

EU INITIATIVE ON HEALTH SECURITY

Objective	To set up a regional competent workforce for the prevention and control of challenges posed by communicable diseases and to enhance regional cooperation to tackle cross-border health security threats
Implementation	2020-2024
Partners	Southern Neighbourhood (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine*, and Tunisia), Eastern Neighbourhood (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) and EU Enlargement countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo**, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey)
Funding	6 000 000 EUR (with additional 3 000 000 EUR) funded by the Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)
Main activities	Field epidemiology workforce development through Mediterranean and Black Sea Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (MediPIET) ❖ Two cohorts of field epidemiologists will be trained to carry out essential public health functions for prevention and control of communicable diseases in partner countries ❖ Strengthening of MediPIET Network and ensuring sustainability of the training programme in the regions Stronger partner countries' capacities to assess, detect, respond and prevent threats from communicable diseases, as well as enhanced regional cooperation ❖ Assessment of partner countries public health emergencies preparedness and short term sectorial ECDC mission to advise partner countries on specific public Health emergency preparedness activities ❖ Advanced courses on Epidemic Intelligence and Risk Assessment ❖ Scenario-based workshops and regional simulation exercises to test national and cross-border emergency response plans with their following revision based on lessons learnt Integration into ECDC systems, knowledge sharing and networking ❖ Partner countries integration into ECDC network for Threat Detection, Preparedness and Response ❖ Partner countries participation in ECDC thematic events based on the specific interests of each partner country ❖ Piloting Regional Health Security Network to ensure a platform for timely exchange of information and coordinated response to health emergencies

* This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

** This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence