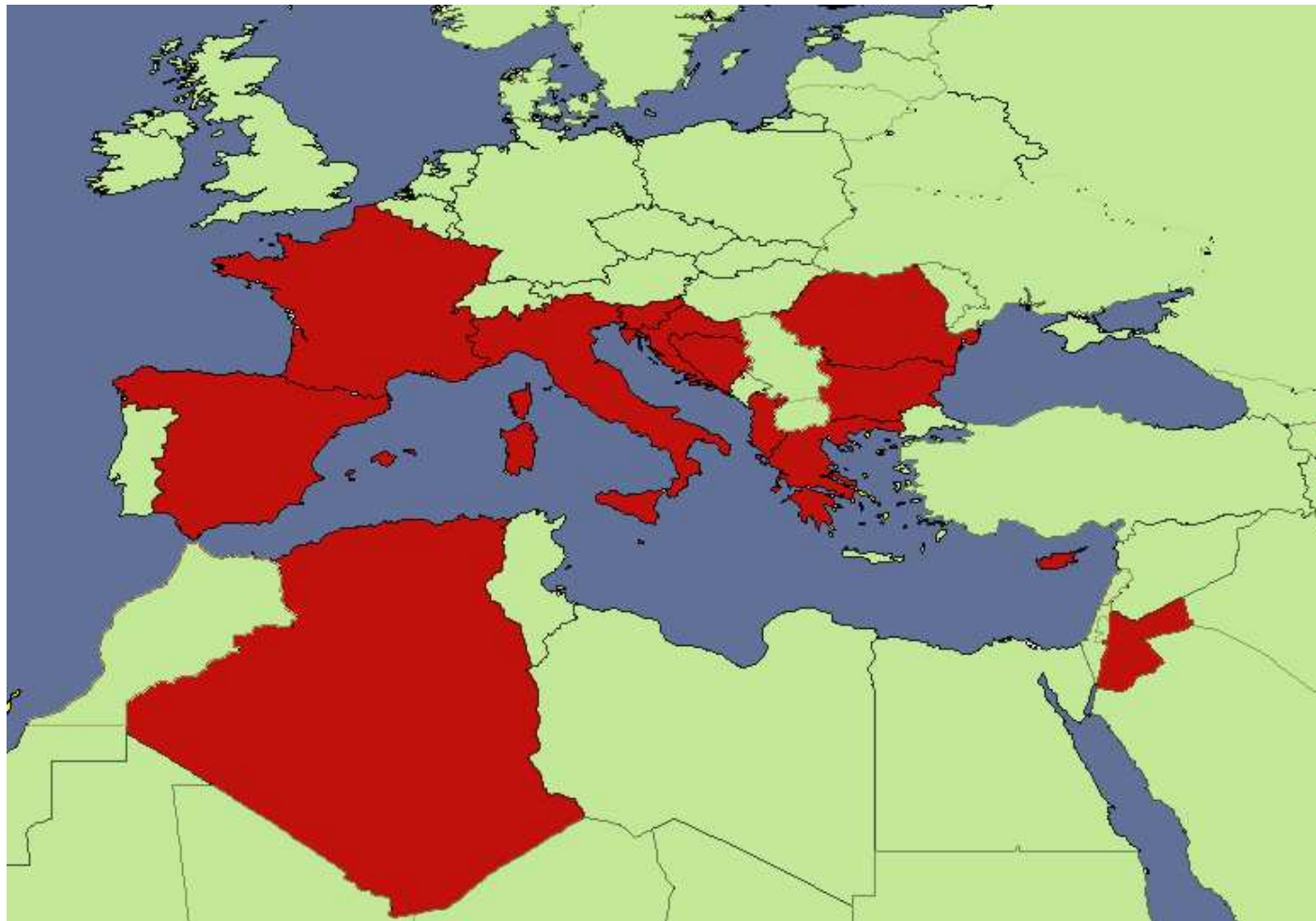


 EU Countries at the Project starting



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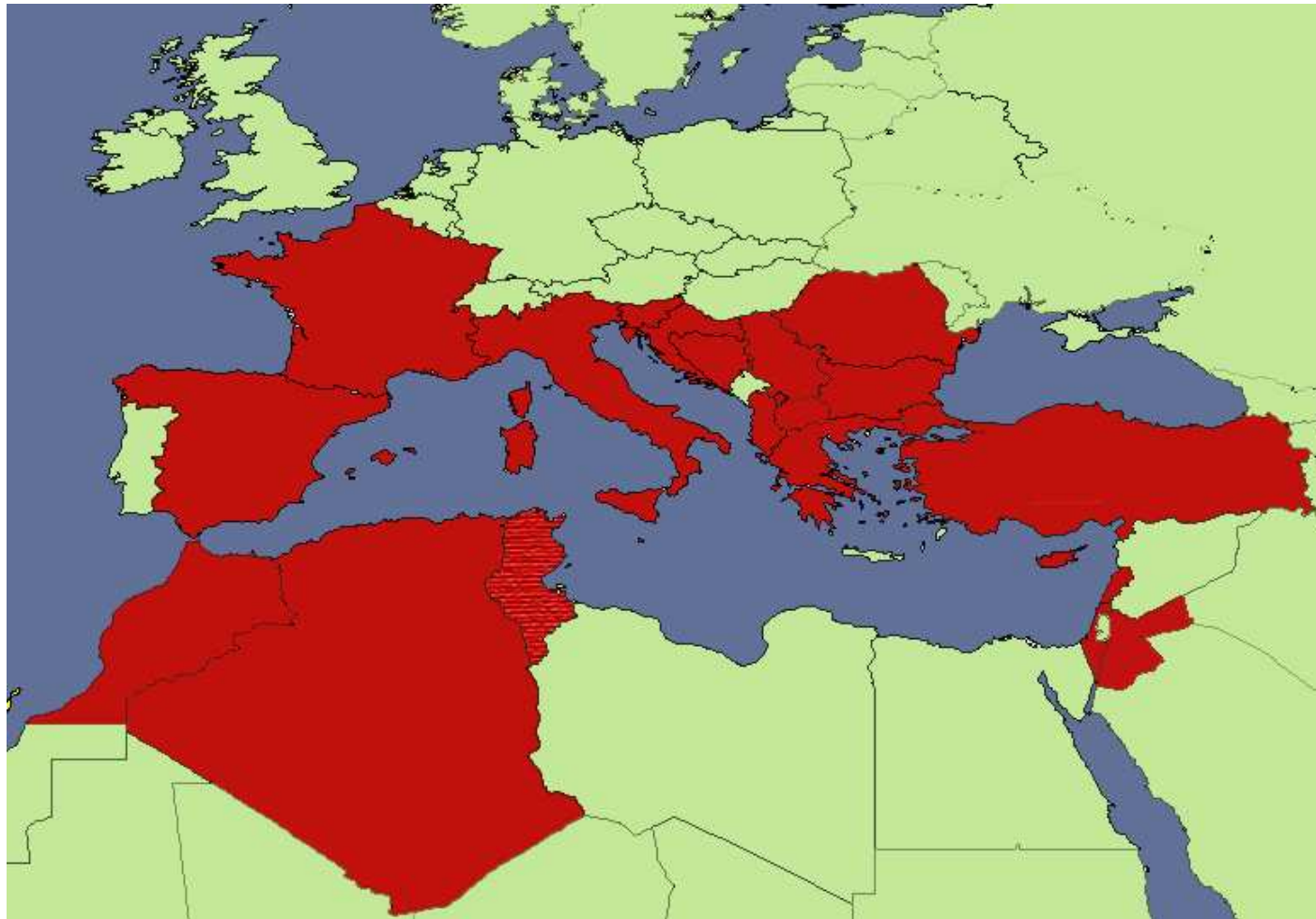


 EU & non-EU Countries as per May 2007



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 EU & non-EU Countries as per August 2007



Lesson Learned 1

Countries are willing to participate and to commit to the Network

9 EU countries have signed Agreement with EC

13 countries have wrote a commitment letter to the project coordinator



Lesson Learned 2

Countries expectations and needs

All WPs have developed questionnaires for assessing countries needs in related fields:

- training assessment needs**
- epidemic intelligence in place in each countries**
- VPD and migrants profile in each countries**
- zoonoses priority list for each countries**



