

EpiSouth-Plus

*Strengthening IHR Implementation in the Mediterranean Region:
the work of EpiSouth*

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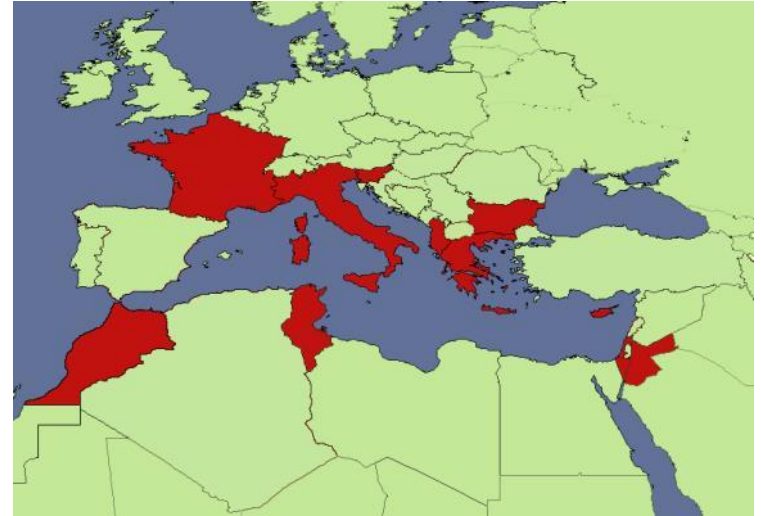
Goal & Objectives of EpiSouth Plus WP7

GOAL

- Improve capacities required by IHR (2005), identified among those considered as priorities in the EpiSouth region

OBJECTIVES

- Identify capacities common to EpiSouth countries that need to be acquired or strengthened,
- Develop guidelines for the acquisition of these capacities,
- Advocate for access to resources needed for implementation of these capacities.



WP7:

- ✓ 2 co-leaders (WHO and Italy – ISS)
- ✓ 9 Countries in the Steering team
- ✓ One Network of 27 countries participating

One of the most numerous ST in the EpiSouth plus Project



- Analysis of aggregated WHO data on IHR implementation in the Mediterranean
- Literature review



- Sharing of results
- Consensus on regional priority (1^o ST meeting July 2011)



WP7



**coordination of
surveillance between
Points of Entry (PoE) and
National Health Systems**

EPISOUTH PLUS REPORT 1/2011

THE EPISOUTH PLUS PROJECT

LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF IHR 2005 IN THE EPISOUTH REGION

Analysis of WHO data and identification of priority areas

NOVEMBER 2011



EPISOUTH PLUS REPORT 2/2011

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IN DEPTH ANALYSIS OF COORDINATION OF SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE BETWEEN POINTS OF ENTRY AND NATIONAL SYSTEMS IN THE EPISOUTH REGION

Review of relevant scientific literature and of existing monitoring
frameworks

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Data is available for all capacities being implemented under the umbrella of IHR (WHO assesses each country's level of achievement yearly).

However...

- ✓ the approach adopted has been purely **quantitative** (% of acquisition)
- ✓ no information on **how the capacity was acquired** is available
- ✓ **disaggregated data** by Region is not usually made available and country information collected by WHO is never publicly disclosed
- ✓ **literature** on the topic is very scarce.

