

**BEST PRACTICES IN IMPLEMENTING
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Portugal experience on the implementation of IHR: processes and challenges

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- Last self - assessment 2017 (data from 2016);
- Main areas identified needing improvement
 - Example of core competency results and trend (2010-2016): are we less prepared?
- Current challenges:
 - IHR new approach
 - List of priorities

Core capacities - Questionnaire 2017 | 3

International Health Regulations (IHR) monitoring framework Respondents to monitoring questionnaire, 2017

2017 response

85% of all States Parties, responded to the request for completed monitoring questionnaire in 2017, representing 167 of the 196 States Parties



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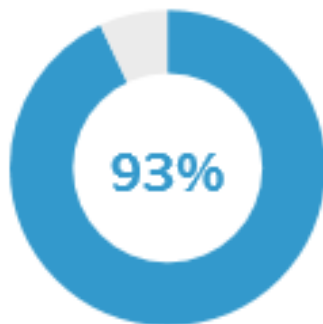


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Portugal results on 2017 self assessment tool



is the average value of the 13 core capacity indicators in the country in 20..

**REGIONAL AVERAGE
2010-2016**

The average value of the 13 core capacity indicators for the period 2010-2016 in WHO Europe Region is 81%

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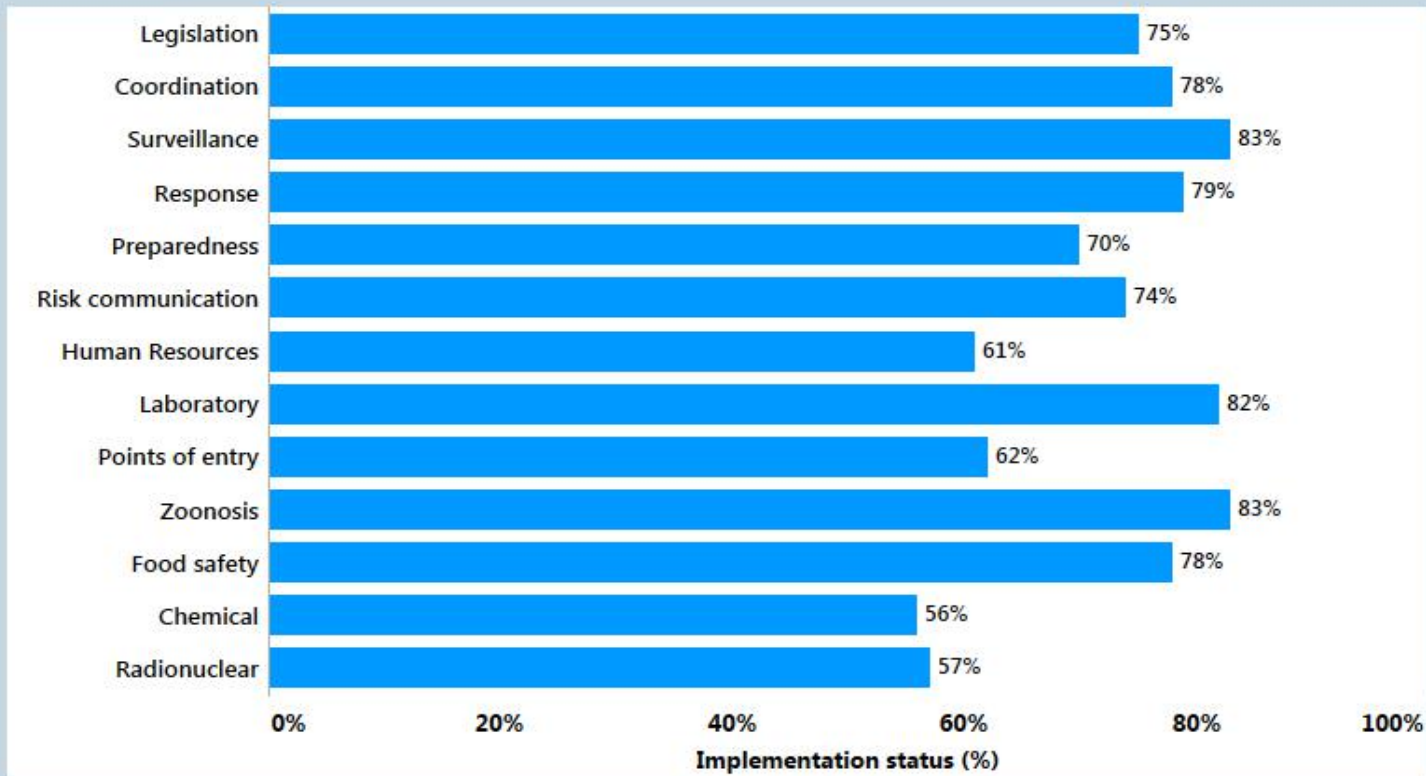
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Core capacities - Questionnaire 2017