Lesson Learned 3

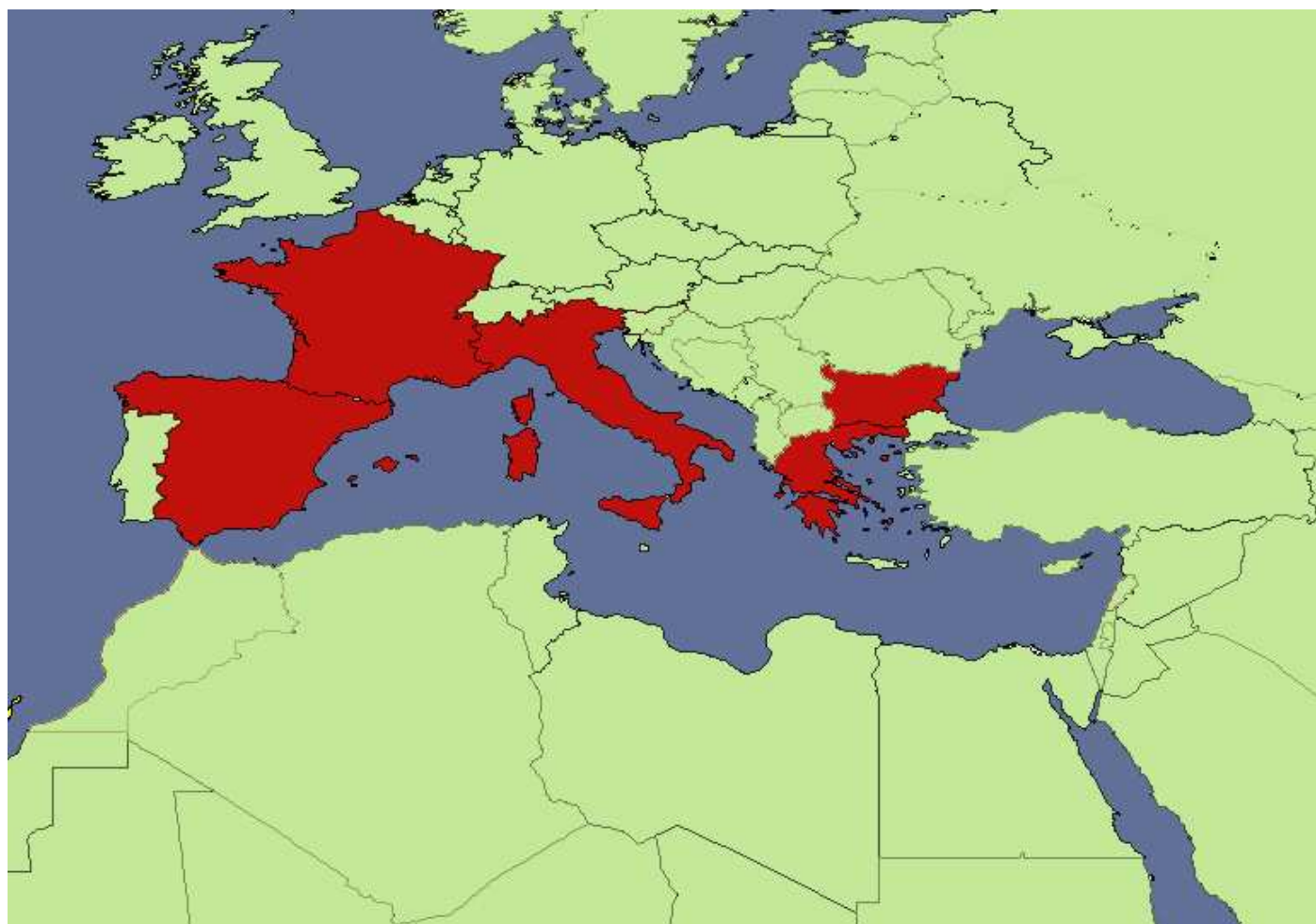
Project Organization


revised for sharing responsibilities with all countries (after the March Meeting)



