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### EpiSouth Project

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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

<b>AFRO</b>	WHO Regional Office for Africa
<b>CDTR</b>	ECDC Communicable Disease Threat Report
<b>CSR</b>	Communicable Diseases Surveillance and Response
<b>EC DG ENLARG</b>	European Commission Directorate General Enlargement
<b>ECDC</b>	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
<b>EFSA</b>	European Food Safety Authority
<b>EI</b>	Epidemic Intelligence
<b>EMRO</b>	WHO Regional Office for Eastern Mediterranean
<b>ENTER-NET</b>	International Surveillance Network for Human Gastrointestinal Infections
<b>EPIET</b>	European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training
<b>EURO</b>	WHO Regional Office for Europe
<b>GOARN</b>	Global Outbreak Alert & Response Network
<b>HCDCP/KEELPNO</b>	Hellenic Center for Diseases Control and Prevention
<b>HPH</b>	Human Public Health
<b>HSE</b>	Health Security and Environment
<b>IHR</b>	International Health Regulations
<b>ISO</b>	International Standardisation Organisation
<b>ISS</b>	Istituto Superiore di Sanità
<b>LYO-HQ</b>	WHO Lyon Office – Head Quarters
<b>MZCP</b>	Mediterranean Zoonoses Control Programme
<b>PHEA</b>	Public Health Executive Agency
<b>RASDON</b>	Regional Alert, Surveillance and Detection of Outbreak Network
<b>SC</b>	Steering Committee
<b>SO</b>	Specific Objective
<b>SOPs</b>	Standard Operating Procedures
<b>TAIEX</b>	EU “Technical Assistance and Information Exchange”
<b>TESSY</b>	The European Surveillance System
<b>TTT</b>	ECDC Operational Threat Tracking Tool
<b>VPD</b>	Vaccine preventable diseases
<b>VPH</b>	Veterinary Public Health
<b>VPI</b>	Vaccines Preventable Diseases and Immunization Programme
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>WP</b>	Work Package
<b>WPST</b>	Work Package Steering Team

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*“...The importance of the Episouth project lies in its potential to strengthen human capacity and resources in the area it covers; an area which is characterized by particular features, composing a special socio-economic context, rather different from that of the North Europe area. It is a project that could bridge the existing geographical inequality and gap between the North and the South, concerning methods of collecting and disseminating epidemiological information. Therefore its added value goes beyond the creation of just another supranational or worldwide network....”*

*(From the welcome Speech of the President of Hellenic Center for Diseases Control and Prevention)*

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 EpiSouth General Objective**

The general objective of the project 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.

### **1.2 Specific Objectives and Areas of Activity**

Several areas of activity were identified and are being developed through specific Work Packages (WP) as follow.

1 - Co-ordination of the project (WP1), with the main specific objective (SO) of guaranteeing a high quality performance of the project.

2 - Dissemination of the project (WP2), with the main SO of disseminating the information produced by EpiSouth within the participating countries and to those who need to know through an ad hoc created website and an electronic bulletin.

3 - Evaluation of the project (WP3), with the main SO of evaluating the project and its achievements in terms of milestones, deliverables, and indicators.

4 - Network of public health institutions (WP4), with the main SO of facilitating the networking process and activities among participants in order to strengthen solidarity and cohesion.

5 - Training in field/applied epidemiology (WP5), with the main SO of strengthening the early response capacity of participating countries to health threats and infectious disease spread.

6 - Cross-border epidemic intelligence (WP6), with the main SO of establishing a common platform on epidemic intelligence where participating countries may find broad internationally as well as regionally focused information.

7 - Vaccine-preventable diseases and migrant populations (WP7), with the main SO of assessing the access to immunisation and exchanging information on cases/outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases of migrant populations.

8 - Epidemiology and preparedness to cross-border emerging zoonoses (WP8), with the main SO of providing a platform for the communication of human (HPH) and veterinary public health (VPH) officials, describing risk assessment methods and providing a mechanism for exchanging information between HPH and VPH.

### **1.3 Methods**

Each WP is lead by an European Public Health institute. A total of 6 PH Institutes (WP leaders), are associated for the development of these 8 WPs.

