

Performed activities in the reporting period:

- ❖ Official letters to the Ministers of Health in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) partner countries inviting them to join EU Initiative on Health Security sent through SANTE->EUDEL->MoH. Document package included request for a Letter of Intent, nomination/re-nomination of National ECDC Correspondent and information about the inception phase, which will start with the self-assessment of countries levels of preparedness to public health emergencies. **Deadline for reply: 8 May 2020.**
- ❖ ECDC informed National Correspondents in EU Enlargement countries about the modalities of different actions implemented by ECDC. Taking into account the currently ongoing ECDC Action "*Preparatory measures for the participation of the Western Balkans and Turkey in the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control with special focus on One-Health against AMR, 2020 – 2022*" (ECDC-IPA6/2019/409-781) and implementation of planned activities, the first years the EU Initiative on Health Security will primarily target ENP countries. Only exception is Enlargement countries participation in the MediPIET activities.
- ❖ Work is ongoing on the self-assessment package of countries level of preparedness and response to public health emergencies, including analytical framework for future analysis. This package will include Health Emergency Preparedness Self-Assessment tool ([HEPSA](#)) and additionally survey to capture situation with preparedness and response measures in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. Results of this self-assessment will be used to establish the baseline for the EU Initiative on Health Security and tailor future activities. ECDC is exploring possibility to engage MediPIET national experts (supervisors or fellow) in those countries to support the process of self-assessment (*this is still under discussion, so communication to current MediPIET implementer is pending!*).
- ❖ ECDC drafted initial concept for training program on Epidemic Intelligence. Adaptation will take place during the inception phase.
- ❖ ECDC initiated development of the approach to allocation of quota for ENP countries to participate in different ECDC activities.
- ❖ First round of communication about the EU Initiative on Health Security took place on [ECDC webpage](#) (212 views), [Twitter](#) (11 739 impressions, 189 engagements) and through EIC International Relations newspaper (115 recipients from public health sector in European Neighbourhood).

Main activities in the next reporting period – May 2020

- ❖ Sending out self-assessment package to ENP partner countries.
- ❖ Communication about EU Initiative on Health Security to other important stakeholders such as WHO EURO, WHO EMRO, EU Delegations in partner countries.
- ❖ Facilitating recruitment of staff.
- ❖ Reinforcing visibility and communication element of the EU Initiative on Health Security.

Risks

- ❖ Delays with Letter of Intents and nomination of National Correspondents. This can lead to late dispatch of self-assessment packages to some countries.