



The Network for the control of cross-border health threats in the Mediterranean Basin and Black Sea

Workshop's aims

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Mediterranean Basin and Black Sea: a Regional perspective

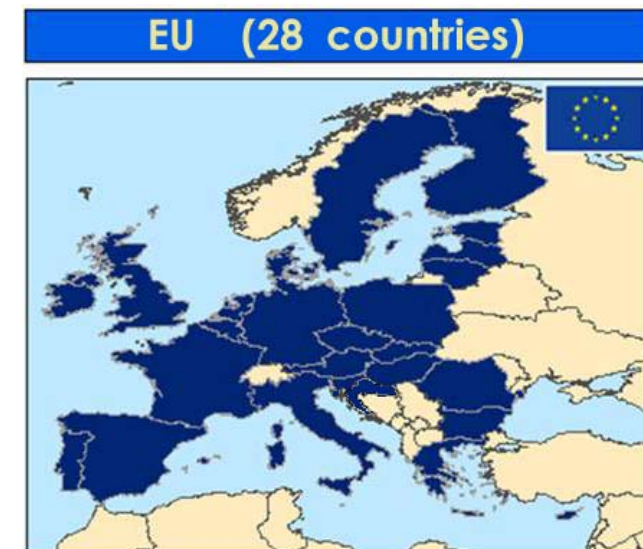
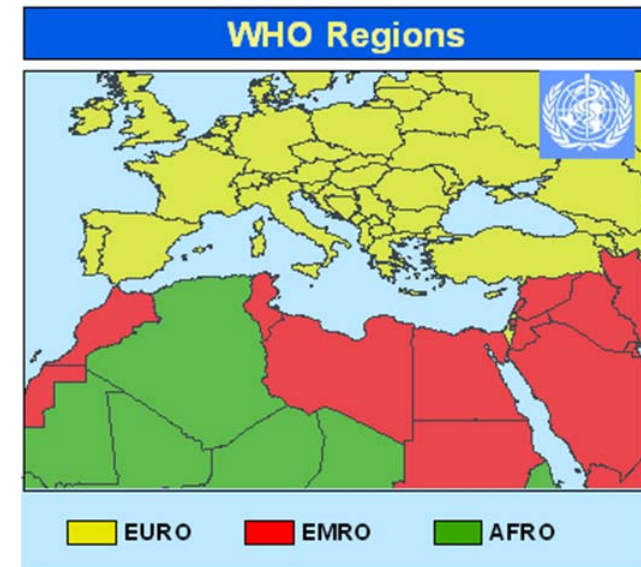
similar ecosystem

significant circulation of goods and migration movements

share epidemiological characteristics and public health problems




***Public Health threats, in particular,
do not have geographical or
political boundaries***





IHR (2005) Resolution – 65th WHA

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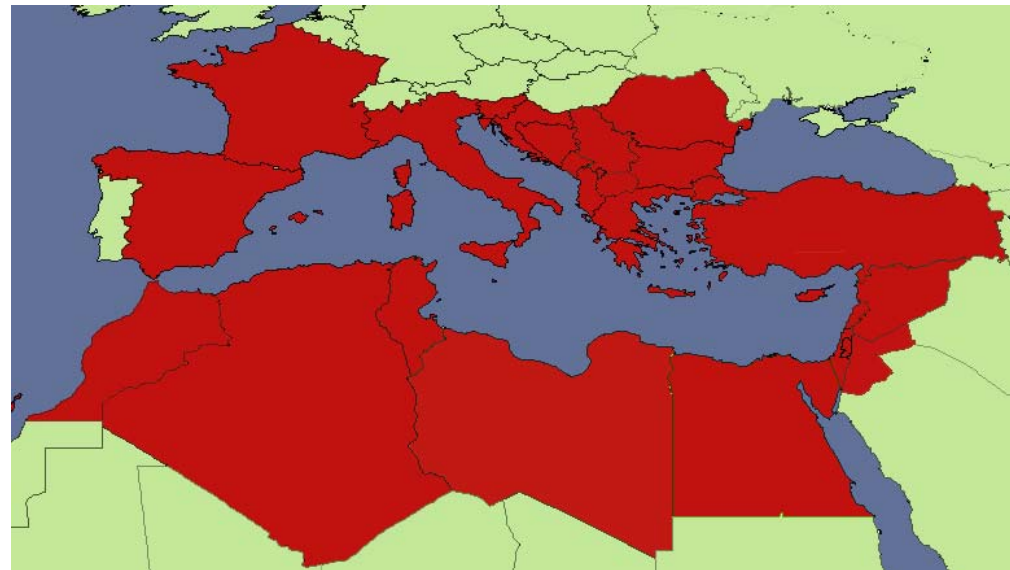
The Network for the control of cross-border health threats in the Mediterranean Basin and Black Sea

