

## EpiSouth Electronic Bulletin Issue 8 – October 2009



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### EpiSouth Events

The First East Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) Meeting took place in Amman, Jordan, on the 19-21 October 2009. EpiSouth presented the following posters and presentations:

- [Migration status profile and vaccination access of mobile populations in countries joining the EpiSouth Network](#)
- [EpiSouth Project: a framework of collaboration for communicable diseases surveillance and training in the Mediterranean area](#)
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### EpiSouth Activities

The report of the Third EpiSouth Meeting has been published and is available online

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The EpiSouth Project Monitoring Report has been published and is available online

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The EpiSouth Directory of Human Public Health and Veterinary Public Health Officials for Zoonoses has been published and is available online

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### The 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 from collaborating institutions and 26 countries from Southern Europe, Balkans, Middle East, and Northern Africa.

The Project duration has been extended to June 2010

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### Focus Topic

EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) has published a report on the outcome of a survey undertaken by the EFSA AHAW (Animal Health and Welfare) Unit on the organisation, approach and procedures applied in risk assessments on animal health and welfare in Member States and observer countries. The report presents ongoing national activities in risk assessment procedures, development and harmonisation in those areas, outlining possibilities for future collaboration among MSO (Member States and observer countries) and with EFSA.

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