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## EpiSouth Activities

The thematic note developed in collaboration with WHO-EURO “Epidemiology of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever virus: Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kosovo, Russian Federation, Turkey” is available on-line.

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The thematic note “A(H1N1) virus resistance to Oseltamivir in the southern hemisphere - 2008 influenza season” is available on-line.

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## EpiSouth Network

Starting as an EU project, EpiSouth struggled to develop its Mediterranean vocation. From an initial involvement of 5 countries (Italy, Spain, France, Greece, and Bulgaria), it includes now partners collaborating from 26 countries from Southern Europe, Balkans, Middle East, and Northern Africa.

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## Focus Topic

WHO announced the new self-learning course available on the International Health Regulations training site “Introduction to the International Health Regulations”. This course is tailored to the needs of national officers supporting IHR implementation and any other interested professionals. The course is currently available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. It will be soon available also in Russian (December 2008) and Arabic and Chinese (February 2009).

Learning objectives are:
- To explain the main criteria to be used to determine whether or not a public health event should be notified to WHO according to the decision instrument described in Annex 2 of the IHR;
- To understand the main legal procedures under the IHR for notification of a public health event to WHO;
- To describe specific aspects of IHR communications, including the role of (i) the National IHR Focal Point, (ii) the WHO IHR Contact Point, and (iii) the WHO Country Office; and
- To describe the timeline for implementing the core capacities required under the Annex 1 of the IHR.

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