IHR core capacities implementation status, 2017
(167 reporting countries)



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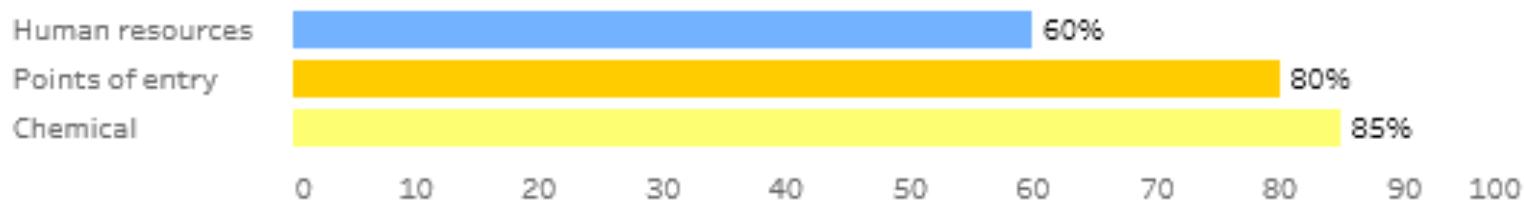
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Based on the analysis of the latest annual reporting data (2016),
the three top challenges are:



These should be further analysed with other complementary information
in order to determine priorities, which should be addressed
into country action plan and its implementation.

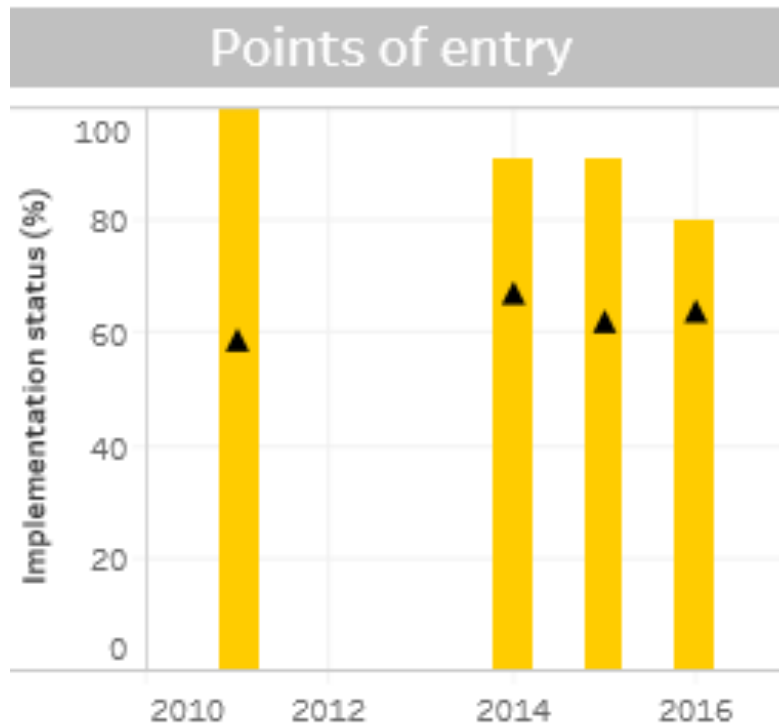
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PoE: are we less prepared?

