



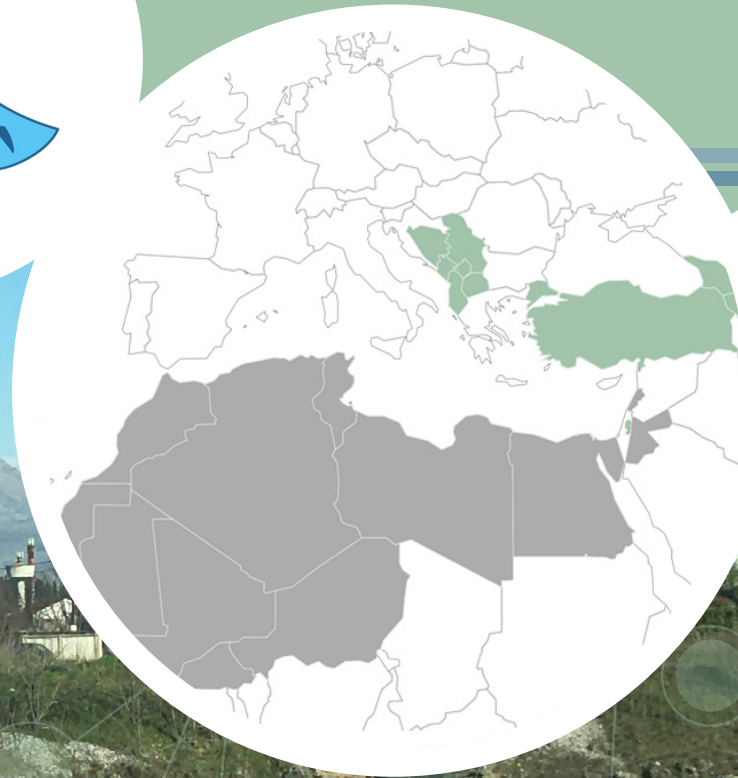
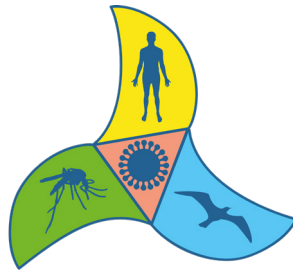
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# MEDILABSECURE Regional Meeting

May 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Petrovac, Montenegro



Project coordinated by



In collaboration with



Your Excellencies, esteemed partners and contributors of MediLabSecure,

On behalf of the consortium, I am delighted to welcome you to this pivotal onsite meeting within the Balkan and Black Sea region. Over the next four days, we will convene to reinforce our shared commitment to enhancing laboratory capacities and improving public health outcomes in the Balkan and Black Sea region.

Together, we have achieved notable progress in previous phases of the project, reinforcing our network of experts and capacities to address public health challenges, guided by a One Health approach that acknowledges the inextricable links between human, animal, and environmental health.

However, significant challenges remain, as the region faces emerging vector-borne diseases, driven by factors such as climate change, urbanization, and globalization. Yet, with these challenges come opportunities to foster cross-sectoral, and regional collaborations and to leverage the diversity of our knowledge, expertise, and resources.

This meeting brings together stakeholders from nine countries in the Balkan and Black Sea region: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo<sup>1</sup>, Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, and Turkey. It will provide a dynamic forum for experts from human and animal health, medical entomology, veterinary services and public health embodying the One Health spirit of our network. The meeting will feature a variety of sessions, lectures, and roundtable discussions with a special focus on Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), a real concern in the region.