The main partner (ISS Italy) has developed a framework where all the managerial aspects are being included (WP1) and the information produced by the project are being disseminated (WP2).

Three vertical WPs, "Cross-border epidemic intelligence-WP6" (InVS, France), "Vaccines and migrants-WP7" (NCIPD, Bulgaria) and "Cross-border emerging zoonoses-WP8" (HCDCP, Greece) constitute the technical basis.

The two horizontal Work Packages, "Networking-WP4" (Padua, Italy) and "Training-WP5" (ISCIII, Spain) provide tools that help fulfilling the objectives of the vertical Work Packages. The project is evaluated through a dedicated WP3 (Padua, Italy).

### **1.4 Project Network Organisation**

Once the project had been approved by EU-DGSANCO, the effort done by the EpiSouth Project Steering Committee was to verify the strategic possibility to involve in the Project all the interested countries of Mediterranean area.

In this framework, the 1st Project Meeting was organised in Rome in March 2007. In addition to the 9 Countries which were involved in the project from the beginning, 13 countries from the Balkans, North Africa and Middle East participated to the meeting together with representatives of EU DGSANCO, EU ECDC, and WHO. Once the EpiSouth project

objectives and methodology were discussed, the new organization and partnership were elaborated as all the 13 non-EU countries accepted to collaborate to the project.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Project Meeting took place in Athens in last December 2007 and, in addition to the Countries present to the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, other four were invited as potential partners of EpiSouth Network.

The Project Steering Committee is now composed by the 6 WP leaders Countries plus ECDC, EC-SANCO C3, WHO EURO, WHO EMRO and WHO LYO-HQ representatives as observers, in order to facilitate synergy and avoid overlapping.

The participation of the Countries and the International Organisations to the project foresees three different levels of active involvement:

- a) Focal Points (FPs) of the Episouth Network (WP4). Each Country/International Organisation identifies and appoints one or two relevant persons who act as Focal Point (FP) of the Episouth Network and who convey all the communication/information to the relevant officers in their respective Countries/Organisations.
- b) Collaboration in the Work Packages Steering Teams (WPSTs). In order to facilitate and enhance the work, each Country/International Organisation actively collaborates in one or two WP Steering Teams, which is in charge for identifying the countries' needs, developing the tools and the conducive project environment in accordance with the specific objective and requirements of the related WP.
- c) Participation to Work Packages' activities. Each participating country participate to the activities of one up to all the WPs in accordance with their needs and interests. The participation to the activities of WPs not chosen can be requested by the country in the coming years.

As per March 2008 the Network counts 24 Countries, (plus Tunisia that is in progress with its official commitment to EpiSouth) which have identified and appointed a total of 58 Country Focal Points (28 from EU-Countries and 30 from non-EU Countries) plus 5 representatives from International Organisations.

## **2. Executive Summary: the 2<sup>nd</sup> project meeting**

### **2.1. Introduction**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> EpiSouth Meeting took place in Athens from 10th December to 12th December 2007. The meeting was hosted by the Hellenic Center for Diseases Control and Prevention (H.C.D.C.P.), leader of WP8- Epidemiology and preparedness to cross-border emerging zoonoses.

All the twenty-one countries involved in the Network (plus Tunisia that is in progress with its official commitment to EpiSouth), were present, including EU and non-EU partner countries. Among them, 9 were from Southern Europe (Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Romania, Slovenia and Spain), 6 from Balkans (Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, FYROM, Kosovo and Serbia), 3 from North Africa (Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco) and 4 from the Middle East (Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey). Egypt, Montenegro, Palestine and Syria were represented and invited as potential partners.

As for the 1<sup>st</sup> Project Meeting, participation of non-EU partner countries representatives was made possible by EC EuropaID and EC DG ENLARG through TAIEX facility.

International Organisations (i.e. ECDC, WHO-EURO, WHO-EMRO and WHO-LYO/HQ) were present and actively involved; TAIEX office was also represented. Guest scientists from Greece, France and Italy had been invited.

After the first meeting in Rome (28-30 March 2007), the Athens meeting represented a further occasion in which all project partners could meet and discuss on relevant project issues.

