



What is the EU Health Task Force (EUHTF)

The EUHTF is a dedicated public health taskforce coordinated by ECDC

- Working upon specific request
- Providing in-country or remote support
- Collaborating with EU/EEA Member States, EC and global health security partners
- Provide **operational and crisis preparedness support**
- Covering communicable diseases and diseases of unknown origin



Preparedness

- Inputs on or **review of MS preparedness and response plans** or guidance e.g. following PHEPA assessments
- Testing of preparedness and response plans such as **simulation exercises**
- In-Action Reviews (**IAR**), After-Action Reviews (**AAR**)
- Other requested activities

Response

- Threat detection and monitoring, including following disasters or during **mass gathering events**
- **Risk assessment**
- Outbreak investigation and response, including **rare or emerging pathogens**
- Operational research or investigation during outbreaks, such as of **cross-border outbreaks**

Summary of activities conducted by the EUHTF

Assignments:



Requests

19 accepted



Locations

11 EU/EEA
4 Non-EU/EEA



Experts engaged

25 deployed
25 supported remotely

Inside the EU/EEA

Multi-country operational research

Two mass gathering events: Epidemic intelligence and response

Mass gathering event: Surveillance and risk assessment

Training on surveillance, data collection and outbreak investigation

AAR

Measles data management support

AAR

Development of an EOC

AAR

Guidance on national workforce capacity estimation

Outside the EU/EEA

Ukraine: Rapid Risk Assessment related to a flooding event

Israel and occupied Palestinian Territories: Response to infectious disease events associated with the escalation of violence, through GOARN and DG ECHO (to UNRWA in Jordan)

Zambia: Response to cholera, through GOARN and DG INTPA

DRC: Response to mpox, through GOARN, DG ECHO and DG INTPA

Rwanda: Response to Marburg virus disease, through DG ECHO



Training:

First EUHTF training on **designing simulation exercises**, 27 participants



Partner Engagement:

Ongoing consultation with the **EUHTF Advisory Group**, including MS, EC, WHO/GOARN and international NGOs
Annual Stakeholder Meeting
Quarterly Webinars



How to request collaboration with the EUHTF

Competent authorities in EU/EEA countries (national coordinators and national focal points) can request activation of the EUHTF through [EpiPulse](#) by following three simple steps:

1. Log in with credentials
2. Go to 'Collaborate' tab (top right on the main menu)
3. Click 'Request EU Health Task Force support'



Requests from countries outside of the EU/EEA and international organisations are welcome. Requests for support can be sent by emailing the EUHTF Coordination Team at euhtf@ecdc.europa.eu.

Expert pools



ECDC Expert Pool:

Current ECDC Staff - Operational



ECDC Fellowship Pool:

Current fellows of ECDC and affiliated field epidemiology and microbiology programmes - Operational



EUHTF External Expert Pool:

Technical experts in EU/EEA MS – Partially operational, being built in a step-wise approach.
Currently includes recently graduated ECDC fellows.

Events for 2025

- EUHTF **Webinars**, quarterly
- Continued **EUHTF Advisory Group** engagement
- **EUHTF WHA-side event** and **third annual EUHTF Stakeholder Meeting**, May 2025
- **GOARN Tier 2 Outbreak response scenario training**, September 2025



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