

SHARP Joint Action strengthens preparedness in the EU against serious cross-border threats to health and supports the implementation of International Health Regulations (2005)

Increasing capacity in protection of health security in European Union member states









The 2019-2023 SHARP Joint Action is co-funded by the Health Programme of the European Union (80%) and by partners' own contributions (20%).

We work together to strengthen existing capacities and support improvement in those countries where IHR capability gaps exist.

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## SHARP Joint Action (JA) works towards strengthening:

- the implementation of Decision No 1082/2013/EU, supporting the member and partner state capacity to handle health threats
- the implementation of International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and preparedness to increase capacity in high level protection of health and security
- the resilience and response capacities of health systems by ensuring coherence and interoperability for preparedness and response planning.

SHARP JA partners work collaboratively to identify and address gaps in the capacity to prevent, detect and respond to biological, chemical and environmental threats to human health.

The partners collaborate with the ECDC and the WHO European Office in relevant activities; plus, other European joint actions, specifically the Healthy Gateways Joint Action that addresses Points of Entry and Joint Action TERROR that improves response to biological and chemical terror attacks.



**SHARP JA partners** 

### **SHARP Joint Action**

# Overall Objectives

- Improved implementation of Decision No 1082/2013/EU on serious cross-border threats to health
- Strengthened resilience and response capacities of health systems
- Greater coherence and interoperability for preparedness and response planning to health threats at national, EU and regional level

**Purpose** 

SHARP Joint Action aims to strengthen preparedness in the EU against serious cross-border threats to health, and support the implementation of International Health Regulations (2005)

#### WP4

Integration in national policies and sustainability

#### **Objective**

Incorporation of best practices in IHR and preparedness into national policies, including an improved cooperation mechanism between EU member states

#### WP5

IHR core capacity strengthening and assessment

#### Objective

Improved core capacity in EU member states as required by IHR and Decision No 1082/2013/EU

#### WP6

Preparedness and response planning

#### **Objective**

An effective international preparedness planning and response system for serious cross border health threats, with clear and generally accepted coordination mechanisms

#### WP7

Laboratory preparedness and responsiveness

#### **Objective**

Strengthened
laboratory
preparedness and
responsiveness
to detect highly
pathogenic,
infectious agents
with quality
assured methods in
laboratories of EU
member states

#### WP8

Training, local exercises and exchange of working practices

#### **Objective**

Strengthened capacity of professionals in IHR implementation and increased preparedness for serious cross-border health threats.

#### WP9

Chemical safety and chemical threats

#### **Objective**

Improved implementation of IHR chemical core capacities, strengthening preparedness and response to crossborder chemical health threats across the EU

#### **WP10**

Case management and infection prevention and control

#### **Objective**

Improved clinical and biorisk management, hospital preparedness and response to high-consequence infectious diseases

**Management** 

**WP1** Coordination

**WP2** Dissemination

**WP3** Evaluation

### **SHARP JA partner organisations**

These 26 associated partners are supported by 35 affiliated entities. In total 30 countries are represented in the joint action – 24 EU members, 3 EEA/EFTA members and 3 European neighbouring countries.

Austria Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (BMSGPK)

#### **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina (MCA)

Croatia Croatian Institute of Public Health (CIPH)

Czech Republic National Institute for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Protection (SUJCHBO)

Denmark Statens Serum Insititut, Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology (SSI)

**Estonia** Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia (MSAE)

**Finland** The Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)

France Ministry of Solidarities and Health (MoH-FR)

**Germany** Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

**Greece** National Public Health Organization (NPHO)

Hungary National Public Health Center (NPHC) -Nemzeti Népegészségügyi Központ (NNK)

Ireland Health Service Executive (HSE)

Italy The National Institute for Infectious Diseases "L. Spallanzani" (INMI) Latvia State Emergency Medical Service (SEMS)

**Lithuania** Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania (MOHLT)

Malta Ministry for Health Government of Malta, Directorate Environmental Health (MFH)

The Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, The Centre for Communicable Disease Control (RIVM)

Norway Norwegian Directorate of Health (HD)

**Poland** National Institute of Public Health - National Institute of Hygiene (NIPH – NIH) **Portugal** Directorate-General of Health, Ministry of Health (DGS/MS)

Republic of Moldova National Agency for Public Health (NAPH)

Serbia Institute of Public Health Serbia (IPHS)

**Slovenia** National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ)

**Spain** Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII)

**Sweden** Public Health Agency of Sweden (FoHM)

United Kingdom UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Public Health Wales (PHW)

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