



# **IHR Implementation in the Republic of Serbia**

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# SERBIA: COUNTRY PROFILE

- Estimated number of population (01.01.2016)  
7 076 372

<http://www.stat.gov.rs/>

- 2 international airports  
(Belgrade and Nis)
- 8 border-countries



# LEGISLATION RELATED TO IHR IMPLEMENTATION

- **Serbian**

- ✓ Law on Emergencies (Official Gazette RS No. 111/09; 92/11 and 93/12)
- ✓ Law on Public Health (Official Gazette RS No. 15/16)
- ✓ Law on Health Care (Official Gazette RS No. 107/05, 72/09, 88/10, 99/10, 57/11, 119/12, 45/13, 93/14, 96/15, 106/15)
- ✓ Law on Protection of Population against Communicable Diseases (Official Gazette RS No. 15/16)
- ✓ Law on Sanitary Surveillance (O. Gazette RS No. 125/04)
- ✓ Rulebook on reporting of communicable diseases and other cases determined by the Law on Protection of Population against Communicable Diseases (Official Gazette RS No. 98/05 and 107/05)
- ✓ National Health Emergency Response Plan (in progress)
- ✓ National CBRN Plan

- **European**

- ✓ Decision No 1082/2013/EU ... on serious cross-border threats to health

# NATIONAL IHR FOCAL POINT



## **Institute of Public Health of Serbia**

- Under the Ministry of Health
- For urgent communication with WHO IHR Contact Point
- Disseminating information for/from relevant sectors

# CORE CAPACITY IMPLEMENTATION

- IPHS + 24 District IPH
- No Designated ports
- No Designated airports

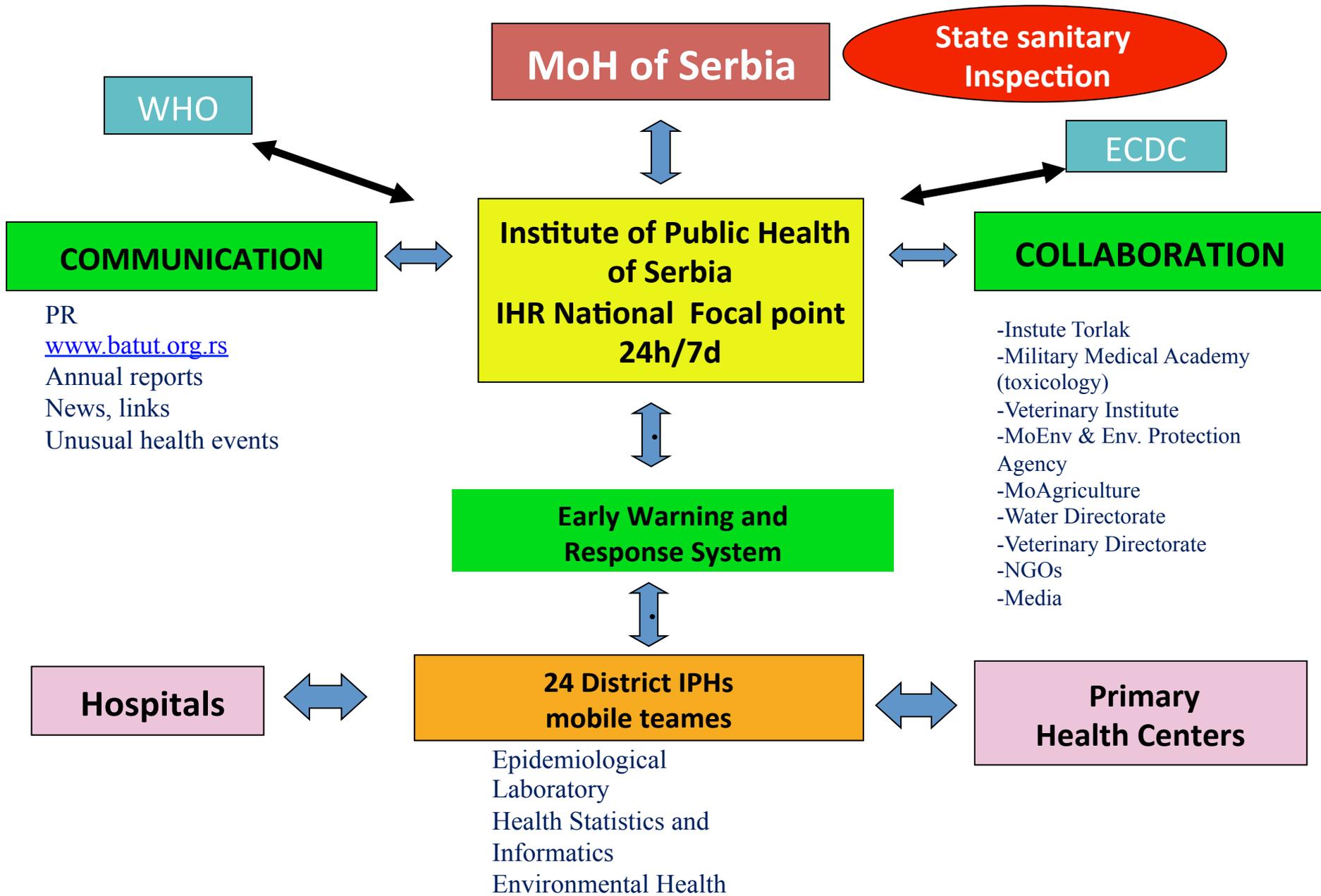


Западно бачки	Северо бачки	Северо банатски	Јужно бачки	Средње банатски
Сремски	Јужно банатски	Мачвански	Колубарски	Београдски
Подунавски	Бранчевски	Борски	Златиборски	Моравички
Шумадијски	Поморавски	Зајечарски	Рашки	Расински
Топлички	Нишавски	Јабланички	Пиротски	Пчњински

# IHR-RELATED ACTIVITIES AT IPHS

- **IHR - translation in Serbian and publishing**
- **Related EU-funded Projects**
  - The Epi South + Project Network for the Control of Public Health Threats in the Mediterranean Region and South Eastern Europe (2010-2013)
  - Medi PIET Establishment of Mediterranean Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (2012-2014 )
- **Related CEI-funded Projects**
  - KEP1 - Emergency management and community resilience: a goal for Serbia (2015)
  - KEP2 - Development of a training program on Management of Disaster Prevention, Preparedness and Rapid Response (2016-2017)

# NETWORK FOR THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE IN SERBIA



# Participation in the EU funded projects

- EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action Project
- Joint Action to strengthen preparedness in the EU and support the implementation of International Health Regulations (IHR)- the preparatory meeting in June 2018

# CHALLENGES WITH IHR IMPLEMENTATION

- **Capacity building of Human resources for IHR implementation**
- More educated personnel needed e.g. to perform risk factor studies, to perform contact tracing.
- Exchange of experience with countries that
- **Intersectoral collaboration and communication (improved in 2017/2018, still to be strengthen )**
  - E.g. between biological, chemical and radio-nuclear sector
  - E.g. between human and food sector
  - E.g. at points of entries between public health, airport management and airline operators

## Ongoing activities

- **Internal evaluation of IHR implementation – preparatory work (Working group is formed)**
- **Capacity building with support of WHO experts is planned to be implemented in July 2018**

**Thank you for your attention**