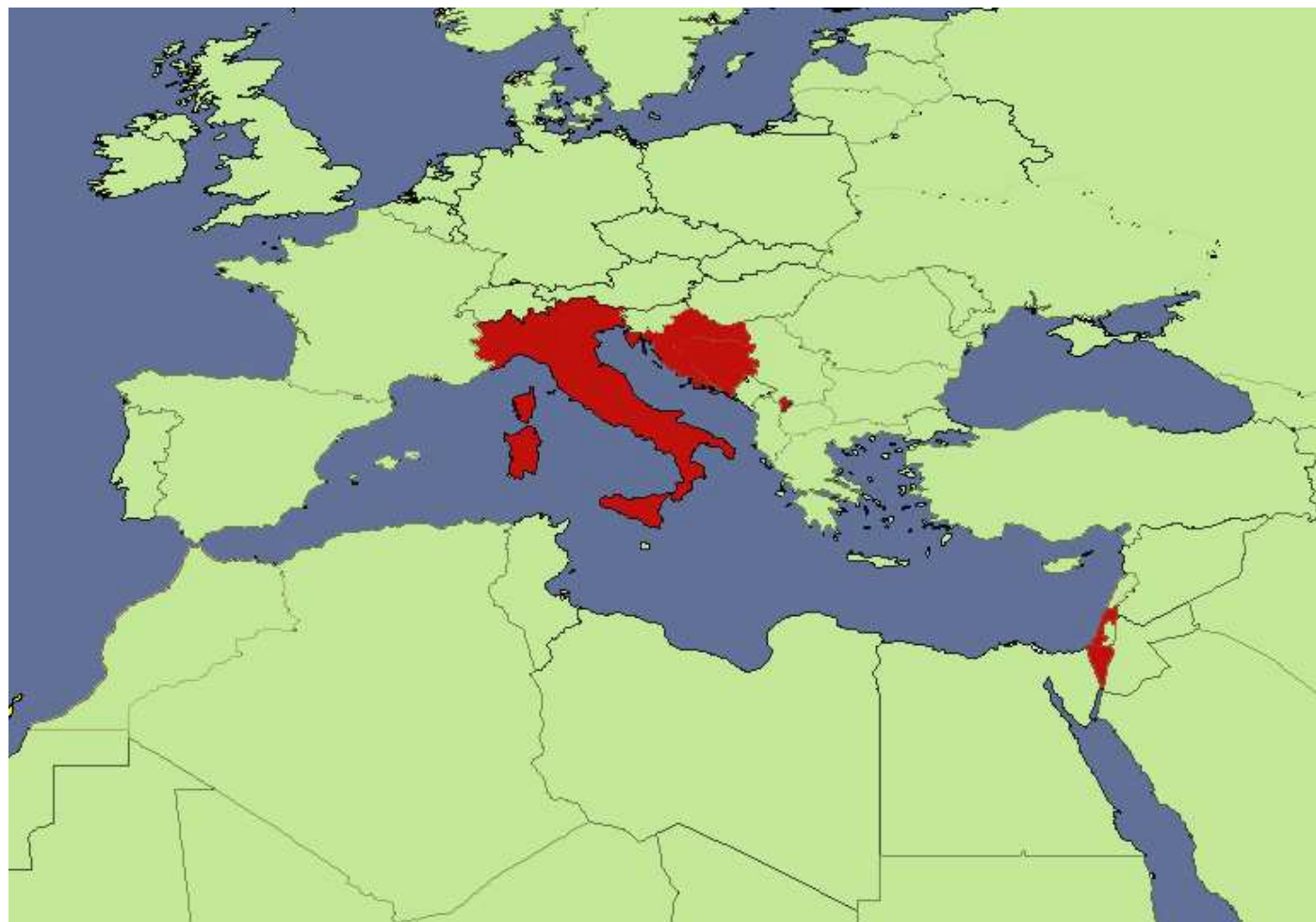
Project Organization

- ④ 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
- ④ Each Country designated national Focal Points to be part of the EpiSouth Network
- ④ Each Country choose to be part of one or