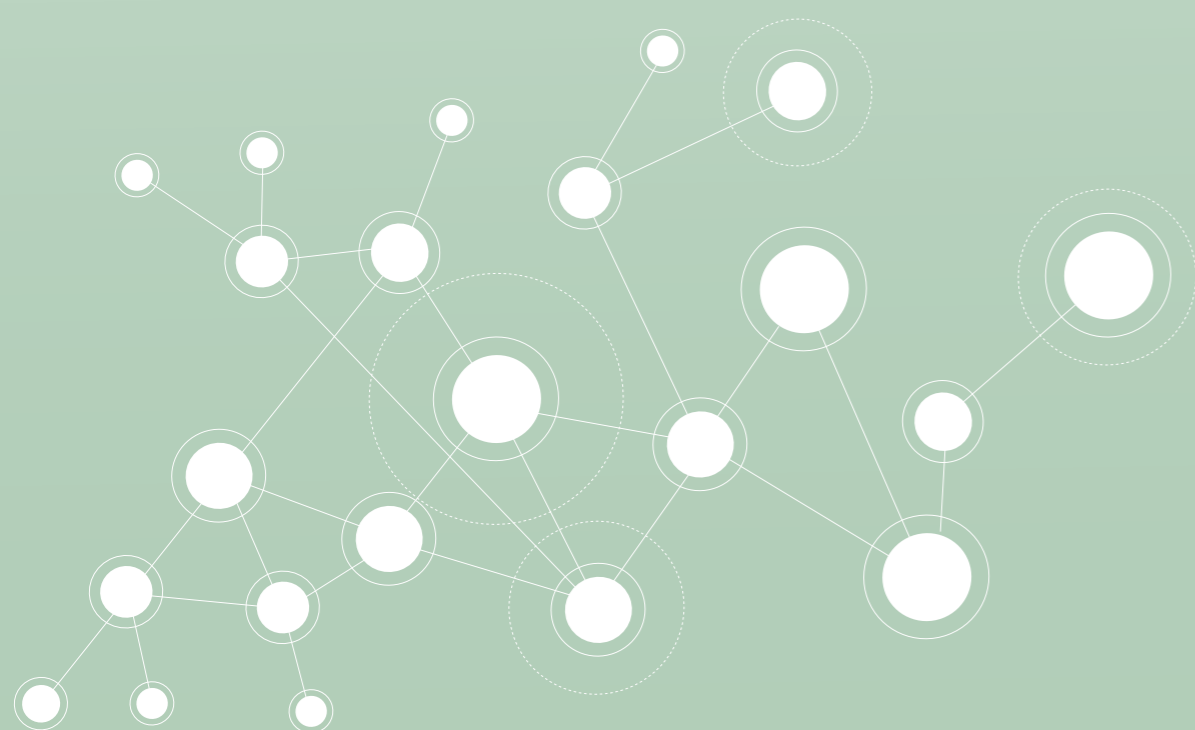
As we progress on the third phase of the project, the MediLabSecure network provides a valuable framework for multisectoral cooperation among experts from different disciplines and countries.

We are confident this meeting will provide a platform for the MediLabSecure network to build new collaborations, learn from each other, and move forward in our shared goal of improving global health security for this region.

We are honored by your participation and look forward to engaging in fruitful discussions and exchanges over the next four days.

Warm regards,  
The Coordination Team

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A multidisciplinary  
network



## MONDAY 08/05 Palas Hotel Petrovac

Day 1

09:00 (UTC+2)	<b>WELCOMING</b>
9:00	Entomology for Non-Entomologist Part 1
10:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:30	Entomology for Non-Entomologist Part 2
12:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
14:00	Entomology for Non-Entomologist Part 3
15:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
16:00	Entomology for Non-Entomologist Part 4
17:30	<b>END OF THE DAY</b>

**Dr Florence FOURNET**  
Medical Entomology Key Expert  
IRD

**Dr Igor PAJOVIC**  
Assistant Professor at Biotechnical Faculty  
University of Montenegro

## TUESDAY 09/05 Palas Hotel Petrovac

Day 2

08:30 (UTC+2)	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING</b>
09:00	Official opening by the of Ministry of Science Official opening by representative of Ministry of Agriculture Official opening by representative of Ministry of Health
10:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11:00	Presentation of MediLabSecure 3 project
12:00	Presentation of EU CBRN CoE
12:30	<b>LUNCH</b>
15:00	Work with your groups! Parallel sessions upon invitation
17:00	<b>END OF DAY</b>

**Dr Vanessa LAGAL**  
Project Manager  
Institut Pasteur

**Anne-Sophie LEQUARRE**  
Program Manager  
FPI European Commission

### CAPTION

- Plenary session
- Interactive session
- Networking activity
- Specific training upon invitation

