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| **TAIEX Pre-Assessment Workshop in the field of communicable diseases** |
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| **organised in co-operation with** |
| **the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control** |

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| **Venue : ECDC Board Room**  **Tomtebodavägen 11a**  **171 65 Solna** |
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| **Aim of the meeting :** |
| As a preparation for the assessment mission to ALBANIA – an EU candidate country - the seminar is organized to exchange information and experience between experts from Alania on one side and EU Member States, the European Commission and ECDC on the other, and discuss the country’s input to the Self-Assessment Questionnaire – sent in January to the Albania MoH with the initiating letter of Director General Xavier PratsMonné- in order for all parties to prepare well for the assessment mission.  Experts from Albania will be familiarised with the EU *acquis*, standards and procedures in the area of communicable diseases surveillance and response.  Specific objectives of this meeting are:   * to provide country experts in communicable diseases area,leaders and decision makers with information concerning EU/ECDC requirements and challenges in the field of communicable diseases that EU Member States face in relation to the cooperation with the EU, other Member States and ECDC; * to provide ECDC/EU leaders and experts with key information relating to the organisation and function of the communicable disease prevention and control systems in Albania; * to analyse characteristics of country regions, including the mapping of public health and health care institutions provided in Annex 3.3, facilitatingto plan the itinerary for the assessment mission to Albania, scheduledforSeptember 2017; * to discuss a Table of Correspondence in the area of health legislation related to health threats and communicable diseases. |

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| **Time/venue** | **Session** | Speaker /chair | **Content** |
| **9:00–12:00**  **Board Room** | **Morning Session I:**  **Opening and Introduction to ECDC: ‘core business’** | **Chair**  **Maarit Kokki** |  |
| 9:00-9:10 | Opening and Welcome by ECDC acting Director | Andrea Ammon |  |
| 9:10-9:25 | ECDC’s mission and EU added value and the structure of ECDC work with the EU/EEA Member States(10’+5’) | Maarit Kokki ECDC | Welcome and Introduction to the seminar  ECDC, its mission and actions, governing bodies and how ECDC works with countries. ECDC International Relations Policy. |
| 9:25 -9:40 | ECDC core business:   1. EU level surveillance programmes and procedures(10’+5’) | Bruno Ciancio; ECDC | ECDC surveillance programmes, and technical requirements and standards for participation in EU level surveillance |
| 09:40-09:55 | 1. Human resources: training and continuous professional education (10’+5’) | Carmen Varela Santos  ECDC | ECDC public health training activities and programmes |
| 09:55-10:10 | 1. ECDC country support mechanism   (10’+5’) | ECDCTBC | ECDC activities supporting countries in strengthening their preparedness capacities to effectively prevent, detect, assess and control health threats related to communicable diseases |
| 10:10-10:25 | 1. Disease Programmes and Scientific Advice(10’ + 5’) | Mike Catchpole ECDC | Organisation and objectives of the ECDC Disease Programmes, and scientific advice function |
| 10:25-10:40 | (5)Public Health Microbiology (10’+5’) | Marc Struelens  ECDC | ECDC public health microbiology programmes and networks, and effective country collaboration |
| 10:40-11:10 | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |  |
| 11:10-11:30 | (4) Threat detection, rapid response and emergency operations(15’+5’) | Josep Jansa  ECDCTBC | ECDC epidemic intelligence, preparedness and response programmes, and technical requirements and standards for country cooperation with EU Member States |
| 11:30-12:00 | ECDC Round Table | Josep Jansa  ECDCTBC | Observer participation in the ECDC daily epidemic intelligence ‘Round Table’ |
| **12:00-13:30** | **LUNCH BREAK** |  |  |
| **13:30-17:30**  **Board Room** | **Afternoon Session II: EU acquis and Table of Correspondence** | **Chair: SANTE**  TBC |  |
| 13:30-13:50 | *Acquis communautaire*on serious cross-border health threats including communicable (10’ + 10’) | Dominique De Backer,European Commission TBC | Overview of the ‘*acquis*’ relating to serious cross-border health threats including communicable diseases, and respective obligations of the member states |
| 13:50-15:45 | Implementation of the acquis provisions in the national legislative system | TBC | Analysis of correspondence between provisions of the acquis and the national legislation, based on information from the Table of Correspondence |
| 15:45-16:15 | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |  |
| 16:15-17:30 | *Cont.* | Cont. | Cont. |

