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Health Security Committee

Summary

Outbreak of acute respiratory syndrome associated with a novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Chair: Charles Price, SANTE C3

Audio participants: AT; BE; BG; CZ; DE; DK; EE; FR; HR; HU; IE; IS; IT; LU; LV; NL; NO; PL; PT; SE; DG SANTE; DG ECHO; DG HR; DG RTD; Council; ECDC; EEAS; EASA; WHO Euro; UK participant attending the agenda point of the meeting

Key Conclusions

1. Scenarios and preparedness for COVID-19: The ECDC presented their work on scenarios for Europe for the covid-19 outbreak, which was then discussed by the members of the Health Security Committee. Further actions on behalf of the Commission and EU agencies to support country contingency planning and preparedness were considered. The Commission is following up accordingly.
2. Contact tracing and isolation: The Health Security Committee reviewed experiences so far with contact tracing and isolation and considered further actions from the Commission and EU agencies, which could provide additional support to country preparedness in this area. The Commission is following up accordingly.