### **2.2 Objectives of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Project Meeting**

The Second EpiSouth meeting was meant to consolidate the cooperation among the countries that formally agreed to take part in the Network as well as to further extend the Network to invited countries that could be part of it. It also represented the occasion to work and agree on contents and procedures in order to start a concrete collaboration on the specific project thematic issues (Epidemic Intelligence, VPD and Migrants, Zoonoses). In fact, by the end of the project period, three Strategic Documents will be available to guide and support the Mediterranean Countries on critical aspects and operational standards related to the three specific issues addressed by the project.

The objectives of the meeting were as follows:

- To discuss activities done since March 2007
- To work together on the development of the three thematic issues
- To strengthen and further extend the Network of EpiSouth
- To agree on next year plan and activities.

This was expected to be achieved through three meeting approaches:

- *WP Steering Teams*, restricted and focused on the Project Work Packages objectives;
- *Parallel Sessions*, focused on the thematic issues of WP6, 7 and 8;
- *Plenary Sessions*, open to the meeting audience with contribution of invited experts.

### **2.3 Main Outcomes**

#### **2.3.1 Achievements of the First year**

WP leaders briefly presented the achievements of the first year of the activities.

- The objective of the enlargement of the Network was achieved passing from 9 to 21 EU and non-EU countries (plus Tunisia that is in progress with its official commitment to EpiSouth), plus five representatives of International organisations taking part in the project.



- Funds to guarantee active involvement of non-EU countries were obtained by the Italian Ministry of Health (EpiMed Project) and EC EuropeAid and DG Enlargement through the TAIEX facility.
- EpiSouth Web-Site ([www.episouth.org](http://www.episouth.org)) was opened with a Public Area and a restricted Members' Area; the 1<sup>st</sup> Issue of EpiSouth Bulletin was produced and released to 500 recipients.
- The project evaluation plan was prepared and made available on the Website.
- A questionnaire was designed and shared in the members area for discussion with the purpose of creating a Directory on participants institutions.
- The first training module, based on the needs training assessment carried out in July 2007 among all the participating countries, was held in Spain in September 2007: 33 participants from 18 countries took part in it.
- A survey on existing epidemic intelligence needs in countries members of WP6 ST was carried out in July 2007 using an International Surveillance and Cross-border Epidemic Intelligence questionnaire. This questionnaire was extended to all participant countries in November 2007.
- A draft questionnaire on VPD and Migrant Population was prepared; a first version was distributed and pre-tested. A newly designed version is being developed for collecting information from all the participating countries.
- Concerning zoonoses, a survey in all countries was conducted in order to identify the zoonoses of priority for EpiSouth and surveillance needs. A limited number of diseases was identified against specific criteria: brucellosis, leishmaniasis, campylobacteriosis, rabies and West-Nile virus.

### **2.3.2 Development of thematic issues**

#### WP6-Cross-border Epidemic Intelligence

Fifteen countries were represented in WP6 Parallel Session (Albania, Algeria, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kosovo, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Romania, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and France).

The parallel session was focused on Epidemic Intelligence and Cross-Border concepts, methods, results of the previous activities, sharing of criteria and tools (pilot Bulletin); case-studies and applied discussion.

The list of criteria for epidemic intelligence issues was submitted, commented and integrated. Consensus was reached on the following issues:

- global health threats (e.g. Avian Influenza) which may affect EpiSouth countries and territories;
- major health crisis that can generate a risk of importation of cases and /or contaminated/spoiled goods in EpiSouth countries;
- health events occurring in countries from which immigrants (to EpiSouth countries) originate;
- health events occurring mainly in countries where a large EpiSouth expatriate community lives;
- health events occurring during major mass gathering (e.g. Pilgrimage) and countries with high volume of tourism;
- vaccine preventable diseases affecting migrants which may also spread to EpiSouth countries and territories;
- anthro-po-zoonoses events affecting EpiSouth cross-border areas;
- major environmental events.

Participants were informed that the Cross-border Epidemic Intelligence platform was supposed to be available for testing by June or July 2008 while the weekly bulletin from February 2008.

It was agreed that the exchange of cross-border information will be made on a voluntary basis and under the clearance of the individual Ministry of Health. The information-exchange process will be centralised and information collected and discussed with the Steering Team.

