



# Childhood immunisation

## Progress, challenges and priorities for further action

Luxembourg, 16-17 October 2012  
Room M6, Jean Monnet building

### PROGRAMME

Day 1: Tuesday 16 October 2012

- 13:00 – 14:30**      **Registration**
- 14:30 – 14:40**      **Opening address Commissioner Dalli**
- 14:40 – 15:15**      **Introduction**  
Chair: *Karin Kadenbach, MEP*
- Key note speech  
*Marc Sprenger, Director - ECDC (14:40 – 14:50)*
- A parent's testimony about the consequences of measles infection and the responsibility of parents towards other children  
*Parents Max Schönbohm (14:50 – 15:00)*
- The Commission's follow-up to the Council Conclusions on childhood immunisation  
*John-F Ryan, acting Director Public Health, DG SANCO (15:00 – 15:15)*

- 15:15 – 16:15**      **Strengthening and monitoring immunisation programmes**  
Chair: [Marc Sprenger](#), Director - ECDC
- The economic case for strengthening immunisation programmes  
[Mark Jit](#) – Health Protection Agency, UK (15:15 – 15:35)
- Examples of good practice on strengthening immunisation programmes
- Denmark ([Kåre Mølbak](#) – Statens Serum Institute) (15:35 – 15:50)
  - Cyprus ([Elena Papamichael](#), Paediatrician – Neonatologist 1st Medical Officer) (15:50 – 16:05)
- 16:15 – 16:45**      **Coffee break**
- 16:45 – 17:30**      **Strengthening and monitoring immunisation programmes (cont'd)**  
Chair: [Darina O'Flanagan](#) - Health Service Executive, Ireland
- How to improve vaccination programme monitoring  
[Pier-Luigi Lopalco](#) – ECDC (16:45 – 17:00)
- The importance of EU collaboration on monitoring immunisation programmes  
[Fortunato Paolo D'Ancona](#) – VENICE (17:00 – 17:15)
- The 2015 measles and rubella elimination target for the WHO European Region: indicators and verification process  
[Dina Pfeifer](#) - WHO Euro (17:15 – 17:30)
- 17:30 – 18:30**      **Panel discussion: 'How to improve the vaccination offer?'**  
Rapporteur: [Antoon Gijssens](#) - Health threats Unit, DG SANCO  
Panel: [Pier-Luigi Lopalco](#) (ECDC), [Darina O'Flanagan](#) (Health Service Executive, Ireland), [Roman Prymula](#) (University Hospital, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic), [Alenka Kraigher](#) (Institute of Public Health, Slovenia), [Erwin Van Kerschaver](#) (Kind en Gezin, Belgium)
- 18:30 – 18:40**      **Closing remarks Day 1**  
[Mars Di Bartolomeo](#) – Minister of Health, Luxembourg
- 20:30**                **Dinner**

## Day 2: Wednesday 17 October 2012

09:00 – 10:45

### Advocacy on vaccination: the public

Chair: [Donata Meroni](#) - Programme and Knowledge Management Unit, DG SANCO

The 3 C's of vaccination: complacency, confidence, and convenience

[Robb Butler](#) – WHO Euro (09:00 – 09:20)

ECDC resources to support effective communication on vaccination

[Ulla-Karin Nurm](#) - ECDC (09:20 – 09:40)

### Panel discussion: 'Strategies for improving awareness and trust in the public'

Rapporteur: [Germaine Thinus](#) – Health threats Unit, DG SANCO

Panel: [Robb Butler](#) (WHO Euro), [Peter English](#) (Health Protection Agency, United Kingdom), [Joanne Yarwood](#) (Department of Health, United Kingdom), [Daniel Levy-Bruhl](#) (Institute for Public Health Surveillance, France), [Angus Thompson](#) (European Vaccine Manufacturers) (09:40 – 10:45)

- Awareness campaigns
- Social media
- Vaccination opponents

Presenting concrete policy options to be discussed between the panel and the audience

10:45 – 11:15

### Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30

### Advocacy on vaccination: healthcare professionals

Chair: [Dina Pfeifer](#) – WHO Euro

A paediatrician's experience in responding to parent's concerns about vaccines

[Alberto Tozzi](#) - Paediatrician Paediatric Hospital Bambino Gesù, Rome, Italy (11:15 – 11:30)

### Panel discussion: 'How to strengthen the role of healthcare professionals on advocating vaccination'

Rapporteur: [Daniel Brasseur](#) – Chairman EMA Paediatric Committee, Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products, Belgium

Panel: [Karin Fjeldsted](#) (Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)), [Ronald de Groot](#) (European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID)), [Emile Tockert](#) (European Confederation of Primary Care Paediatricians (ECPCP)), European Paediatric Association (EPA)), [Alberto Tozzi](#) (Paediatric Hospital Bambino Gesù, Italy) (11:30 – 12:30)

- Strengthening pre-graduate curricula
- Post-graduate courses, conferences
- Accreditation
- Role of professional associations for promoting childhood immunisation

Presenting concrete policy options to be discussed between the panel and the audience

- 12:30 – 14:00**      **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 14:40**      **Increasing access to underserved populations**  
Chair: [Mira Kojouharova](#), *National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Bulgaria*
- PROMOVAX – promoting vaccination among migrant populations in Europe  
[Pania Karnaki](#) - *Prolepsis, Greece* (14:00 – 14:20)
- Building effective partnerships between Roma communities and local authorities to improve access to childhood immunization  
[Zoran Bikovski](#) - *NGO 'Kham', Macedonia* (14:20 – 14:40)
- 14:40 – 15:30**      **Facilitating information exchange between vaccine service providers**  
Chair: [Antoon Gijssens](#) - *Health threats Unit, DG SANCO*
- Recommended elements for inclusion in immunisation cards or health booklets  
[Niklas Danielsson](#) - *ECDC* (14:40 – 15:05)
- Information resources for healthcare professionals on immunisation schedules and vaccines in EU countries and ways to address language barriers  
[Tarik Derrough](#) - *ECDC* / [Agnès Saint-Raymond](#) - *EMA* (15:05 – 15:30)
- 15:30 – 16:00**      **Conclusions from the panel discussions**  
Rapporteurs' reports
- 16:00 – 16:15**      **Closing remarks**  
[John-F Ryan](#) - *acting Director Public Health, DG SANCO*