



# HCV policies at European level

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## Communicable diseases - EU's role

*No provision in the Treaty for harmonizing the Member States' public health legislation except in some specific areas (like blood, organ donation)*

- ➔ Public health lies mainly with the MS
- ➔ Article 168 foresees coordination as to Serious Cross Border Health Threats (SCBHT)
- ➔ Strengthened by Decision on serious cross-border threats to health (published OJ 5 November 2013)

## Communicable diseases - EU's role

*However since 1999*

- **Legislation & initiatives introduced with respect to EU's response to communicable diseases**

DECISION No 2119/98/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF  
THE COUNCIL

of 24 September 1998

setting up a network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the Community

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 December 1999

on the early warning and response system for the prevention and control of communicable diseases under Decision No 2119/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

*(notified under document number C(1999) 4016)*

*(2000/57/EC)*

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 December 1999

on the communicable diseases to be progressively covered by the Community network under Decision No 2119/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

*(notified under document number C(1999) 4015)*

*(2000/96/EC)*

## Communicable diseases - EU's role

- **Development of an EU expertise in the field of communicable diseases**

- **Public Health Programme**



- To improve citizens' health security;
- To promote health, including the reduction of health inequalities,
- To generate and disseminate health information and knowledge.

# Viral Hepatitis - EU's role

## *EU Surveillance*

### ANNEX I

1. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND SPECIAL HEALTH ISSUES TO BE PROGRESSIVELY COVERED BY THE COMMUNITY NETWORK
  - 1.1. For the diseases/health issues listed below, surveillance within the Community network will be performed by standardised collection and analysis of data in a way that will be determined for each disease/health issue when specific Community surveillance networks are put in place.
2. DISEASES
  - 2.1. Diseases preventable by vaccination
    - Diphtheria
    - Infections with haemophilus influenza group B
    - Influenza
    - Measles
    - Mumps
    - Pertussis
    - Poliomyelitis
    - Rubella
  - 2.2. Sexually transmitted diseases
    - Chlamydia infections
    - Gonococcal infections
    - HIV-infection
    - Syphilis
  - 2.3. Viral hepatitis
    - Hepatitis A
    - Hepatitis B
    - Hepatitis C
  - 2.4. Food- and water-borne diseases and diseases of environmental origin
    - Botulism
    - Campylobacteriosis
    - Cryptosporidiosis

Epidemiological  
surveillance at EU  
level:

Viral hepatitis

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis C



# Viral Hepatitis - EU's role

*New EU Case Definition adopted  
in 2012*

Objective:

Facilitate reporting at EU  
level (standardised and  
comparable data)

27.9.2012

EN

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II

(Non-legislative acts)

DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 8 August 2012

amending Decision 2002/253/EC laying down case definitions for reporting communicable diseases to the Community network under Decision No 2119/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

(notified under document C(2012) 5538)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/506/EU)

HEPATITIS A

(Hepatitis A Virus)

HEPATITIS B, ACUTE

(Hepatitis B virus)

HEPATITIS C

(Hepatitis C virus)



## **Viral hepatitis - EU's initiatives**

*To address Viral Hepatitis, Commission supported ECDC to work on*

- EU wide survey on surveillance and prevention of hepatitis B and C
- Enhanced surveillance of hepatitis B and C in EU
- Literature review on efficacy of hepatitis B and C screening
- Cost -effectiveness analysis of screening practices for hepatitis B/C
- Prevention of transmission of HIV and hepatitis in IDU
- Hepatitis Framework for the prevention and control of hepatitis B and C



## **Viral Hepatitis - EU' s role**

*EU funded projects via 1<sup>st</sup> Public Health Programme 2003-2008 projects*

- 1. 2005 Expanding network for coordinated and comprehensive actions on AIDS, (ENCAP)**, AIDS Prevention centre, Ministry of Health (LV), EC co funding 1.055.346,00 €, <http://www.aidsnetwork.eu/en/>
- 2. 2006 European Network for Highly Infectious Diseases (EuroNHID)**, coordinated by Istituto Nazionale per le Malattie Infettive (INMI, IT), EC co funding 362.098,47€, [www.eunid.com](http://www.eunid.com)
- 3. 2007 Response to Emerging infectious disease: Assessment and development of Core capacities and Tools, (REACT)**, lead by RKI - GTZ(DE), EC co-funding 800.000,00€, <http://www.rki.de/react>
- 4. 2007 AIDS & MOBILITY, AIDS & Mobility Europe 2007 – 2010, by Ethno-Medizinisches Centrum, (DE)**, <http://ethno-medizinisches-zentrum.de/http>, EC funding 499.766,31€





## **Viral Hepatitis - EU's role**

*EU funded projects via 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Health Programme  
2008-2013 projects*

- 1. 2008 Scaling up harm reduction to prevent transmission of infectious disease,***
- 2. 2008 European Network Social Inclusion and Health (Correlation),***  
*Stichting De Regenboog AMOC (NL), [www.correlation-net.org/](http://www.correlation-net.org/), with EC co-funding of 900.000,00€.*
- 3. 2008 HBV-HCV-HIV: Three different and serious threats for European young people (H-CUBE),*** *University of Ssassary(IT), EC funding 580.000,00€.*
- 4. 2009 – Highly active prevention: sale up HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, diagnostic and therapy across sectors and borders in CEE and SEE, Bordernetwork,***  
<http://www.bordernet.eu/BORDERNETwork> 2010-2012/



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***5. 2010 – Screening for Hepatitis B and C among migrants in the European Union, EU HEP SCREEN,***  
<http://ww.hepscreen.eu/>

***6. 2010 – SIALON II – Capacity building in combining targeted prevention with meaningful HIV/HCV/HBV and Syphilis Surveillance among MSM***  
<http://www.sialon.eu/en/>



# Forthcoming

*Draft multi-annual programme of action for health  
(2014-2020)  
**to be adopted***

***1.3.** Support effective response to communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and hepatitis by identifying, disseminating and promoting the up-take of good practices for cost effective prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.*



*Health Portal EU*

*<http://health.europa.eu>*

*SANCO Web Site*

*<http://ec.europa.eu/health/>*

*CHAFEA Website*

*<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/>*

*EMCDDA website*

*<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/>*

*ECDC website*

*<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/>*



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# Thank you for you attention!

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