## WEDNESDAY 10/05 Palas Hotel Petrovac Day 3

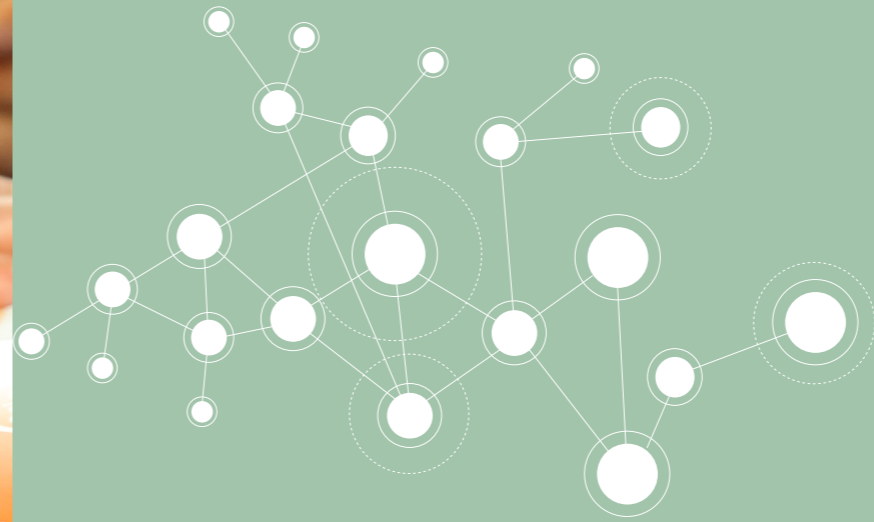
09:00 (UTC+2)	WELCOMING
9:00 <b>One Health lecture</b> Approach in early warning & preparedness on zoonoses	<p><b>Dr Sanja MEDENICA</b> Specialist of epidemiology <i>Institute of Public Health of Montenegro</i></p> <p><b>Dr Rados MIKOVIC</b> Senior Researcher in Pathology Department <i>Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory of Montenegro</i></p> <p><b>Dr Igor PAJOVIC</b> Assistant Professor at Biotechnical Faculty <i>University of Montenegro</i></p>
10:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 <b>One Health rountable</b> Approach in early warning & preparedness on zoonoses	
12:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:45 <b>Nagoya Protocol applied to MediLabSecure activities</b>	<b>Dr Laurie CASALOT</b> Nagoya Scientific Referent <i>IRD</i>
15:00 <b>Leadership initiatives</b>	<b>Coordination Team</b>
15:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:00 <b>Charter of values session</b>	<b>Coordination Team</b>
17:45	END OF ACTIVITIES
18:15	<b>GALA DINNER</b>
22:00	

## THURSDAY 11/05 Palas Hotel Petrovac Day 4

09:00 (UTC+2)	WELCOMING
09:00 <b>Communication Preparedness</b>	<b>Miljana PAVLICIC</b> Deputy Director for Quality Assurance <i>Institute of Public Health of Montenegro</i>
10:00	COFFEE BREAK
10:30 <b>Keynote on CCHFV situtation in Balkan &amp; Black sea region</b>	<b>Dr Aykut OZKUL</b> Professor of Virology <i>Ankara University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine</i>
11:00 <b>Multisectoral activity Part 1</b>	<b>Consortium</b>
13:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 <b>Multisectoral activity Part 2</b>	<b>Consortium</b>
16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:30 <b>Charter of value restitution</b>	<b>Coordination Team</b>
17:30	END OF REGIONAL MEETING

### CAPTION

- Plenary session
- Interactive session
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# DETAILED AGENDA



Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

Day 2

# Notes

 8:30 - 10:30

Plenary Room

## Opening Ceremony

We are honoured to introduce this Balkan & Black Sea Regional Meeting with an official opening from the representatives of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Science as well as representatives from the European Union and the French Embassy.

 11:00 - 12:00

Plenary Room

## Presentation of the MediLabSecure 3 Project

The MediLabSecure coordination team will provide a general overview of the project and present the planned activities and future challenges.

 12:00 - 12:30

Plenary Room

## Presentation of EU CBRN CoE

During the second half of the morning, the European Commission and CBRN representative will put the project into perspective by focusing on the EU Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) risks mitigation Centers of Excellence (CoE) Initiative under the umbrella of which the project is supported.

 15:00 - 17:00

## Work with your group

Parallel sessions will be organized per expertise in order to exchange on technical subjects, future activities and needs.

### CAPTION

-  Plenary session
-  Interactive session
-  Networking activity
-  Specific training upon invitation





Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Day 4

# Notes

8:30 - 10:30  
Plenary Session

## Communication Preparedness

Plenary Room 

In this session, participants will gain an insightful overview of the Institute of Public Health's experience in training multisectoral experts in crisis communication to become an effective spokesperson during a crisis situation.

11:00 - 12:30  
Plenary Session

## CCHF situation in Balkan

Plenary Room 

The objective of the keynote is to introduce the multisectoral exercise on 'Enhancing Integrating surveillance for CCHF'. The lecture will give an overview of the CCHF epidemiologic situation in the Balkan and Black Sea region.

14:00 - 15:00

## Multisectoral activity

The multisectoral activity is an exercise whose objective is to design an integrated surveillance plan for CCHF applying the One Health approach.

15:00 - 16:00  
Network

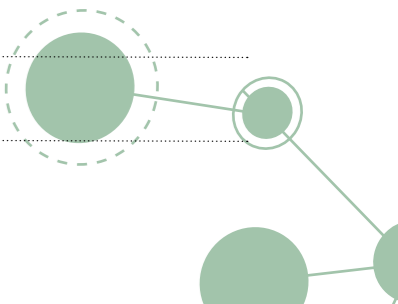
## Charter of values restitution

Plenary Room 

Presentation of the MediLabSecure Charter of Values designed by the members.