two WPST and to participate to one up to all the WPs



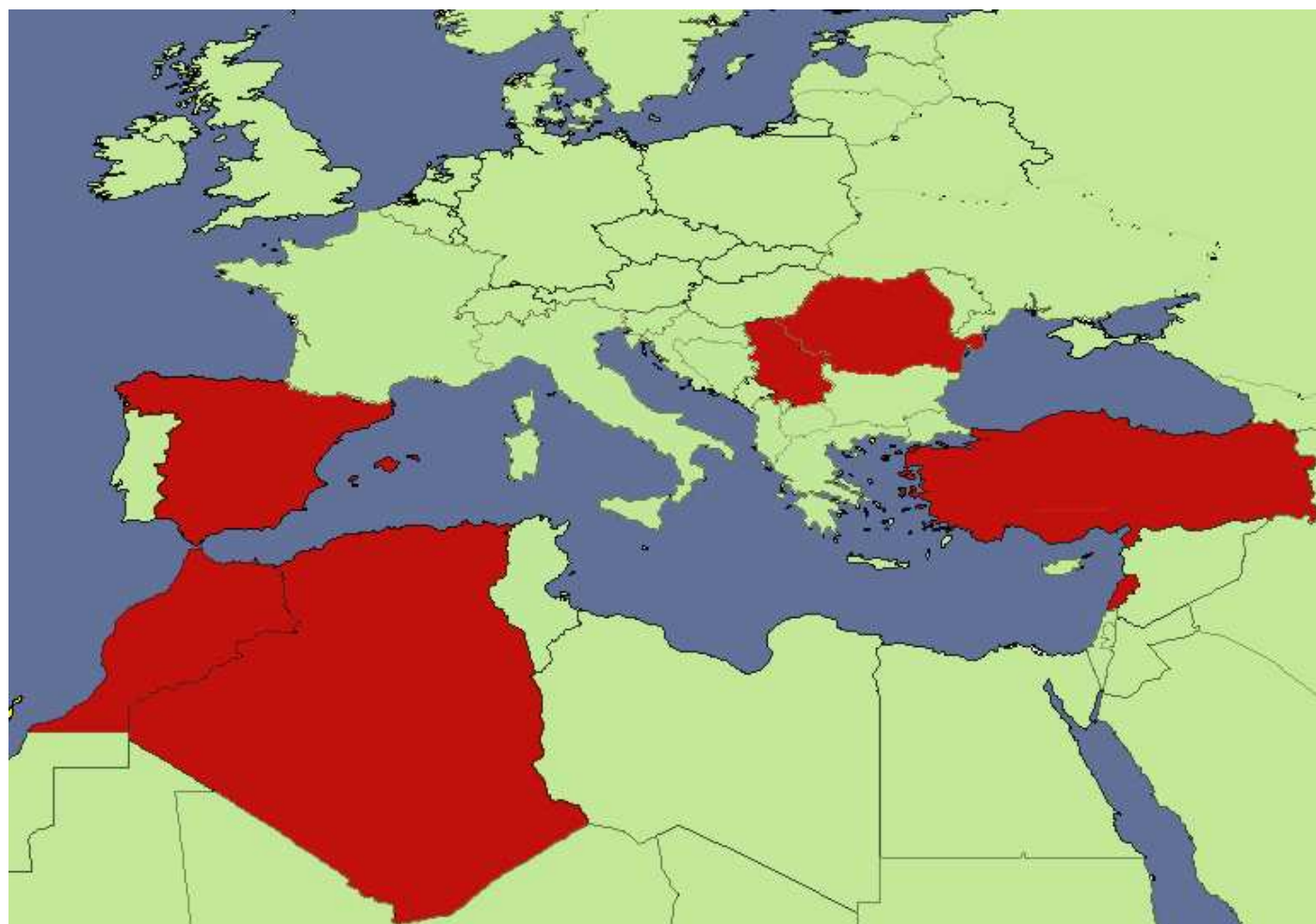

Steering Team
WP 1/2/3

- ✓ Italy ISS
- ✓ Bulgaria
- ✓ France
- ✓ Greece
- ✓ Italy PADUA
- ✓ Spain
- ✓ EC
- ✓ ECDC
- ✓ WHO EURO
- ✓ WHO EMRO
- ✓ WHO HQ



