

Luxembourg, 7 November 2014

# Teleconference with the Members of the Health Security Committee on Ebola 7 November, 10:30-12:30 Draft Flash Report

The EU Health Security Committee held an audio conference on 7 November 2014. The main items were: the co-ordination of public health measures at external borders, the medical evacuation issues, and the SANCO mission to Africa regarding exit screening

#### 1. Replies to preparedness questionnaire under Art.4 of 1082/2013/EU

The Commission urged Member States to submit replies to preparedness questionnaire provided for in Decision 1082/2013/EU as soon as possible.

# 2.1 EWRS survey on preparedness: reminder to MS to complete the information

The HSC took note of the fact that an analysis of the preparedness level of MS will be needed in view of the next informal Health Council on 1 December.

#### 2.2 Active monitoring of travellers from the affected countries in the USA

The Commission will share relevant information with the UK through the selective message exchange application of EWRS.

#### 2.3 Exit screening mission: update

The HSC took note of the latest updates regarding the preparation of the mission.

# 2.4 Network of Clinicians – ECDC

The HSC took note of the invitation to populate the IT platform prepared by ECDC, to be operationalized next week.

ECDC is preparing a disclaimer of legal notice, announced a phased approached regarding the link to the already existing EU and WHO networks and suggested to retain the role of the moderator.

# 3.1 Discussion of the document: Public health management of contact-persons of Ebola virus disease cases in the European Union: for endorsement.

The HSC took note of the document headed "Public health management of persons having had contact with Ebola virus disease cases in the EU". ECDC will publish making reference of the fact that the HSC took note of the document.

The document titled "Infection prevention and control measures for Ebola virus disease: Public health management of healthcare workers returning from Ebola affected areas" received comments and ECDC will review it.

#### **4.1 MEDEVAC SOPs**

The SOPs will be further revised to reflect some observations by the HSC.

# **4.2** Role of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)

The HSC took note of the document, prepared by ECHO.

## 4.3 Two aircrafts available for medevac by Luxembourg

LU will contact LAR to clarify issues related to capacity and logistics.

# 5. QUANDHIP (Quality Assurance Exercises and Networking on the Detection of Highly Infectious Pathogens): update on activation

The HSC took note of the document shared prior to the meeting without remarks.

# 6. Workshop on prevention of transmission of Ebola virus in health care settings: 4 November

The Commission will share with the HSC the flash report and the presentations of the workshop.

# 7. Workshop with health and other professionals likely to enter in contact with Ebola patients

The HSC took note of the workshop. Invitation to be shared, as well as the conclusions expected to be drawn.

#### 8. Next meeting

20 November.