### CAPTION

-  Plenary session
-  Interactive session
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# SPEAKERS



## Laurie CASALOT

Researcher  
Nagoya Scientific Referent  
IRD  
Marseille, France

Researcher at the IRD and assigned to the Mediterranean Institute of Oceanology, Marseille, France, Dr Laurie Casalot is a microbiologist by training. She is interested in the role of marine bacteria in biogeochemical cycles and in particular the carbon cycle. Her studies focus on two main areas: bioluminescent bacteria and their role in the biological carbon pump and the mechanisms of CO2 capture by extremophilic bacteria. She is developing physiological and molecular genetic approaches in the laboratory to answer these questions. She is the scientific referent of the Nagoya Committee of IRD.

 Nagoya protocol applied to MediLabSecure activities

 May 10th  
13:45 - 15:00



## Florence FOURNET

Key expert Medical entomology  
IRD  
Montpellier, France

Dr Florence Fournet is the leader of the medical entomology expertise of the MediLabSecure project. She is Research Director at the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development in Montpellier. Her speciality is human diseases transmitted by mosquito vectors, with an interest in malaria and arboviral diseases, particularly in urban settings. Her research aims to understand the socio-spatial disparities of the vector-borne diseases expression through interdisciplinary approaches. She published more than 80 articles in international peer-reviewed journals (h=24), 2 books and 10 book-chapters.

 Entomology for Non-Entomologist training

 May 8th  
9:00 - 17:30



## Vanessa LAGAL

Project Manager MediLabSecure Project  
Institut Pasteur  
Paris, France

Dr Vanessa Lagal ; PhD in Microbiology. After a significant research experience in the field of parasitology, Dr Vanessa Lagal joined the Operations Unit at the Institut Pasteur Department of International Affairs to coordinate international capacity-building projects. She's project manager on MediLabSecure for the past four years.

 Presentation of MediLabSecure 3 project

 May 9th  
11:00 - 12:00



## Anne-Sophie LEQUARRE

Programme Manager  
EU CBRN Centres of Excellence  
FPI European Commission  
Brussels, Belgium

Veterinary, molecular biologist and a PhD holder, Dr Anne-Sophie Lequarré has worked more than 20 years in various research centres in virology, immunology, genetics, and genomics linked to animal diseases. Since 2010, Dr Anne-Sophie Lequarré has joined the European Commission and specialized in the field of biosecurity and biosafety to harmonize standard procedures within member states of the European Union. Simultaneously, Anne-Sophie has worked as a biological threat technical expert in the framework of CBRN Initiative for EU Centers of Excellence.

Since the beginning of 2021, she has joined the service for Foreign Policy Instruments where she is directly responsible of the future implementation and direction of the Centers of Excellence programme, particularly in the field of biological risks.

 Presentation of EU CBRN CoE

 May 9th  
12:00 - 12:30



## Sanja MEDENICA

Specialist of epidemiology  
Institute of Public Health  
Podgorica, Montenegro

Dr Sanja Lakićević Medenica was born on 12 October, 1971 in Kolašin, Montenegro. She graduated from the Faculty of Medicine and specialized in epidemiology at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Belgrade, Serbia.

She has been working at the Center for Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases at the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro since 2001. The subject of her professional and scientific interest are vector-borne infectious diseases and zoonoses. She defended her doctoral dissertation on the topic of epidemiological-ecological characteristics of leishmaniasis in Montenegro at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Nis, Serbia in 2016. She has been a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Montenegro since 2019. As a lecturer or listener, she participated in many professional conferences, seminars, congresses and workshops in the country and abroad.

She is an author and co-author of numerous professional and scientific works.

 Keynote lecture on One Health Approach

 May 10th  
9:00 - 10:15



## Rados MIKOVIC

Senior Researcher in Patology department  
Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory  
Podgorica, Montenegro

Dr Radoš Miković has a PhD in Veterinary Science. He is a Senior Researcher in the Patology department at the Diagnostic Veterinary Laboratory in Podgorica, Montenegro, where he has been working since October 2010. He is a member of the Veterinary Chamber of Montenegro and the Association of Microbiologists of Montenegro. He has participated in more than 20 training schools, fellowships, and workshops in various fields, such as animal health, animal welfare, fishery, risk management, food safety, and zoo techniques. His fields of interest include Virology, Molecular Biology, Infectious Diseases, Aquaculture, Fishery, Capacity Building, Animal Health and Welfare, and Food Microbiology. He has published works on various topics related to veterinary medicine.