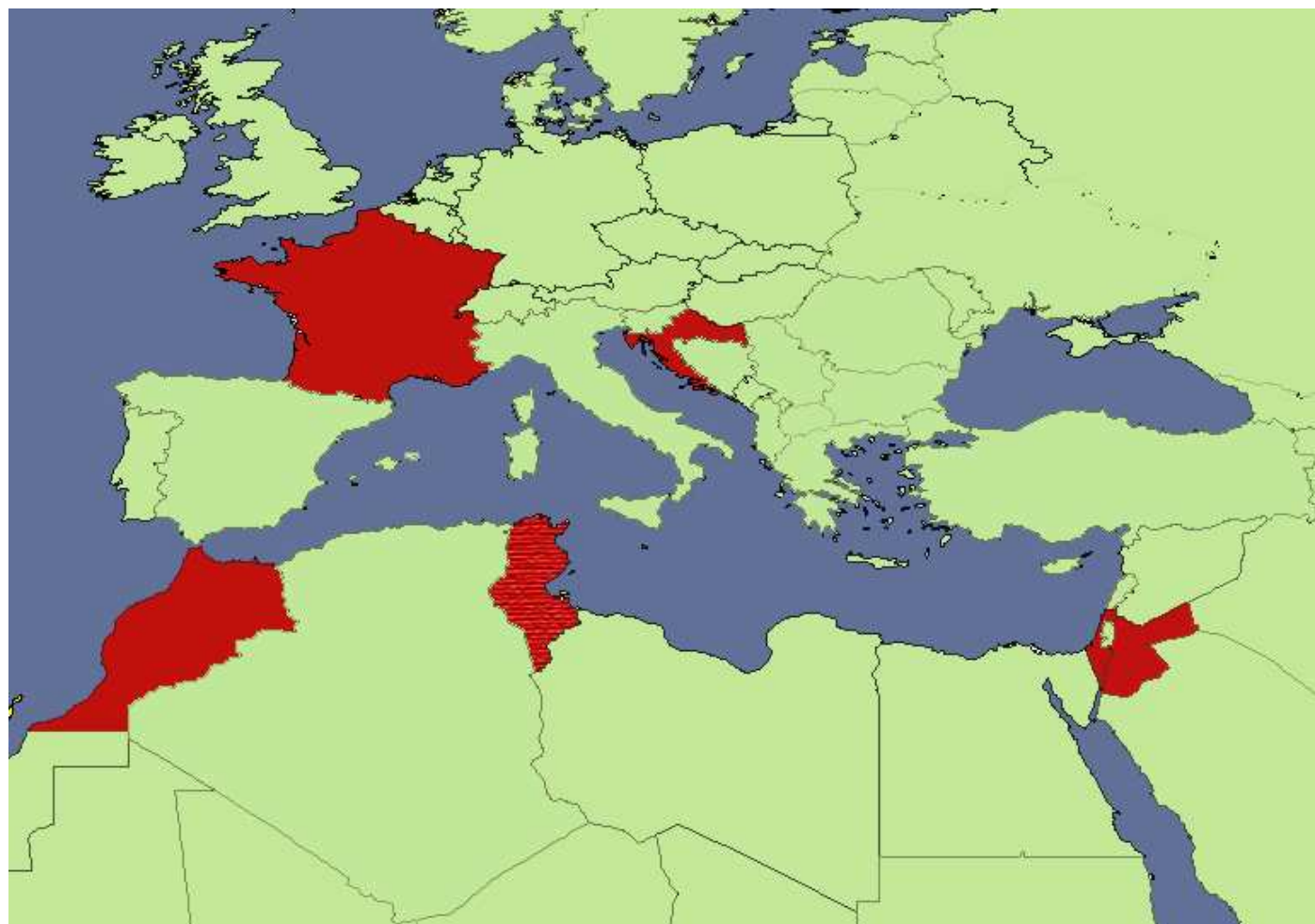
Steering Team WP4

- ✓ Italy PADUA
- ✓ B&H
- ✓ Croatia
- ✓ Kosovo
- ✓ Israel



Steering Team WP 5

- ✓ Spain
- ✓ Romania
- ✓ Serbia
- ✓ Algeria
- ✓ Morocco
- ✓ Lebanon
- ✓ Turkey