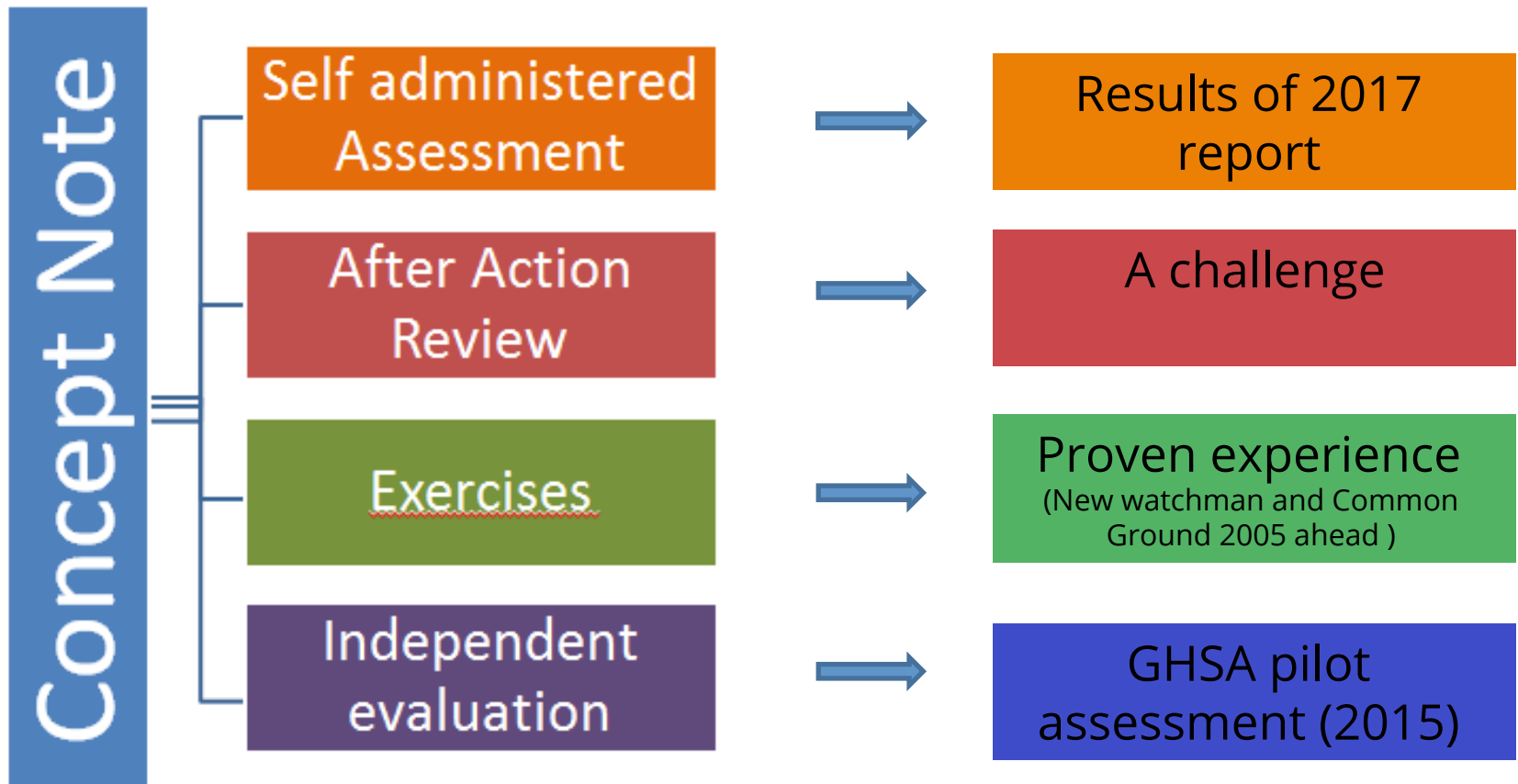
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- 2010: health sector self-assessment;
- 2014: Ebola preparedness; exercises at point of entry;
- 2016: national audit checklist pilot; visit and assessment of PoE – intersectoral approach;