Keynote lecture on One Health Approach



May 10th  
9:00 - 10:15



## Aykut OZKUL

Professor of Virology  
Ankara University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine  
Ankara, Turkey

Dr. Aykut Özkul, Professor at the Virology Department in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Ankara University (Turkey). He has wide experience working with a variety of harmful viruses associated with human and veterinary health. His areas of research include molecular epidemiology of arboviruses (mainly WNV and CCHFV), human and bovine Herpesvirus and Morbillivirus as well as SARS-CoV-2.



Keynote on CCHF situation in Balkan



May 11th  
11:00 - 12:30



## Igor PAJOVIC

Assistant Professor at Biotechnical Faculty  
University of Montenegro  
Podgorica, Montenegro

Dr. Pajović has participated at MediLabSecure 1, 2 & 3 since 2014.

Igor Pajović holds a PhD from the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Novi Sad, Serbia. At national level, he was involved in projects related to monitoring and control of mosquitoes and nematodes. Awarded by Ministry of Science, Government of Montenegro for efforts in field of medical entomology with national award: «The most successful scientist in Montenegro for the year 2017».

He has dedicated over 20 years to lecturing at BSc and Master studies, conducting research, and participating in national and international projects related to medical entomology and vector-borne diseases. His research interests mainly focus on the identification, ecology, behavior, distribution, monitoring, and control of mosquito vectors and invasive mosquito species. He has been an integral part of international projects such as INFRAVEC and VectorNet, as well as regional IAEA projects. Dr. Pajović is project leader for «Surveillance of invasive and native mosquito vectors and pathogens they transmit in Montenegro».



Entomology for Non-Entomologist



May 8th  
9:00 - 17:30



Keynote lecture on One Health Approach



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## Miljana PAVLICIC

Deputy Director for Quality Assurance  
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Podgorica, Montenegro

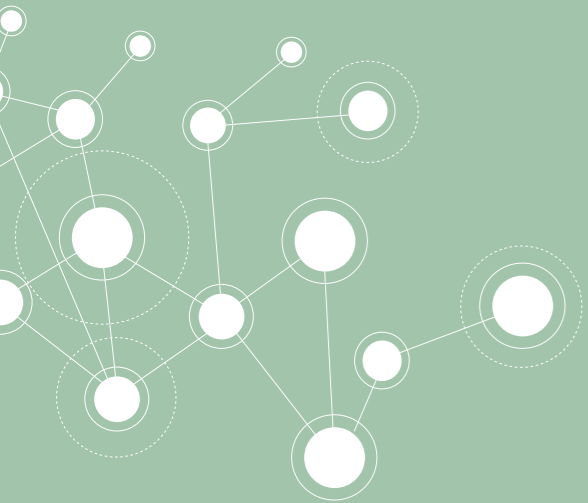
Miljana holds a Master's degree in biochemistry, while studying she worked as a brand manager for Skeyndor and Dr Murad cosmetics for 2 years, allowing her to develop valuable communication skills. After graduating she started working in the Public Health field by joining the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro as a Chemical Analyst, where she practices today as Deputy Director for Quality Assurance.



