



**Rotavirus Sentinel Surveillance Network
Meeting for Participating European
Member States**

**Riga, Latvia
20-22 June 2017**

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Scope and purpose

A WHO European sub-regional Meeting on Rotavirus Surveillance will be held in Riga, Latvia, on 20-22 June 2017. It is expected that national surveillance and laboratory coordinators responsible for the day-to-day implementation of rotavirus surveillance and the epidemiologist/statistician responsible for analysis of the surveillance data from 7 countries of WHO European Region and scientists from WHO Regional Reference Laboratory will participate in the meeting.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Discuss progress achieved in rotavirus sentinel surveillance, improvement of data quality, and implementation of paediatric diarrhoea surveillance and define future priorities
- Present analysis of regional and country distribution of rotavirus genotypes
- Present and discuss utilization of rotavirus surveillance data to make informed decisions on introduction of rotavirus vaccine and evaluate rotavirus vaccine impact
- Present and practice analysis methods for rotavirus surveillance data
- Discuss sustainability of and the future plans for sentinel surveillance systems

The expected results of the meeting are:

- Define needs for further capacity building and support needed from WHO and partners
- Learn positive experiences and best practices in sentinel surveillance implementation and rotavirus vaccine effectiveness evaluations
- Define the role of surveillance in providing evidence for decision making and evaluation of rotavirus vaccine impact
- Strengthen national capacity to analyse rotavirus surveillance data
- Define regional priorities and achieve commitment in further strengthening and ownership of rotavirus surveillance