Regarding the nature of the information collected – official or informal – the process of cross-border is to contact in priority the national focal point in order to verify and check the data collected. The implication of the focal point for his green light will initiate and stimulate discussion and initiatives for cross-border health event reporting. Step by step, the familiarisation of the electronic platform for cross-border issues will allow more communication between participating countries regarding possible emerging diseases and “hot events” for the disease control in the EpiSouth area.

#### WP7-VPD and Migrant Populations

Thirteen countries were represented in the WP7 Parallel Session (Albania, Algeria, Cyprus, Greece, France, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Bulgaria) together with WHO Europe.

Existing national immunization programmes and obstacles toward migrants coverage were presented; participants agreed on migrants’ flow complexity which causes difficulties to the prevention national programmes.

The definition of “migrant population” was widely debated and controversial. It was therefore agreed in principle to adopt a time frame comprising recent migration, i.e. no less than three months after entry until two years stay in the hosting countries.

The differentiation of the migrant population at high risk of VPD for the purposes of the Project was another key point of discussion.

Currently there is lack of data about the health and immunization status of irregular immigrants as well as lack of information about their access to health care services.

Changes were proposed to re-design the questionnaire. Activities for 2008, including draft recommendations after the survey results, were approved. Free exchange of information on best practices and experiences on successful immunisation programs was also encouraged.

Consensus on the proposed content of the strategic document *Guideline on Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Migrant Population* was reached.

#### WP8-Cross-border emerging zoonoses

Twelve countries were represented in WP8 Parallel Session (Cyprus, Italy, Israel, Jordan, Tunisia, Albania, Kosovo, Spain, Morocco, Romania, Slovenia and Greece).

Concerning the identified five zoonoses, it was clarified that the proposed list was a tentative one and additional diseases of common interest could be added in the future.

When dealing with the strategic document outline, participating countries exchanged information on epidemiology of the selected zoonoses, existing policies, strategies and programs. Common case definitions were pointed out as a key issue. The strategic document was deemed a useful tool to exert pressure towards policy makers so that countries could design, adopt and implement control programs. All participants committed themselves to contribute to the preparation of the Strategic document, by producing a short document describing their countries epidemiology, policies, strategies and programs related to the five selected zoonoses.

It was underlined that there is a gap of information concerning international programs and interest was expressed in learning more about initiatives of that kind (WHO and WHO-MZCP or eradication programs in Mediterranean countries).

Among the activities planned for the future, for the purposes of the HPH and VPH contact points database, a questionnaire will be send to all countries. Possible specific training issues to be addressed by WP5 will be identified for the third year of the project after clear identification of needs.

### **2.3.3 The EpiSouth Network: the collaboration among Countries and the role of International Institutions**

The collaboration among countries has been started mainly through the institution of Work Package Steering Teams which have taken care of the needed preparatory activities under the guide of WP leaders. Other means and tools for enhancing this collaboration have been shared during the meeting.

New countries expressed their interest in getting involved in the project WPs as follows: Montenegro (WP6 and WP4), Egypt (WP5 and WP8), Palestine (WP6 and WP7) and Syria (WP5 and WP8). These countries were also invited to formalize their interest in EpiSouth and modalities to commit themselves were illustrated.