Communication Preparedness

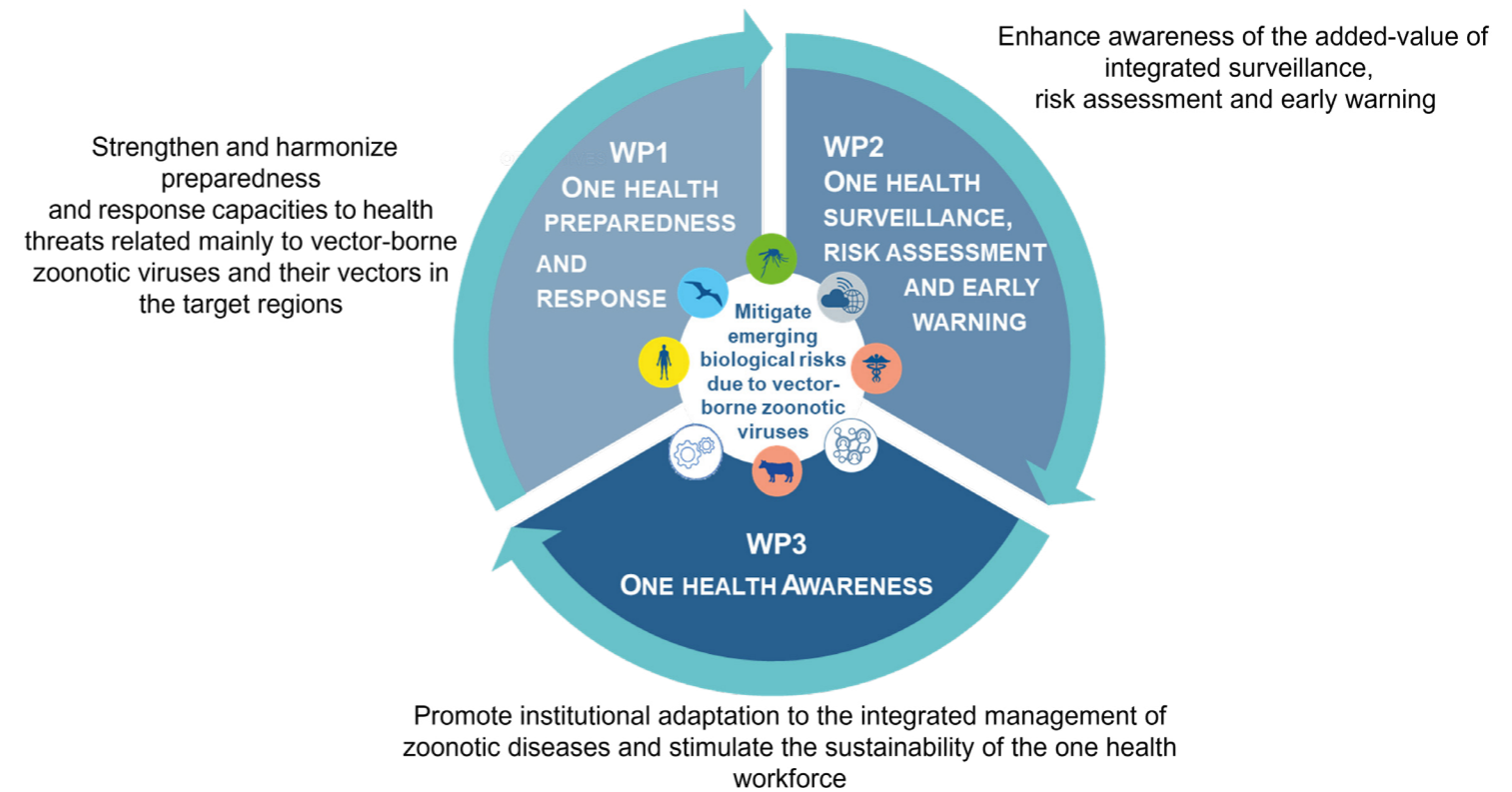


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# THE MEDILABSECURE NETWORK

## Organizational Chart



### 9 meeting participating countries

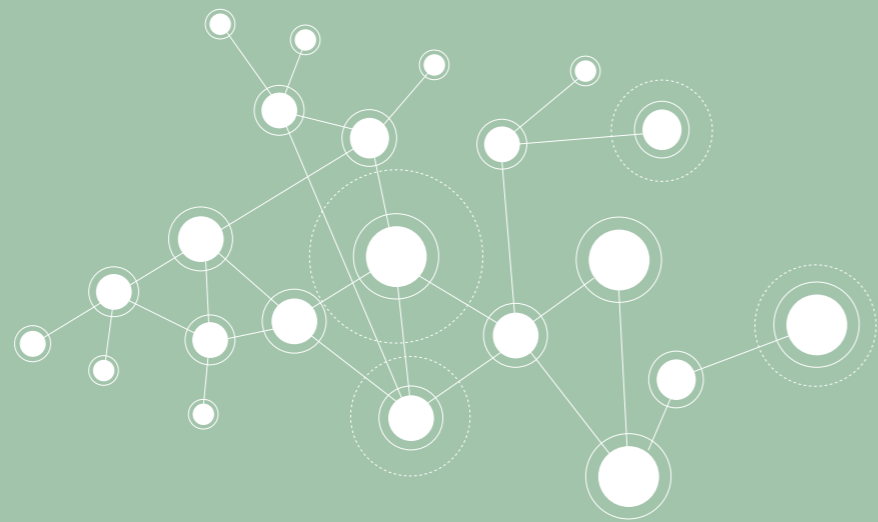
- Albania
- Armenia
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Georgia
- Kosovo\*
- Montenegro
- Republic of North Macedonia
- Serbia
- Turkey

### Other network members

- Algeria
- Burkina Faso
- Egypt
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Lybia
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Niger
- Palestine\*\*
- Senegal
- Tunisia

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICI Advisory opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

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



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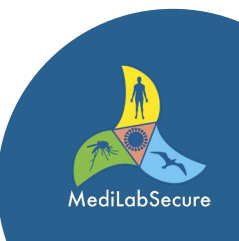
## Leader of the veterinary services expertise