IHR - new 4 components



Assessment experiences

Self- assessment

Peer-review

External evaluation

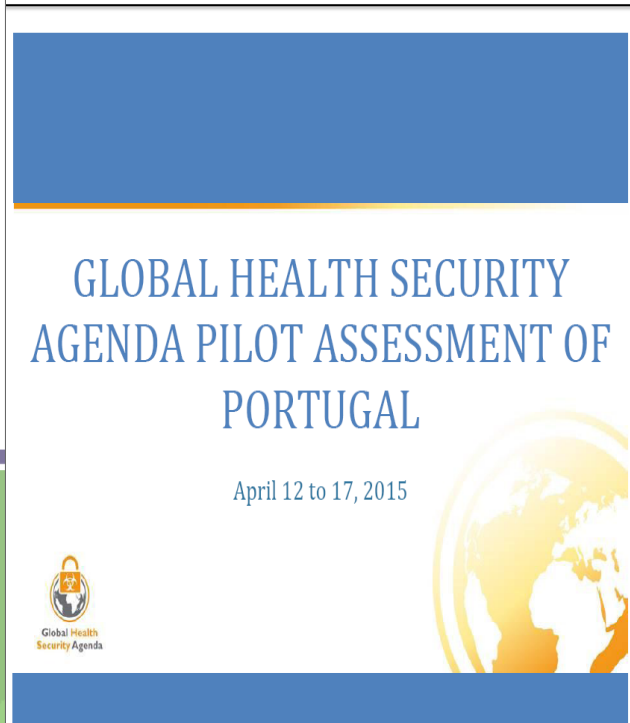
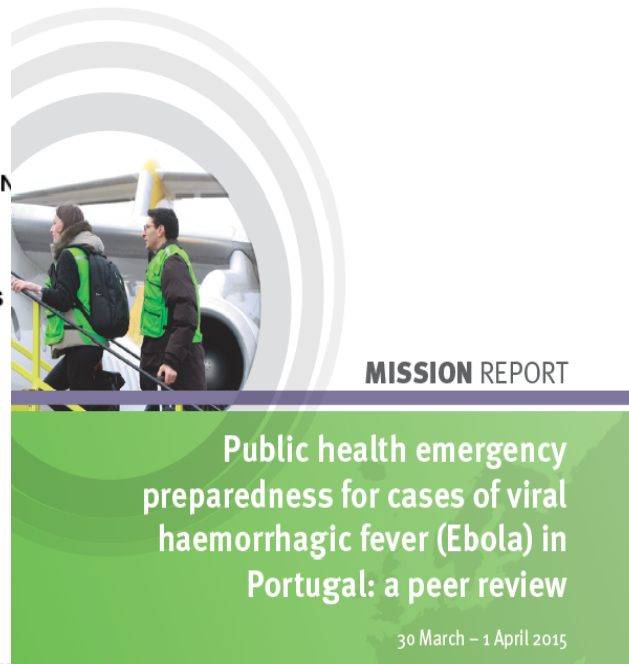
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IHR CORE CAPACITY
MONITORING FRAMEWORK:

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MONITORING
PROGRESS IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF IHR CORE
CAPACITIES IN STATES PARTIES

2017 Questionnaire





Current challenges

- Implementation of systematic evaluation and reporting following the conclusion of the events (incident review)
- Development of systematic training among Public Health Specialists to ensure an adequate composition of Rapid Response Teams with inter-sectoral approach;
- Establishment of national risk profiles, also mapping risk information from different sectors, aiming an integrated and all-hazards approach;
- Synergies approach between self assessment tool for IHR and preparedness questionnaire of article 4º of Decision 1082/2013/ EU.



Conclusion

- We are all IHR or Decision 1082/EU/2013;
- It is not only a health responsibility and challenge;
- Health Sector has been improving its intersectoral connection; we are increasing the participation in other networks such as with Civil Protection (Platform to reduce catastrophes) and Animal Health (zoonoses detection and response);
- We (Health) may need to engage deeper on the coordination role.

Obrigada!

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