- ECDC proposed to collaborate with EpiSouth at institutional, financial and technical level as reported. *Institutional*: future ECDC-EpiSouth integration (analogy with EpiNorth Network), evaluation roadmap, implementation of ECDC External Relation Strategy from 2010; *Financial*: funding may be available for participation to EpiSouth meetings only for EU-Candidate countries (Croatia, FYROM and Turkey), participation to EpiSouth training modules and to training courses (short courses, EPIET Introduction) may be feasible on ad-hoc basis; *Technical*: exchange of guidelines and modules, access to specific directories and countries' profiles, sharing of expertise, communication and information links, sharing of EI information, technical assistance to EpiSouth countries, if requested through diplomatic channels.
- WHO LYO-HQ will collaborate with EpiSouth at three different levels: national, regional and head-quarter level. Specifically the following sectors can be supported: project management with special regard to laboratory quality and training program; sharing of web portals, resources centers, production of CD ROMs; networking with regional surveillance projects (i.e. Indian Ocean, Central Africa); networking with Laboratory Twinning Program; networking with External Quality Assurance Assessment Network; training on IHR; training in Laboratory; training in Epidemiology; distance learning; E/learning on National IHR Capacity Strengthening; Master of Health Security. Vice versa EpiSouth members can support WHO in improving quality assurance for epidemiological surveillance through working group (ISO standard); reflection on the need of building a network of epidemiologists through working group, web site development, resource center, integrating IHR in current training courses; master development; strengthening public health laboratories; implementing sub-regional surveillance systems for countries sharing the same environment.
- WHO EURO will cooperate by strengthening sub-regional and interregional capacities. In particular, it can provide technical guidelines and materials, technical assistance through the Communicable Diseases surveillance and Response and the Vaccines Preventable Diseases and Immunization Programmes as well as linkages with the Mediterranean Zoonoses Control Programme. It encourages EpiSouth participation in sub-regional workshops on Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Zoonoses control. It offers WHO participation in EpiSouth workshops and Training.
- WHO EMRO presented a new instrument for early warning and response called RASDON (Regional Alert Surveillance and Detection of Outbreak Network). This tool, that will be operational from the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2008, will be an opportunity to support EpiSouth as for epidemic intelligence.
- Finally, TAIEX office confirmed the opportunity for EpiSouth of benefiting from financial support even through individual assistance (<http://taix.ec.europa.eu>). This is applicable to specific field events such as workshops or conferences as well as study visits, when aiming at sharing experience. Therefore, the possibility of financing steering team meetings emerged.

### 2.3.4 Next year Plan and Activities

**Missions.** Efforts might be required for the fulfilment of project's activities. Necessary missions (for example those for Steering Teams meetings) not directly financed by the project might be financed by Italian Ministry of Health (EpiMED project) and TAIEX.

**Questionnaires.** Questionnaires of WP3, 4, 7 and WP8 will be revised and made available for on-line compilation.

**Directories.** WP4 Directory of Public Institutions will be available on the web after data collection (tentatively by March 2008) while WP8 Directory of HPH and VPH contact points will be ready by the end of the year 2008.

**Meetings & Training.** The Third Project Meeting will be organised in February/March 2009; a WP7 Steering Team Meeting has been scheduled for February 2008 taking advantage of the VPD and Roma Workshop organised in Sofia by ECDC-WHO; the next training module will be organised in Spain very likely in June 2008.

ST meetings will be organised by WPs leaders in different countries so as to share and discuss relevant issues. However, also the web platform, e-mail and teleconferences will be used as means of communication.

The WP6 steering team meeting is planned to be held during the summer 2008 within one of the country member of the WP6ST (Croatia, Israel, Jordan, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia and France).

**Project visibility and sustainability.** Regarding the visibility of the project, each participating institution is encouraged to introduce a link to the EpiSouth web-site in its own institution's website. Articles on EpiSouth and participation to International Conferences are strongly encouraged.

Sustainability of the Network was addressed and participants were invited to think on concrete opportunities for the future of the network. In fact, the EpiSouth Network is really a very peculiar case (EU and non-EU Countries working together), which represents a big challenge in terms of sustainability: procedures, mechanisms and funds should be identified to support the whole Mediterranean Area (EU and non-EU), in order to preserve the added value and the innovative approach inherent to the EpiSouth Network.

## 2.4 Conclusions

Compared to the First meeting in Rome, when all the partners met together for the first time, the Athens meeting represented the concrete occasion for jointly discussing the work so far done and identifying ways to enhance the collaboration among the countries and the Institutions already involved in the Network.

In relation to the stated objectives, the main outcomes of the meeting can be summarised as follows.

Most of the activities scheduled in the 2007 Workplan were achieved and some delays were due mainly to the enlargement process that has requested additional time and instruments to ensure the active participation of all the countries involved.

The thematic issues have been discussed both in Parallel and Plenary sessions and the frameworks, schedules and objectives have been set in order to proceed with the works until the next 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Meeting in Sofia.

Networking is on increase: the international Agencies are committed to cooperate with EpiSouth at institutional, financial and technical levels on the basis of close coordination.

New countries (Egypt, Montenegro, Palestine and Syria) are also interested to join the network and formal commitments have been sent or are being finalised.

Consensus on next year activity plan has been reached.