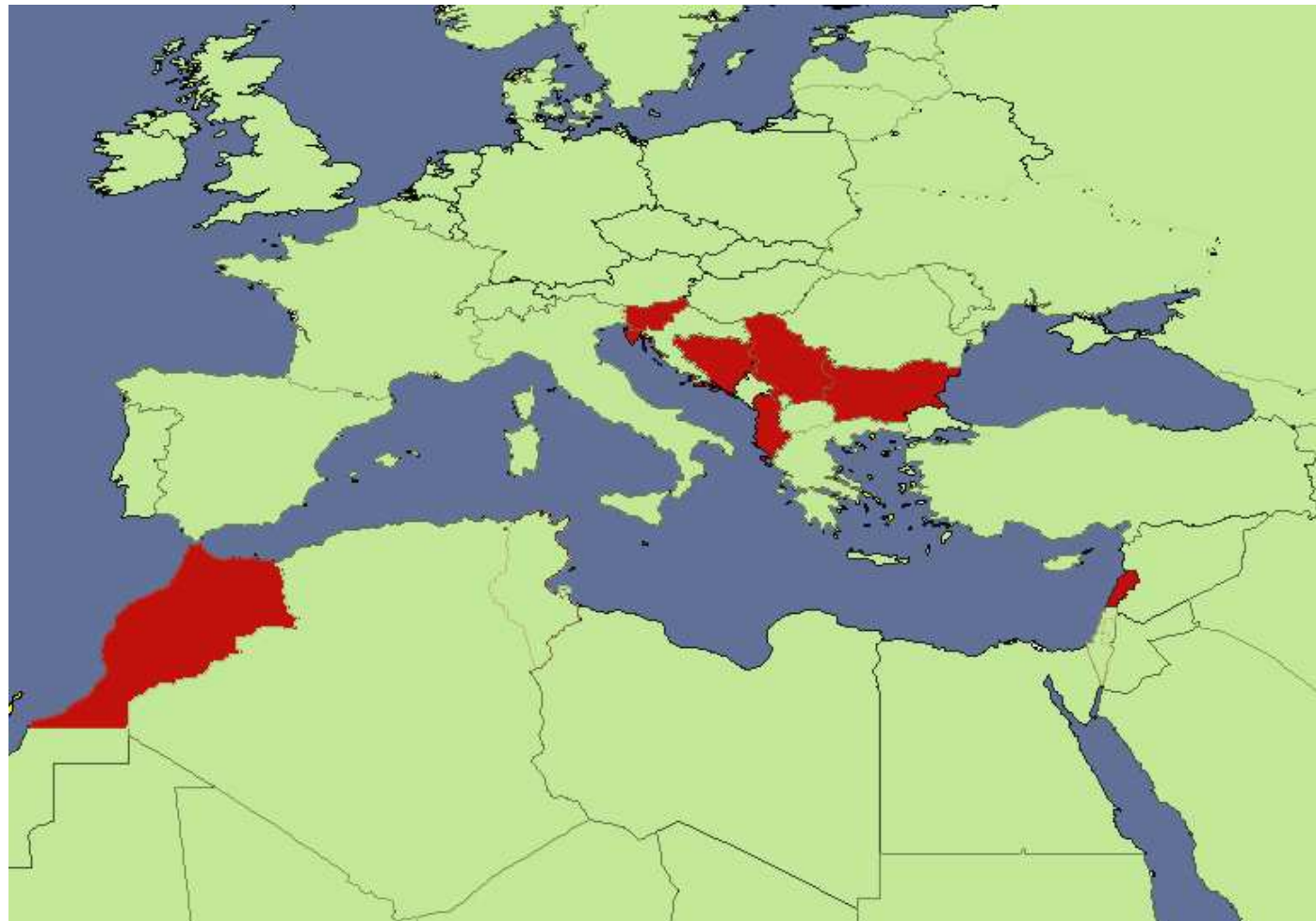
Steering Team WP 6

- ✓ France
- ✓ Malta
- ✓ Croatia
- ✓ Morocco
- ✓ Tunisia
- ✓ Israel
- ✓ Jordan



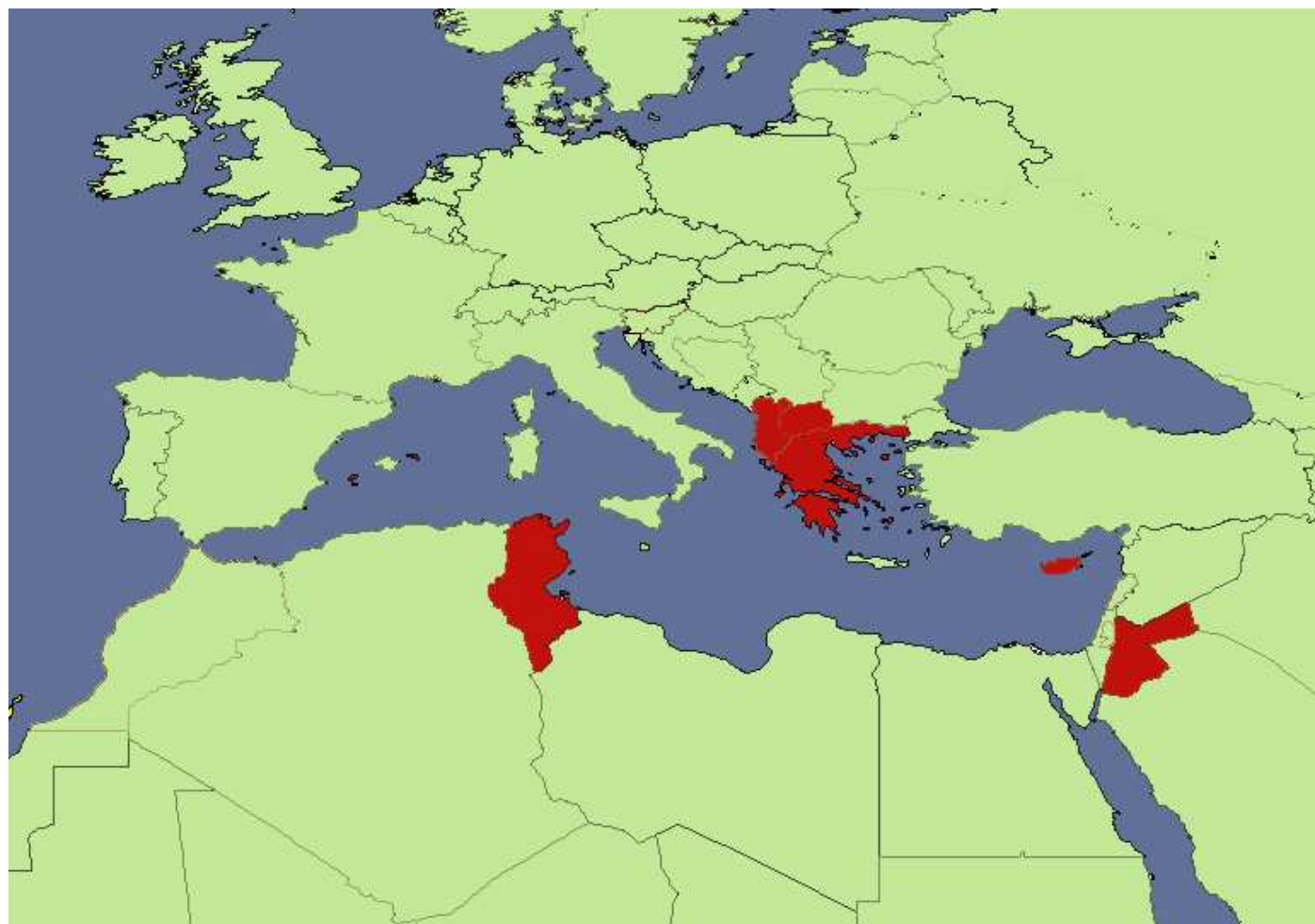
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Steering Team WP 7