The EpiSouth National situation analysis

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

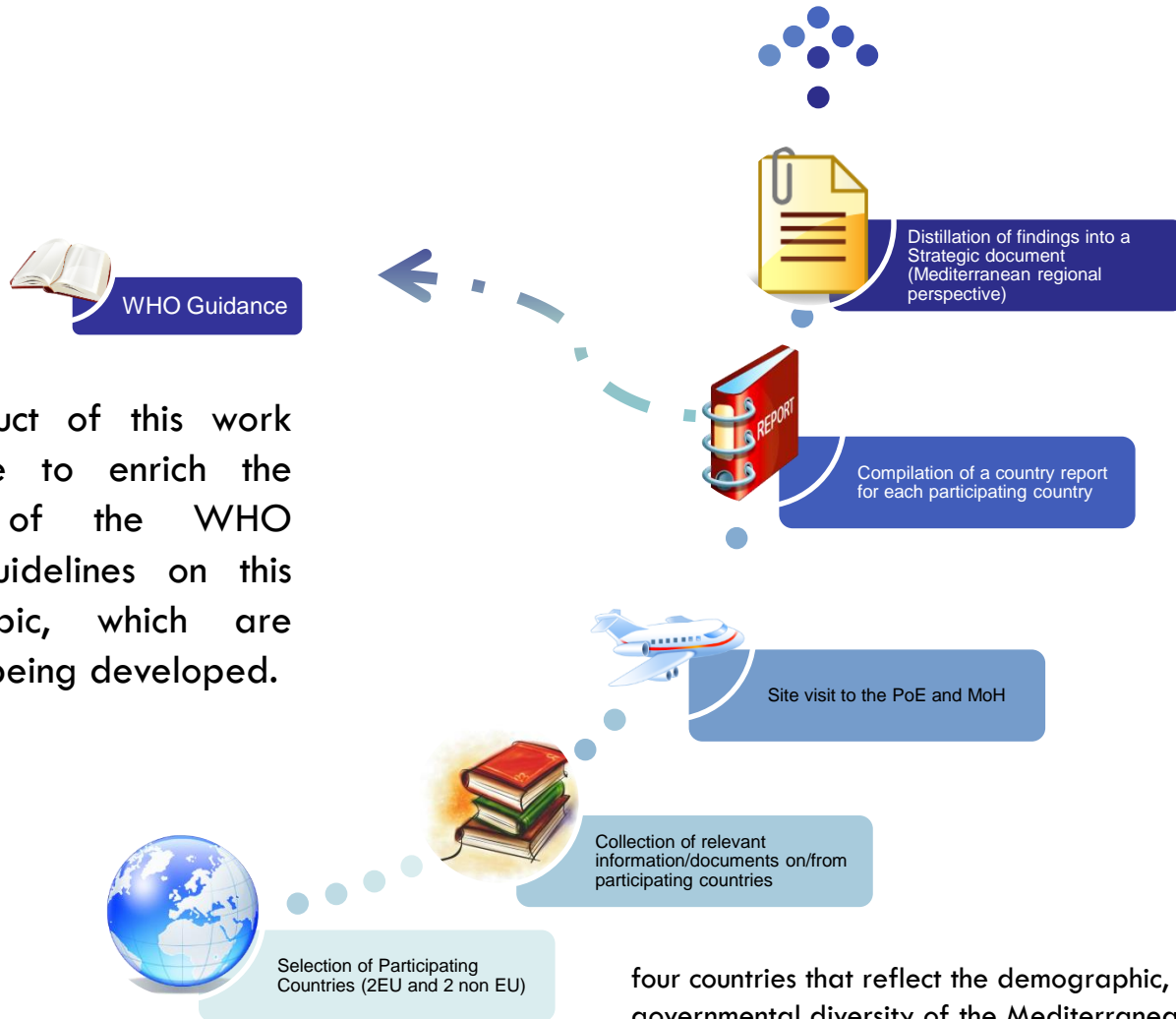
- Contribute to improve the coordination of surveillance between Points of Entry (PoE) and National Health Systems (NHS) in the EpiSouth region, in the framework of the IHR 2005.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Describe how the exchange of information is organized between PoE and NHS in four countries representative of the diversity of the EpiSouth region;
- Identify formal procedures in place and legal constraints in these four countries,
- Describe main challenges and success stories in establishing a functional coordination of surveillance between PoE and national health systems in these four countries.