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| |  | | --- | | **Day 2 : Wednesday 03 May 2017\_DRAFT** | | | | | |
| **Time/ venue** | **Session III** | Speaker /chair | **Content** |
| **9:00-12:30**  **Board Room** | **Morning Session III:**  **Communicable disease prevention and control systems in ALBANIA** | **Chair**  **Maarit Kokki** |  |
| 9:00 -9:30 | (Section 1) Introduction to public health and healthcare systems in Albania (15’+15’) | Mr Klodian Rjepaj, MoH  To be confirmed or indicated by Albania | Overview of organisation, governance and legislative framework, financing and strategic aims of public health and healthcare services in Albania |
| 09:30-09:50 | (Section 2) professional education and training (10’+10’) | Mr Denis Heta, MoH  To be confirmed or indicated by Albania | Overview of professional education and training of professional staff involved in communicable disease prevention, surveillance and control, including continuing professional education |
| 09:50-10:30 | (Section 3) communicable disease surveillance and control system (20’ + 20’) | Ms Eugena Tomini, IPH  To be confirmed or indicated by Albania | Overview of organisation, governance and law/regulatory framework, strategic issues and aims for communicable disease, surveillance and control systems (including outbreak detection and control) in Albania |
| 10:30-11:00 | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |  |
| 11:00-11:25 | (Section 4) health emergency preparedness and response systems (15’+10’) | Mr ArtanSimaku,  To be confirmed or indicated by Albania | Overview of health emergency preparedness and response systems, including health components of civil emergencies |
| 11:25-11:50 | (Section 5) public health microbiology system (15’+10’) | Mr Shpetim Qyra, IPH  To be confirmed or indicated by Albania | Overview of organisation of diagnostic and reference laboratory system, with particular reference to support for communicable disease prevention, surveillance and response |
| 11:50-12:20 | (Section 6) disease programmes (15’+15’) | Ms Silvia Bino  To be confirmed or indicated by Albania | Overview of national disease programmes. |
| **12:20-13:30** | **LUNCH BREAK** |  |  |
| **13:30–16:30**  **Work in groups** | **Afternoon work in groups 1: Key aspects of the communicable disease systems in Albania**  (included coffee break from 16:30 - to be taken at on the boardroom landing) | WGs co-chaired by section leads and EU MS TAIEX delegates | Each **working group**will review the respective section of the self-assessment questionnaire, and other available official information; discussing the key assessment elements, identifying and discussing areas requiring further clarification, information, or assessment in-country |
| Group 1  Room 335 TBC | Health Governance, (Section 1) | Adriana Pistol | + Boguslaw Suski+ Klodian Rjepaj + Romea Zegali + Jeremy Duns |
| Group 2  Room 318 TBC | Education and Training (Section 2) | Donato Greco | + Bara Kinross + Denis Heta + Genc Burazeri |
| Group 3  Board Room TBC | Surveillance and control systems, including outbreak management (Sect. 3) | Osamah Hamouda | + Graham Fraser+ Eugena Tomini + Adela Vasili |
| 15:00-15:30 | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |  |
| Group 4  Room 462 TBC | Health emergency preparedness and response systems (Section 4) | Alenka Kraigher | + Jonathan Suk+ Artan Simaku + Rovena Daja |
| Group 5  Room N514 TBC | Public health microbiology system  (Section 5) | Kathie Grant | + MaaritKokki+ Shpetim Qyra + Andi Koraqi |
| Group 6  Board Room TBC | Disease Programmes (Section 6) | Petri Ruutu | + Edoardo Cozani+ Silvia Bino + Roland Bani |
| **16:30-17:30**  **Board Room** | **Afternoon Session IV**  **Plenary** |  |  |
|  | Report back from the working groups | Chairs of Groups 1,2,3,4,5,6 | Report back from working groups and plenary discussion |
| **19:00** | Dinner ECDC invitation | Hotel Restaurant TBC |  |