- ✓ Bulgaria
- ✓ Slovenia
- ✓ Albania
- ✓ B&H
- ✓ Serbia
- ✓ Morocco
- ✓ Lebanon



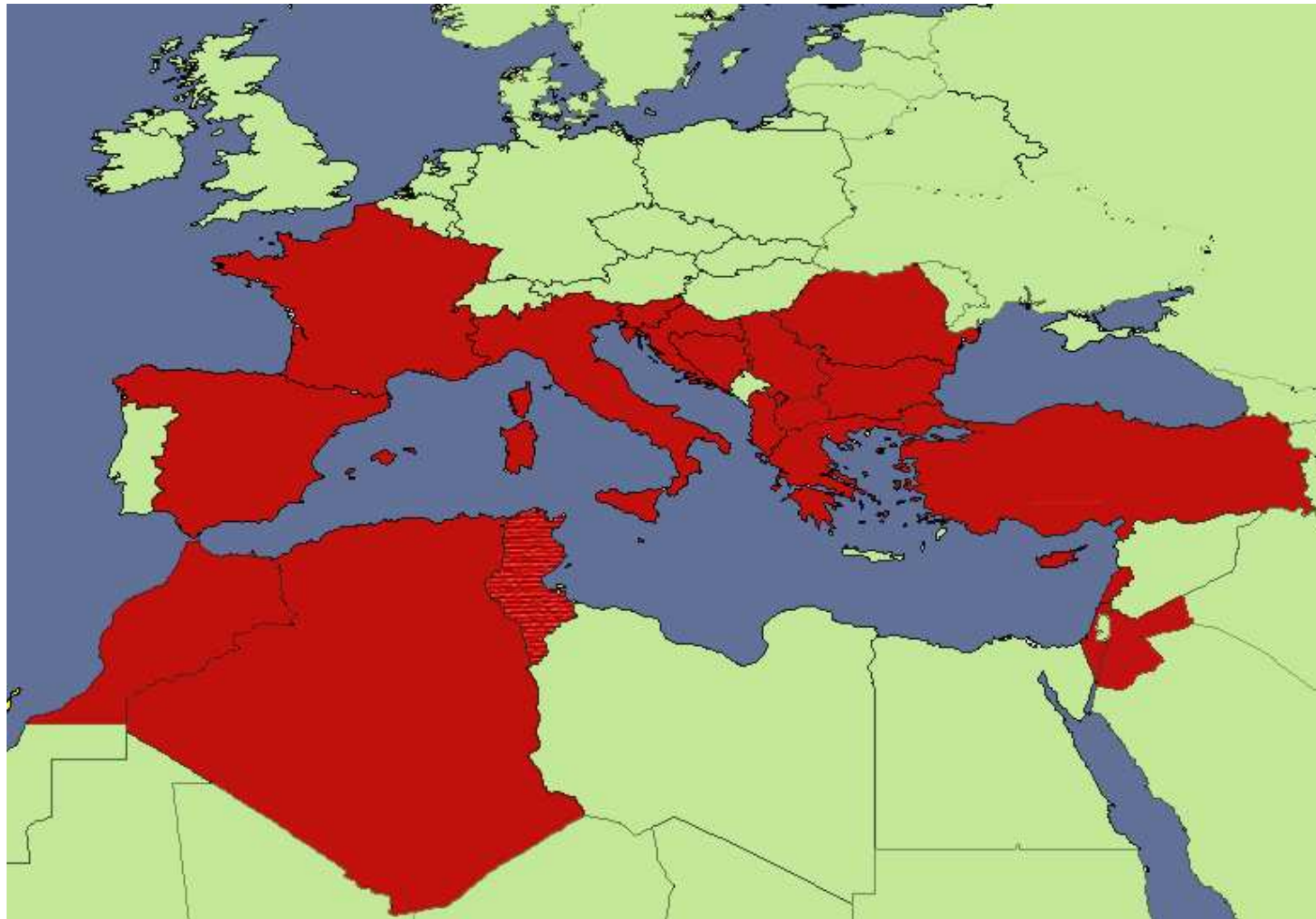
Steering Team WP 8

- ✓ Greece
- ✓ Cyprus
- ✓ Albania
- ✓ FYROM
- ✓ Kosovo
- ✓ Tunisia
- ✓ Jordan



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 EU & non-EU Countries (Aug 2007) – Participation



Added Value 1

Mediterranean and Balkans cooperation

**Existence of a Network with 22 countries
from South Europe, Balkans, North Africa
and Middle East**



Added Value 2

Focus on countries cross-border issues

Cross-border epidemic intelligence

VPD and migrants populations

Cross-border emerging zoonoses



Added Value 3

Occasions for Networking

Numerous occasion of meeting in person or through teleconference (Steering Committee, Steering Teams & Network Meetings) contribute to match the goals of each separate WP and the overall ambitious objective of the whole project



Added Value 4

Permanent communication tool for Networking Network Working Area (NWA)

**A web-based IT infrastructure (members' area),
based on standard Internet technology, to support
the network for secure communication among
participants**



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

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the EpiSouth Network Working Area. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'http://www.episouth.org/NWA/index.php'. The page has a navigation menu with options like Home, Meetings, Document, Discussion, Contacts, Search, Platform, Web site, Guide, and EpiSouth Home. Below the navigation menu, there are sections for 'User Data' (showing user information for Massimo Fabiani), 'Meetings & Events' (showing no upcoming events), and 'Workspaces' (listing various workspace areas like 'EpiSouth Network Working Area', 'Steering Teams Working Area', and 'Technical Staff Working Area'). The main content area is titled 'Document area' and contains a table with the following columns: Document area name, Users, Documents, Visited, and Downloaded. The table lists several document areas, each with a folder icon and numerical values for the other columns.

Document area name	Users	Documents	Visited	Downloaded
EHWA WP1: Coordination - Document Area	68	0	0	0
EHWA WP2: Dissemination - Document Area	66	0	0	0
EHWA WP3: Evaluation - Document Area	63	0	0	0
EHWA WP4: Network - Document Area	59	0	0	0
EHWA WP5: Training - Document Area	57	0	0	0
EHWA WP6: Epidemiologic Intelligence - Document Area	62	0	0	0
EHWA WP7: Vaccines and migrants - Document Area	59	0	0	0
EHWA WP8: Zoonotic Infections - Document Area	61	1	2	3
STWA WP1: Coordination - Document Area (4)	29	10	52	29
STWA WP2: Dissemination - Document Area	29	1	6	5
STWA WP3: Evaluation - Document Area	29	3	31	15
STWA WP4: Network - Document Area (1)	12	2	27	21



Major problem: Funding Integrated funding for EU and non EU countries

- The European Commission (**DG SANCO**) contributes 75% only for the EU countries
- Additional funds from DG-Enlargement **TAIEX** for the organization of the 1st & 2nd Project Meetings (for non-UE)
- Additional funds from **Italian MOH (EpiMed Project)** for the participation of non-UE Countries (Grant agreement with ISS)
- **Countries** contribute mostly with human resources



Major problem: Sustainability

Project ends in 2009

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than the network?