



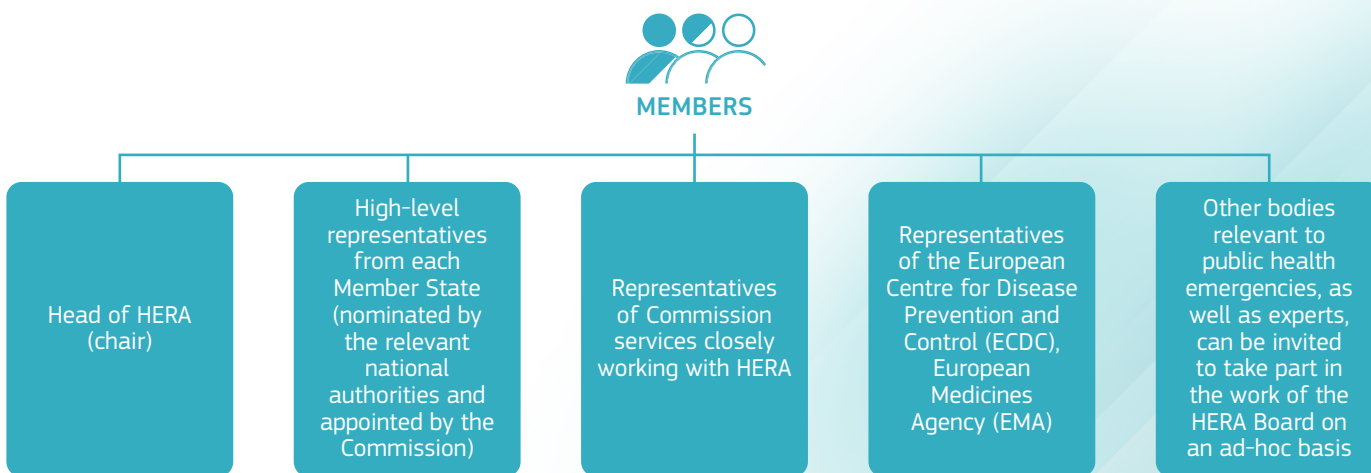
Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority

Bringing value to be better prepared for the next health crisis, HERA Governance in the spotlight

HERA Board

The HERA Board brings together Commission expertise and senior Member State representatives to contribute to the preparation of multiannual strategic planning, which helps set HERA objectives and shape the strategic direction of both EU and national health preparedness and response. The Board also plays a key role in outreach beyond the Member States, including with the health, research and industry communities.

In the event of a public health emergency at EU level, HERA will switch to emergency operations under the steer of a high-level Health Crisis Board coordinating urgent action in response to the crisis.



- Gives strategic direction and advice to HERA.
- Contributes to the preparation of the HERA's **multiannual strategic planning** and the corresponding **annual work plans**, shaping **strategic directions** of both EU and national health preparedness and response actions.
- Delivers opinions on proposals for activities to be implemented by HERA.
- Can initiate more detailed discussions and address technical questions to the Advisory Forum, Civil Society Forum and/or Joint Industrial Cooperation Forum.

Topics the HERA Board is typically consulted on to steer action:

1 Threat assessment, modeling and forecasts of medical countermeasures.

2 Monitoring the supply and demand of medical countermeasures.

3 Procuring and deploying medical countermeasures.

4 Promoting research and development of medical countermeasures and provisions of platforms for the rapid sharing of data.

5 Support for capacity building for Member States for preparedness and response related to medical countermeasures.

Sherpa Group

- Member State representatives with technical expertise, the Sherpas often come from the same departments or units as the HERA Board members
- The group helps the HERA Board members in the preparation of the HERA Board meetings and discuss in a more detailed manner specific topics in the field of preparedness actions

Advisory Forum

The Advisory Forum is a technical group of experts from the Member States, supporting the HERA Board



FOCUS: The HERA Board agrees on a list of priority threats. This helps HERA and EU Member States prioritise its preparedness and response actions.

The HERA Board was convened three times in the course of 10 days in May 2022 in response to the Mpox outbreak, to discuss possible measures HERA could take on behalf of Member States in the light of the evolving situation, and the actions taken. This resulted in joint procurement of related medical countermeasures.



MEMBERS

Representatives from technically competent bodies designated by each Member State



MISSION

- Provides scientific and technical advice on issues raised by the HERA Board
- Facilitates the exchange of views between experts from technically competent bodies in the Member States
- Pools/ gathers the knowledge over preparedness and response in the area of medical countermeasures

COVID-19
RT-qPCR test
detection of
SARS-CoV-2

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Joint Industrial Cooperation Forum



The Joint Industrial Cooperation Forum enables collaboration between the public sector health-related industrial ecosystems in the area of preparedness and response to health crises.

Its mandate is to support the identification and, where possible, reduction of congestions within

and outside the EU, including market failures and supply chain dependencies, which could limit availability, as well as production capabilities, of relevant medical countermeasures and their raw materials.

This forum enables the Commission to establish a communication channel with the different actors across critical supply chains in order to identify and take the appropriate actions.

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Civil Society Forum



The Civil Society Forum helps ensure that the HERA Advisory Forum receives regular input, views and opinions from civil society stakeholders.

The Civil Society Forum acts as a contact point between HERA and stakeholders representing patients, consumers and healthcare professionals. It provides views, observations and opinions from civil

society stakeholders to the HERA Advisory Forum and HERA Board on matters of health preparedness and response, with a focus on medical countermeasures.

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