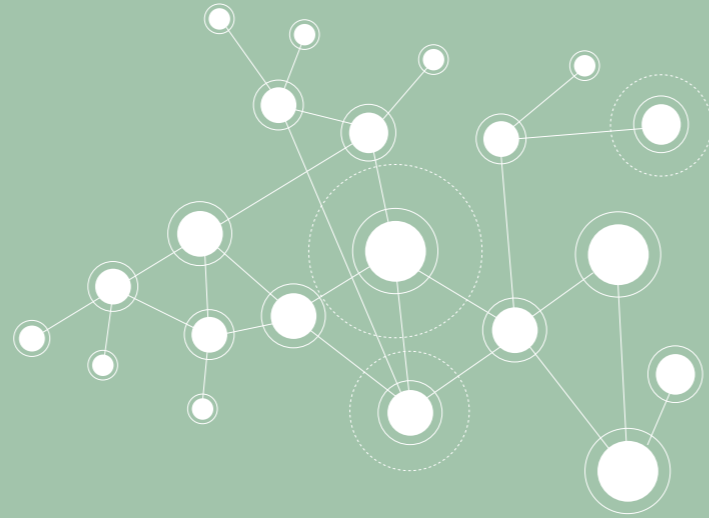
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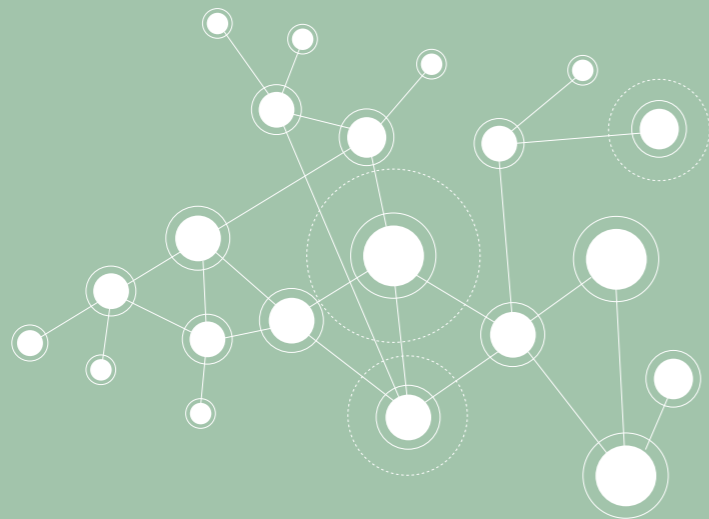
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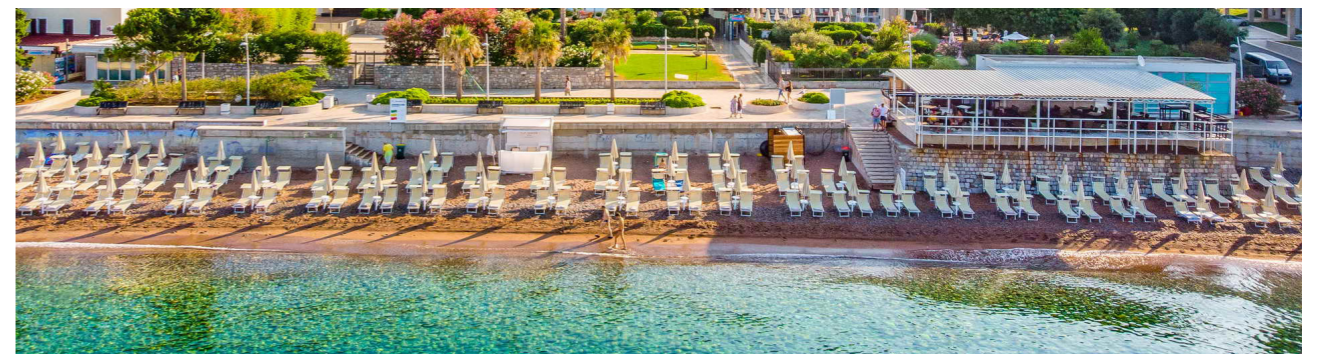
# LOGISTICS : WHAT TO DO & WHERE TO GO



## *Palas* X *Overcome* HOTEL PETROVAC

This year's meeting will take place in the nice area of Petrovac at the Palas Hotel in Montenegro.

In order facilitate the realisation of this meeting, please read the following pages to have more information about the logistical part of this reunion.



# 1

## Transport Shuttle - Visa

### Arrival : Shuttle

Upon your arrival in Montenegro, a shuttle will pick you up from the airport and will take you directly to the Palas Hotel Petrovac, where the accomodation and the meeting will take place.

