



A three-year Joint Action aiming to strengthen preparedness against serious cross-border threats to health, and support IHR implementation in the EU

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**The three-year SHARP Joint Action** (2019 – March 2022) is co-funded by the Health Programme of the European Union (80%) and by partners' own contributions (20%). By working together, the partners and the European Commission will ensure a safer environment for all EU citizens; aiming to strengthen member's existing capacities as well as supporting improvement in those countries where IHR capability gaps exist.

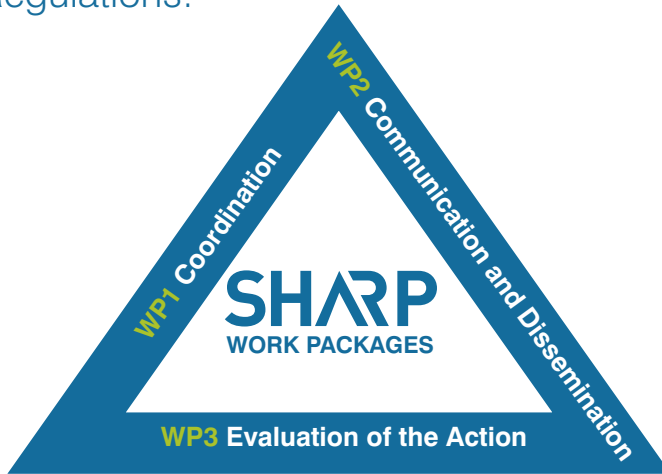
### **SHARP Joint Action will work towards strengthening:**

- the implementation of Decision 1082/2013/EU, supporting the Member and Partner States' capacity to handle health threats.
- the implementation of International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and preparedness to increase the capacity on 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 partners** will 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 will also liaise with and collaborate with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the World Health Organization European Office in relevant activities; as well as with other European Joint Actions, specifically the Healthy Gateways Joint Action that addresses Points of Entry.

SHARP consists of ten Work Packages covering core public health capacities according to the International Health Regulations:



#### WP4

### Integration in National Policies and Sustainability

responsible for incorporating best practices on IHR and preparedness in national policies, with improved cooperation mechanisms between EU Member States.

#### WP5

### IHR Core Capacity Strengthening and Assessment

work to improve core capacities in EU Member States by improving IHR implementation, and developing international collaboration between authorities in a crisis.

#### WP6

### Preparedness and Response Planning

support EU Member States and Joint Action partner countries in developing operational inter-sectoral preparedness and response plans for serious cross-border health threats.

#### WP7

### Laboratory Preparedness and Responsiveness

improve laboratory preparedness in order to ensure the application of best practices in detection and analysis of highly pathogenic infectious agents as well as improve and consolidate the biorisk management.

#### WP8

### Training and Local Exercises, Exchange of Working Practices

responsible for improving the capacity of professionals in IHR implementation and preparedness for serious cross-border health threats in the Joint Action partner countries.

#### WP9

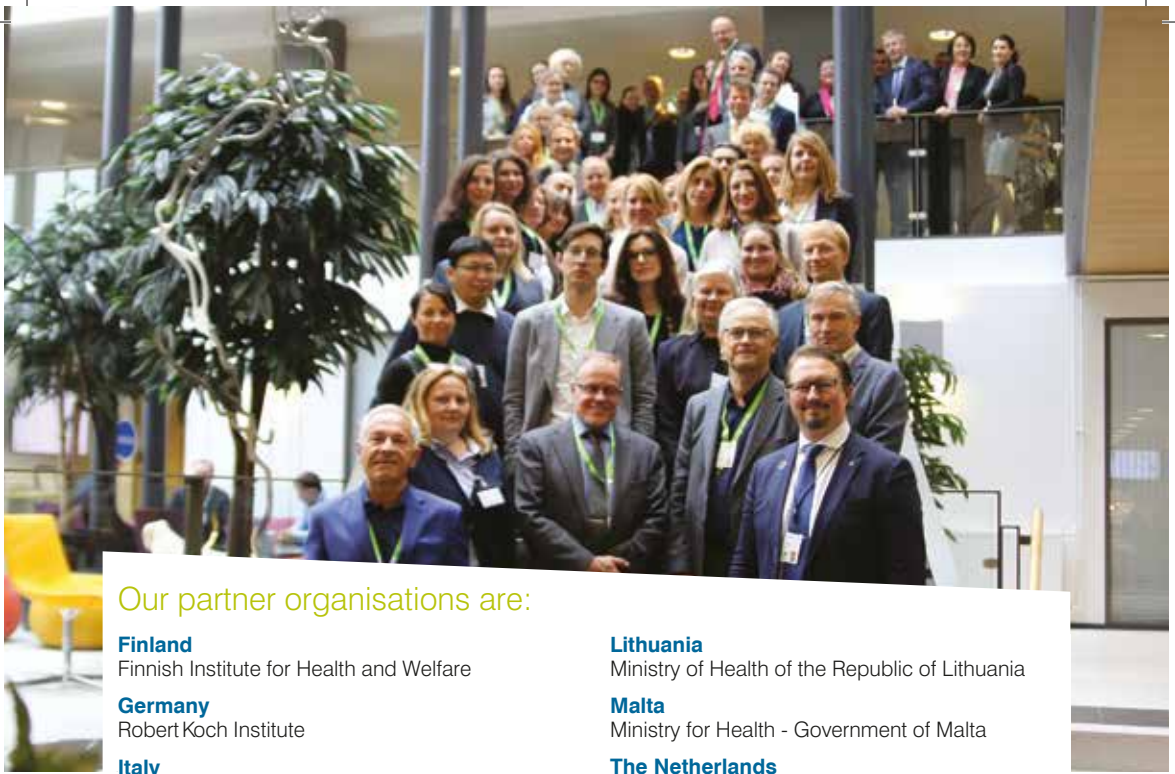
### Chemical Safety and Chemical Threats

work to improve the implementation of IHR chemical core capacities, strengthening preparedness and response to cross-border chemical health threats within Member States and across the EU.

#### WP10

### Case Management and Infection Prevention and Control Preparedness

responsible for improving clinical and bio-risk management; as well as hospital preparedness and response to high-consequence infectious diseases.



## Our partner organisations are:

### **Finland**

Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare

### **Germany**

Robert Koch Institute

### **Italy**

The National Institute for Infectious Diseases  
“L. Spallanzani”

### **Austria**

Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health  
and Consumer Protection, Department of  
Communicable Diseases, Crisis Management  
and Disease Control

### **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Ministry of Civil Affairs

### **Croatia**

Croatian Institute of Public Health

### **Czech Republic**

National Institute for Nuclear, Chemical and  
Biological Protection

### **Denmark**

Statens Serum Institute

### **Estonia**

Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia

### **France**

Ministry of Solidarity and Health

### **Greece**

National Public Health Organization

### **Hungary**

National Public Health Centre

### **Latvia**

State Emergency Medical Service

### **Lithuania**

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania

### **Malta**

Ministry for Health - Government of Malta

### **The Netherlands**

National Institute for Public Health and the  
Environment, The Centre for Communicable  
Disease Control

### **Norway**

Norwegian Directorate of Health

### **Poland**

National Institute of Public Health - National  
Institute of Hygiene

### **Portugal**

Directorate-General of Health, Ministry of Health

### **Serbia**

Institute of Public Health, Republic of Serbia

### **Slovenia**

National Institute of Public Health

### **Spain**

The Carlos III Health Institute

### **Sweden**

Public Health Agency of Sweden

### **United Kingdom**

Department of Health

### **Ireland**

Health Service Executive

### **Republic of Moldova**

National Agency for Public Health