- started its activity with the EpiSouth Project (2006-2010)

<http://www.episouth.org/home.php>

- consolidated with EpiSouth Plus Project (2010-2014)

<http://www.episouthnetwork.org/>



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The Network:

- raised awareness on regional and countries cross-border issues
- succeeded in creating trust, cohesion and concrete collaboration among PH officers of 27 countries in the Mediterranean region and South-East Europe
- filled a geographical area with common public health problems that is not addressed, as a whole, neither by the European Union nor by WHO

EpiSouth Network development

*A network as a set of autonomous organizations that come together to reach goals that none of them can reach separately
(Chisholm, 1998)*





EpiSouth Project European Health Award 2014 Winner

EHFG President Prof Helmut Brand said in his praise of the project:

- “The project is of particular importance for strengthening preparedness to health threats, health security and bio-security, also outside the EU”.
- “The achievements of EpiSouthPlus are an eloquent example that in the field of public health, cross-border cooperation is not just useful but, in many cases such as these, simply indispensable”

Networking Challenges



- **Continuous stepwise process** to:
 - Develop/maintain trust and common understanding
 - Create/develop skills and capacities
 - Respond to **common interests and priorities**
- **Maintain** a live **trusted network** with:
 - An **environment** where experiences can be shared and capacities can be built
 - Access** to information & **clearance** for sharing information
 - Concrete and useful **feedback** to countries

→ Plans adjustment and schedule flexibility ←

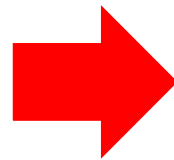
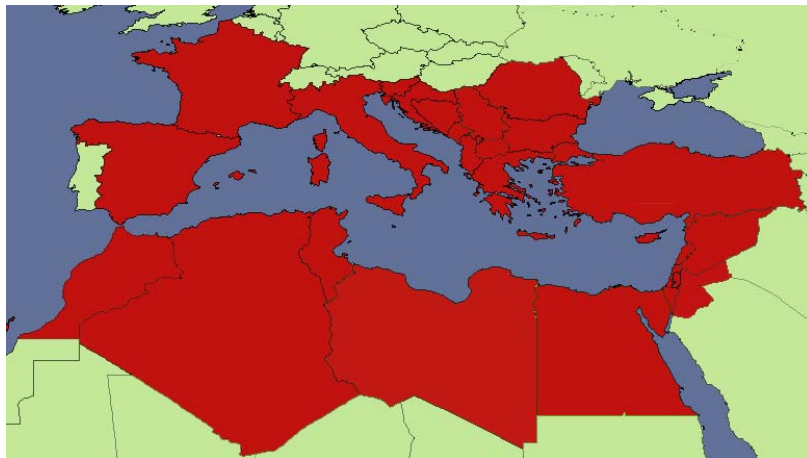
→ Sustainability ←

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Black Sea countries were then included in the Network (2014)

MediLabSecure Project: VBD lab and integrated surveillance (funded by EC DGDEVCO)

MedPreMIER Project: ID Screening in Migrants – (funded by Italian MoH)






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Network Objective

to increase the health security in the Mediterranean Basin and Black Sea area by enhancing and strengthening the preparedness to common health threats and their early identification at national and regional levels in the framework of the IHR



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Presently the Network is involved in several Projects:

- ❖ **ProVacMed:** VPD Strategies and Coverage - (funded by Italian MoH)
- ❖ **MediLabSecure:** VBD lab and integrated surveillance - (funded by EC DGDEVCO)
- ❖ **MediEpiet:** Epi Training - (funded by EC DGDEVCO)
- ❖ **CARE:** Common Approach for the Refugees and other migrants' health (funded by EC SANCO)

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28-29 May 2015, ISS – Rome (Italy)

Workshop's aims

- to present and discuss the results of the **ProVacMed** Project
- to integrate the activities with the **CARE** project
- to strengthen the **Network** for the control of cross-border health threats in the Mediterranean Basin and Black Sea

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Workshop session

“VPD in the Mediterranean Basin and Black Sea; immunization strategies and vaccination coverage”

DAY 1 – Thursday 16 June

- ✓ **Networking** sharing for building
- ✓ Strategies to attain and sustain immunization goals
- ✓ Working session: countries profile and report from the **ProvaMed** Project
- ✓ **Network** consolidation activities

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Workshop session

“Immunization strategies among the newly arrived migrants”

DAY 2 – Friday 17 June

- ✓ General principles, challenges and opportunities for immunization of newly arrived migrants
- ✓ Results from the *ProvaMed* Project
- ✓ Experiences from countries *ProvaMed and Care* projects: barriers and good practices