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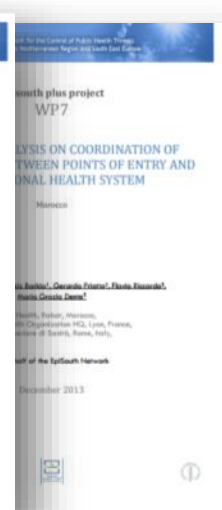
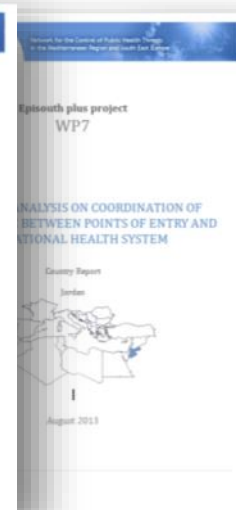
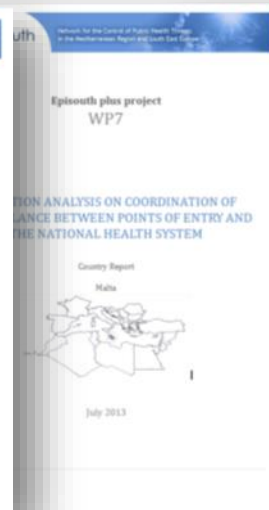
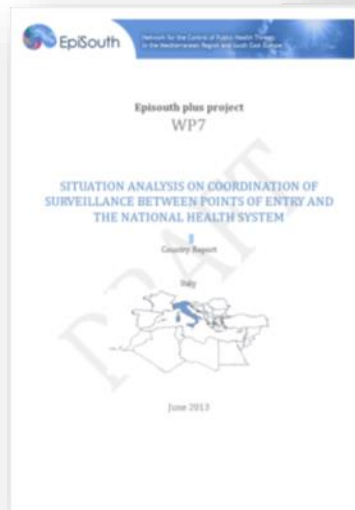
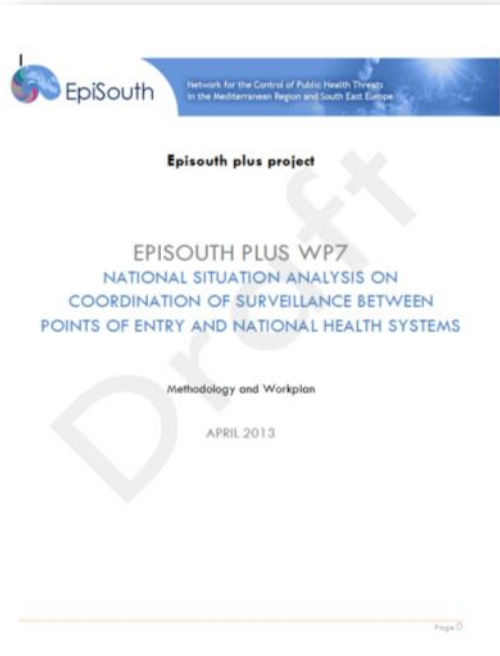
The product of this work will serve to enrich the contents of the WHO global guidelines on this same topic, which are currently being developed.

four countries that reflect the demographic, geographical and governmental diversity of the Mediterranean → 4 scenarios



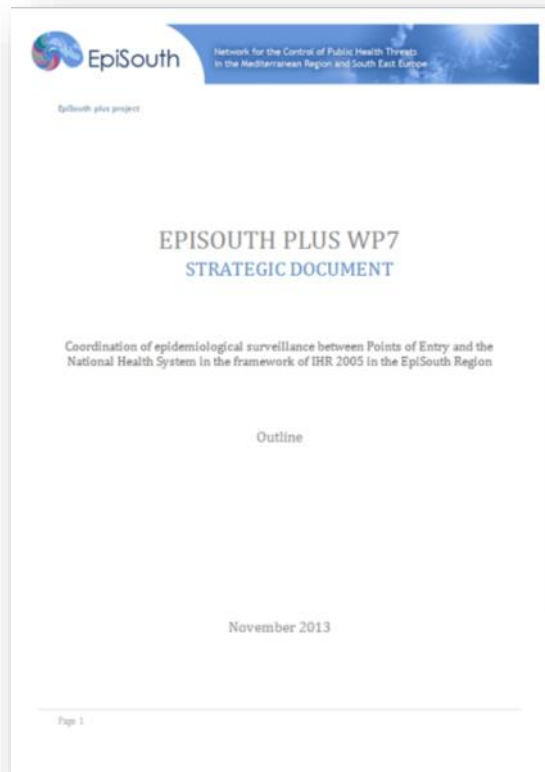
Timeline

- Development of a methodology with the ST (December 2012 – May 2013)
- Site Visits (June – December 2013)



<http://www.episouthnetwork.org/content/episouth-plus-national-situation-analysis-coordination-surveillance-between-points-entry-and>

✓ All the work done by WP7 was distilled in a Strategic Document



Four strategic lines for improving surveillance coordination at PoE:

- invest on a legal framework linking IHR national focal-points with Competent Health Authorities (CHA);
- ensure the presence of CHA at PoE;
- elaborate/update relevant protocols processes and procedures;
- ensure, through training, correct and consistent application of protocols, processes and procedures.

Bridging epidemiology to PH policies

Sectors	Outputs		Long Term Outcomes and Impact (*)
	Activities	Strategic Documents	
Facilitating IHR implementation	Conduction of the EpiSouth Plus National Situation Analysis on coordination of surveillance between points of entry and health systems (ENSA) with production of four country reports	Coordination of epidemiological surveillance between points of entry and the national health system in the framework of the international health regulations 2005 in the EpiSouth region (January 2014)	<p>Project 39 (Strengthening health security at ports, airports and ground crossings) funded by EC DEVCO (start Jan 2014)</p> <p>Document: WHO “Coordinated public health surveillance between points of entry and national health surveillance systems”, (2014) http://www.who.int/ihr/publications/WHO_HSE_GCR_LYO_2014.12/en/</p>

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