



**Strengthening National Surveillance Systems towards Measles
and Rubella Elimination in the WHO European Region**

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SCOPE AND PURPOSE

A meeting will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 8th to 9th December 2011 for of National Managers for Vaccine Preventable Diseases Surveillance (responsible for measles, rubella and congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) surveillance) from all Member States in the WHO European Region

The objectives of the meeting are to:

1. Review status of measles, rubella and CRS surveillance in the Region
2. Present the WHO European Region guidelines for measles, rubella and CRS surveillance, with special emphasis on the importance of integrated epidemiological and laboratory activities in surveillance
3. Describe the regional elimination process and documentation required by Member States for regional verification.
4. Share experiences and best practices in disease surveillance and outbreaks response among countries in the Region

The outcomes and deliverables of the meeting are to:

- Achieve a common understanding and commitment for the implementation of priority strategies to strengthen surveillance capacities by strengthening epidemiological and laboratory cooperation in Member States and the Region on the process of measles and rubella elimination;
- Increase technical capacities of national counterparts, through exchange of knowledge and new information, to strengthen and/or develop surveillance systems in the line with the regional recommendations
- Identify best practices among the countries in the Region.