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| **Time** | | **Session** | | Speaker /chair | | **Content** | |
| **9:00–12:30 Board Room** | **Morning Session V:**  **Practical planning of the assessment** | | | **ChairMaarit Kokki** | |  | |
| 9:00- 09:30 | | Assessment arrangements overview (10’ plus 20’ discussion) | | Maarit ATLeader Boguslaw Suski | | ToR for the Assessment Team, overview of ECDC technical assessment approaches and mission itinerary | |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | | Key planning aspects of regional assessments(10’ plus 20’ discussion) | | Maarit ATLeader Boguslaw Suski | | Review of Annex 3.3 and discussion on characteristics of country regions, institutions to be reviewed and the assessment team itinerary. | |
| 10:30-11:00 | | **COFFEE BREAK** | |  | |  | |
| **11:00-12:00Work in groups** | | **Afternoon work in groups 1: Key planning aspects of national level assessments, by section**  (included coffee break from 16:30 - to be taken at on the boardroom landing) | | WGs co-chaired by section leads and MKSection leaders | | Discussion of practical aspects of national level programme assessments and **draft itineraries for the national and regional assessment** | |
| Group 1  Room TBC | | Health Governance (Section 1) | | Adriana Pistol | | + Boguslaw Suski+ Klodian Rjepaj + Romea Zegali + Jeremy Duns | |
| Group 2  Room TBC | | Education and Training (Section 2) | | Donato Greco | | + Bara Kinross TBC + Denis Heta + Genc Burazeri | |
| Group 3  Room TBC | | Surveillance and control systems, including outbreak management (Sect.3) | | Osamah Hamouda | | + Graham Fraser+ Eugena Tomini + Adela Vasili | |
| Group 4  Room TBC | | (Health emergency preparedness and response systemsSection 4) | | Alenka Kraigher | | + Jonathan Suk + Artan Simaku + Rovena Daja | |
| Group 5  Room TBC | | Public health microbiology system (Sec.5) | | Kathie Grant | | + Maarit Kokki+ Shpetim Qyra + Andi Koraqi | |
| Group 6  Room TBC | | Disease programmes (Section 6) | | Petri Ruutu | | + Edoardo Cozani+ Silvia Bino + Roland Bani | |
| **12:00 -12:30**  **Board Room** | | Summary from the groups.  Concluding remarks, meeting wrap-up and next steps | | Maarit KokkiECDC | | Plenary discussion and concluding comments, reflections on the seminar, next steps. | |
| 12:30–14:30 | | **LUNCH BREAK** | |  | |  | |
|  | | **Afternoon Session VI: EU cooperation with enlargement countries and EU MS** | |  | |  | |
| 14:30-14:50 | | EU enlargement process pre-accession negotiations. (15’ + 5’) | | Dominique De Backer,European CommissionTBC | | Overview of the steps in the accession process | |
| 14:50- 15:10 | | ECDC arrangements for the cooperation with EU enlargement countries (15’ + 5’) | | Agne Bajoriniene TBC | | The ECDC pre-accession programme | |
| 15:10-15:30 | | Albania experience with EU pre-accession assistance (15’ + 5’) | | To be indicated by Albania | |  | |
| 15:30-16:00 | | | **COFFEE BREAK** | |  | |  |
| 16:00-16:15 | | Outcomes of Albania’s Joint External Evaluation conducted in 2016 and other assessments completed in the area of communicable diseases (10’ + 5’) | | To be indicated by Albania | |  | |
| 16:15-16:30 | | EU country experience from participation in EU surveillance activities and ECDC systems and networks.(10’ +5’) | | EU MS Expert  Osamah TBC | |  | |
| 16:30-16:45 | | EU Country experience from the participation in EU activities in the area of training. (10’ +5’) | | EU MS Expert  Donato TBC | |  | |
| 16:45-17:00 | | EU Country experience from the participation in EU activities in the area of microbiology. (10’ +5’) | | EU MS Expert  Kathie TBC | |  | |
| 17:00-17:15 | | Concluding remarks, meeting wrap-up and next steps | | Maarit KokkiECDC | |  | |
| 17:15 | | MEETING ADJOURNMENT | |  | |  | |

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