



# ECDC SCOPING MEETING

## BRIDGING RESEARCH AND PRACTICE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN EUROPE: TOWARDS A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION *STOCKHOLM, FEBRUARY 16-17, 2016*

### **Background**

There is an increased focus on enhancing coordination of preparedness in the EU following Decision 1082/2013 on serious cross-border threats to health. UNISDR has meanwhile agreed upon a post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction with public health featuring more prominently than in the past, and the global and European preparedness landscape is in a phase of reflection following the Ebola outbreak of 2014-2015 (1-7).

### **Objectives**

Following UNISDR, ECDC conceives of preparedness as constituting three principal phases: anticipation of, response to, and recovery from health threats (8). The focus of this ECDC Scoping Meeting is to identify key gaps in applied preparedness research in Europe, and to identify strategies to promote interactions between research and practitioner communities.

The findings of the meeting will inform ECDC activities in the coming years. Key discussion points for this Scoping Meeting include:

- Current research gaps and priorities related to preparedness for infectious disease threats in Europe;
- Research needs for threat anticipation and prioritisation;
- Identifying approaches for optimising multi-sector and cross-border collaboration;
- Monitoring and evaluation of preparedness implementation in Europe can be facilitated;
- Strategies ECDC might pursue to promote productive interactions between academic and practitioner communities.

### **Participants**

Participants at this meeting will be 12-15 senior researchers, opinion leaders, and ECDC stakeholders. In addition, approximately 10 ECDC staff members will participate. All invitees will be requested to give a brief presentation based upon questions provided by ECDC in advance of the workshop.

## **Indicative Agenda**

### **February 16, 2016**

- 08:30 – 09:00    **Introductions and coffee (Auditorium)**
- 09:00 – 09:30    Welcome
- ECDC
- 09:30 – 10:00    Introduction & background to the meeting
- ECDC
- 10:00 – 11:00    Keynote lecture (TBA)
- 11:00 – 11:15    Coffee (Boardroom landing ECDC)**
- 11:15 – 12:45    Participant Presentations (20 minutes each): Preparedness Research Gaps and Priorities
- 12:45 – 13:30    **Lunch (Boardroom landing, ECDC)**
- 13:30 – 15:00    Participant Presentations: Continued
- 15:30 – 16:00    **Coffee (Boardroom landing, ECDC)**
- 16:00 – 17:30    Roundtable discussion: European challenges and research gaps in infectious disease preparedness (Chair: TBA)
- 19:00                Dinner (Hotel First Reisen Restaurant)**

### **February 17, 2016**

- 09:00 – 10:00    Keynote lecture (TBA)
- 10:00 –10:30    **Coffee (Boardroom landing, ECDC)**
- 10:30 – 12:00    Group work /discussion (TBA)
- 12:00 – 12:45    **Lunch (Boardroom landing, ECDC)**
- 12:45 – 13:45    Round table discussions
- 13:45-14:00    Concluding Remarks
- 14:00                **END**

## Background Reading

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