**The driver will be waiting for you at the "Arrival" area of the airport with a sign indicating MediLabSecure.**

For the return trip, a shuttle will take you to the airport. Shuttles will be organized depending on the time of your return flight.

Regarding guests that will not be coming via plane, a private bus departure will be organized. This shuttle will arrive directly in front of the Hotel.

*Taxi costs for participants not willing to use the hotel shuttle won't be covered by MediLabSecure project and will be supported by the participants.*

### Visa

Only Armenian nationalities usually require a visa to enter the territory in Montenegro, however, please note that Montenegro has lifted visas for Armenians between April 15th and the end of October 2023.

To sum-up a visa is not required for all coming nationalities.



## Catering Hotel

# 2

### Breakfast

Every morning, the day will start with a continental breakfast in a buffet style. Starting at 7:00am, you are free to take your time to eat until the beginning of the first activity of the day.

### Lunches

During the meeting and trainings, lunches will be served at the hotel restaurant from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. Most days, you will have between one hour and a quarter and two hours to eat. Once again, you will have a great choice of various local and international foods.

### Dinners

From the day you arrive and for the duration of the meeting and the trainings, dinners will also be served at the hotel. Dinners will be served from 7:30pm to 9.30pm.

No allowance for outside meals will be given.

For those of you who leave on May 12th either in the morning or the afternoon, you will have a reimbursement in order to eat your lunch while waiting for your plane.

### Gala Dinner

On Wednesday May 10th, a gala dinner will be served at the Eco Resort Plavnica, in front of the Skadar lake, a beautiful change of scenery only 45 minutes away from the hotel. We will leave at 6.15pm and come back at 10:00pm. Since it's between day and night near a lake, make sure to bring mosquito repellent!



## Free and Extra Expenses

On the time of your arrival at the Podgorica airport, your living expenses will be taken care of by the Medilabsecure funds. This includes:

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner from the 8th (for those who assist to the Entomology for Non-Entomologist training) to the 12th of May. Most of the meals will be taken in the hotel. Any meal taken outside of the scheduled hour or the registered restaurant will be at your own expense. The only meals outside of the hotel that will be taken care of will be upon your arrival and departure, most likely near the airport and the gala dinner at the Eco Resort Plavnica.
- Once you arrive in the hotel, you will have a 24/7 access to free Wifi connexion. It is recommended that you use this connexion to communicate, especially to people outside of the country, as the calls from the telephone in your room will be at your own expense.

## Reimbursements

In order to be reimbursed for your expenses before and after your presence in the hotel, you should be keeping receipts in order to receive reimbursements. You will have to fill a document and send it to Overcome, the company that is taking care of a lot of logistical aspects of this meeting. These expenses include:

- Meals taken at the airport.
- Travel fees from your personal home to the airport or shuttle meeting point.

## COVID-19

As you know, the COVID-19 crisis is still an important issue that must be taken into account while we prepare this meeting. The following measures are greatly recommended for the safety of everyone.

- Remember the safety guidelines such as wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, washing hands frequently and informing the staff if any signs of symptoms are experienced.
- Custom-made washable masks will be given to everyone. Wearing them in close confined spaces, such as elevators, meeting rooms and corridors is advised but not enforced.
- The Montenegro Government has raised down its COVID-19 restrictions. Nonetheless you can stay informed of the latest updates via this website: <https://www.gov.me/en/>

## Hotel

We have the pleasure to receive you in the Palas Hotel Petrovac. Less than an hour away from the Podgorica Airport, this hotel will give us the opportunity to host the next MediLabSecure regional meeting in a stunning location that will inspire creativity and collaboration among all participants.

Once you arrive to the hotel, you will be greeted by the Overcome Agency and the Coordination team of the MediLabSecure project. You will then receive your room cards and your badges that you must wear throughout the meeting.

Surrounded by orange and olive trees, this 4-star hotel is located a few steps from the urban beach of Petrovac and enjoys a calm and privileged location to fully appreciate the region.

As we are a large group staying in the same hotel, the rooms were selected according to the localisation and the capacity of the hotel. This means that it will not be possible to ask for a different room while you arrive. But rest assured, as you will either have a view on the mountain or the sea with the islands of Katic and Sveta Nedjelja, two sceneries of high standard and quality.

In order to enjoy your meeting from the first minute to the last second, here are a few crucial informations we mention again that must be retained:

- As cited before; breakfasts, lunches, dinners and even coffee breaks are pre-paid. This does not include the minibar in your room or your personal consumptions (bar, meals outside of the hotel). Those elements cited above will be at your charge.
- Please bear in mind that we will not pay for your international calls that you could take through the phone in your room. Same goes for the ironing or laundry cost.









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