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Topic 4.2.1. Activities on communicable diseases – ECDC

Issue at stake

During this session, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) will present its new planned activities in the area of digital health, highlighting how the eHealth network can play a significant role in strengthening infectious disease prevention and control at National and EU level.

Summary

Under this agenda item, ECDC will present its new planned activities in the area of digital health, as recently outlined in its draft 2020 work plan. This work plan sets out how, from 2020, ECDC will begin dedicating efforts to digital health in the field of communicable diseases (including exploring the challenges and opportunities offered by new technologies in this area, and developing guidance to integrate developments into routine work in Member States and at EU level).

Over the long term, ECDC has also expressed interest in using information collected in citizens' electronic health records for the purpose of population-based surveillance and research in the area of communicable disease.

Format of procedure in the eHealth Network meeting

The Commission co-chair introduces the agenda topic. A representative of ECDC will present the agency's present new planned activities in the area of digital health, followed by an opportunity for discussion, questions and answers.