## **Annex I – Meeting agenda**

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## Second Project Meeting

10 -12 December 2007

# EpiSouth



**Agora Conference Hall**  
Acropol Classical Hotel  
1, Pireus Street (Omonia Square)  
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**DAY 1: MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2007****13.30 - 14.00 Registration****Plenary Session****14.00 - 14.45 Opening Remarks**

Welcome address by Greek Authorities (I. N. Pierroutsakos)  
 KEELPNO Welcome (R. Vorou)  
 Meeting Objectives and Agenda (S. Declich)  
 Introducing participating Countries

**14.45 - 16.00 1<sup>st</sup> year Activities of EpiSouth**

Overview of 1<sup>st</sup> Year EpiSouth Activities (WP1)  
 WP2-WP3-WP4-WP5 outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> year: done vs to be done, questionnaires results, problems & proposed actions, lessons learnt, etc (WP leaders on behalf of WP Steering Teams)

**Tea Break** 16.00 - 16.15**16.15 - 17.00** WP6-WP7-WP8 outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> year (WP leaders on behalf of WP Steering Teams)**17.00 - 17.15** Issues discussed and options developed by the Steering Committee Meeting (S. Declich)**17.15 - 17.45** Discussion**DAY 2: TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2007****8.30 – 9.30** WPs Steering Team Meetings (WP4, WP5, WP6, WP7 & WP8)**Plenary Session: International standing of EpiSouth****9.30 - 10.30** Presentations by ECDC and WHO representatives on concrete ways to support and interact with the EpiSouth Network ( M.Ciotti, P. Nabeth, D. Mercer, J. Mahjour)**Coffee Break** 10.30 – 10.45**10.45 - 11.10** TAIEX assistance: possibilities and procedures (A. Ryniak)**11.10 – 11.30** Discussion**Plenary Session: Introduction to the parallel sessions: WP6-Epidemic Intelligence; WP7-VPD & Migrants; WP8-Zoonoses****11.30 - 13.00** Migrant and Health: the example of TB (D. Antoine)  
Place, time, and stakeholders upgrading in Epidemiology of Zoonoses (Y.Tselentis)

Epidemic Intelligence in Europe, the ECDC experience (M. Ciotti)

Discussion

**Lunch** 13.00 - 14.00**14.00 - 14.20** Working procedures and outputs for the 3 Parallel sessions (G. Putoto & R. Gnesotto)**14.20 - 16.00 Parallel sessions**

Discussion and Consensus on:

- a) outline (objectives, contents and audience) of 3 Project Strategic Documents to be developed during the next two years
- b) integration among WPs
- c) work-plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year

i) WP6- Epidemic Intelligence: WPST (France, Malta, Croatia, Morocco, Tunisia, Israel, Jordan) + countries' Contact Points + WP4 + WP5 + WP2 + observersii) WP7- VPD & Migrants: WPST (Bulgaria, Slovenia, Albania, B&H, Serbia, Morocco, Lebanon) + countries' Contacts Points + WP4 + WP5 + Project Leader + observersiii) WP8- Zoonoses: WPST (Greece, Cyprus, Albania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo UNSCR1244, Tunisia, Jordan) + countries' Contact Points + WP4 + WP5 + WP1 + observers

In collaboration with:

iv) WP4 ST– Networking: (Italy Padua, B&amp;H (WP7), Croatia (WP6), Kosovo UNSCR1244 (WP8), Israel (WP6)

v) WP5 ST - Training (Spain, Romania, Serbia, Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Turkey)

**Tea Break** 16.00 - 16.15**16.15 - 17.30 Parallel sessions – (continued)****Evening** Social Event offered by the Hellenic Center for Diseases Control and Prevention**DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2007****Plenary Session****9.00 - 9.45** Presentations by the *rapporteurs* of the 3 parallel sessions**9.45 - 10.45** Discussion**Coffee Break** 10.45 - 11.00**11.00 - 12.15 Opening Discussion:** Consensus on Meeting Outcomes & Decisions, the way forward, the 2008 Project Work Plan**12.15 - 12.30 Closing Remarks** (S.Declich, G.Putoto, R.Vorou)**Lunch** 12.30 - 13.30

## **Annex II – List of participants**





## SECOND PROJECT MEETING

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