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2° EpiSouth Project Meeting (Athens 2007)



2° EpiSouth Training (Madrid 2008)



EpiSouth Project

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Europe and
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WHY EPISOUTH?

Infectious diseases do not have geographical boundaries. Apart from a few for which a valid and efficacious vaccine is available, surveillance is the only instrument that public health personnel can use to contain the spread of epidemics.



EpiSouth participating countries

However, in order to translate data into appropriate action, dissemination of information is crucial.

the project "EpiSouth", whose aim is to create a framework of collaboration on epidemiological issues in order to improve communicable diseases surveillance, communication and training across the countries of the Mediterranean and the Balkans. The Project "EpiSouth" started in October 2006 and will end on September 2009.



The EpiSouth website
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In occasion of the Year of the Mediterranean (2005), a number of countries that share the Mediterranean ecosystem and, as a result, have common public health problems, agreed to develop

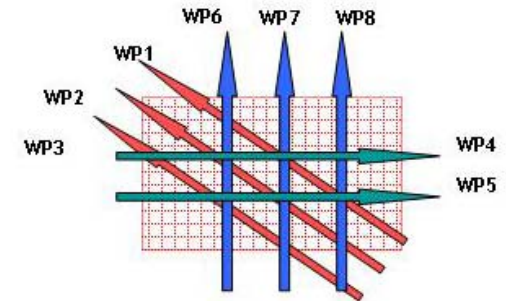


First EpiSouth Project Meeting
(Rome, 2007)

THE PROJECT

As per October 2008, EpiSouth is a Network of 26 countries located in the Mediterranean and the Balkans aimed at controlling communicable diseases in these regions.

Exchange of information between countries on communicable disease dynamics occurs through specific workpackages (WP): Co-ordination of the project (WP1, ISS-Italy), Dissemination of the project (WP2, ISS-Italy), Evaluation of the project (WP3, Padua Teaching Hospital-Italy), Network of public health institutions (WP4, Padua Teaching Hospital-Italy), Training in field/applied epidemiology (WP5, ISCIII-Spain), Cross-border epidemic intelligence (WP6, InVS-France), Vaccine-preventable diseases and migrant populations (WP7, NCIPD-Bulgaria), Epidemiology and preparedness to cross-border emerging zoonoses (WP8, HCDCP-Greece).



EpiSouth workpackages

The main project outcomes will be: three Training Modules on Applied Epidemiology; EpiSouth Quarterly Bulletins; Epidemic Intelligence Weekly bulletins; Pilot secured section website on cross-border epidemic intelligence with alerts originating from partners; Directory of Institutions involved in EpiSouth Network; Directory of Human and Veterinary Public Health officials; Three strategic documents on Cross-Border Epidemic Intelligence, Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Migrants, and Cross-border Emerging Zoonoses with focus on Mediterranean Area.