



# EU COOPERATION TO STRENGTHEN PREPAREDNESS AND MANAGEMENT OF CROSS-BORDER HEALTH THREATS

European Public Health pre-conference, Marseille, France

20 November 2019

## AGENDA

<b>13:30- 13:50</b>	<b>Welcome/Introductory remarks</b> <i>CHAIR: European Commission, DG SANTE – Wolfgang Philipp</i>  Policy framework for EU coordination of preparedness and response to serious cross-border health threats
<b>13:50 - 14:10</b>	<b>Member State perspective</b> <i>France, Ministry of Health - Antoine Schwoerer</i>  Views from a Member State on the role of the EU in preparedness and response against serious cross-border threats to health
<b>14:10 - 14:40</b>	<b>EU Member States and neighbouring countries preparedness &amp; response to serious cross-border health threats</b> <i>Joint Action Strengthened International Health Regulations and Preparedness in the EU Coordinator, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare - Mika Salminen &amp; Joint Action EU Healthy Gateways Coordinator, University of Thessaly - Christos Hadjichristodoulou</i>  Presentations of EU Joint Actions: (1) Strengthened International Health Regulations and Preparedness in the EU; (2) EU Healthy Gateways
<b>14:40 - 15:00</b>	<b>International Health Regulations in the global emergency preparedness context</b> <i>WHO/Europe – Dorit Nitzan &amp; University of Amsterdam - Aniek de Ruijter</i>  The importance of IHR implementation in a globalised world: challenges and risks of non-implementation
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>15:30 - 15:50</b>	<b>Medical countermeasures and deployment in emergencies</b> <i>European Commission, DG ECHO – Maarten Vergauwen &amp; DG SANTE - Agnes Molnar</i>  The role of medical countermeasures in containing health emergencies and structures for rapid deployment at an EU and global level
<b>15:50 - 16:10</b>	<b>Health and security - a contribution to the EU Security Union</b> <i>European Commission, DG SANTE – Agnes Molnar &amp; ECDC - Karl Ekdahl</i>  Overview of EU Security Union and the functionalities of interfaces and collaboration between the security and health sector
<b>16:10 - 16:50</b>	<b>Panel Discussion &amp; Questions</b>

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Panel:

*DG ECHO – Maarten Vergauwen; DG SANTE - Agnes Molnar; ECDC - Karl Ekdahl; France, Ministry of Health - Antoine Schwoerer; Joint Action EU Healthy Gateways Coordinator, University of Thessaly - Christos Hadjichristodoulou; Joint Action Strengthened International Health Regulations and Preparedness in the EU Coordinator, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare - Mika Salminen; University of Amsterdam - Aniek de Ruijter; WHO/Europe - Dorit Nitzan*

Moderator:

*European Commission, DG SANTE - Wolfgang Philipp*

- What constitutes health security - the value of collaboration between health and other critical sectors
- The weakest link - gaps, strengths and opportunities for enhanced international cooperation for an efficient global health preparedness & response
- High impact low probability events, terrorism, intentional releases, critical infrastructure protection & hybrid threats

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**16:50- 17:00**

**Closing remarks**

*European Commission, DG SANTE – Wolfgang Philipp*