Public Consultation on strengthened cooperation against vaccine preventable diseases

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GENERAL CONTEXT

This questionnaire is a working document prepared by the European Commission. This consultation collects the views from administrations, associations and other organisations, and EU citizens on 'Strengthened cooperation against vaccine preventable diseases'. The outcome of this public consultation will provide input to a proposal for a Council Recommendation. It is without prejudice to the final position of the European Commission.

The consultation builds on several EU actions and policies related to vaccination including:

- The Council recommendation on seasonal influenza vaccination (2009)
- The Council conclusion on childhood immunisation (2011)
- The Council conclusions on vaccination as an effective tool in public health (2014)
- The report of the high-level hearing on the implementation of the Council recommendation on seasonal influenza vaccination (2015)
- The <u>final report of the SANTE high level workshop</u> "Seeking new partnerships for EU action on vaccination" (May 2017)
- The objectives of the joint action on vaccination (start 2018), co-funded by the Health Programme.
- The <u>report on the implementation of Decision 1082/2013</u> on serious cross-border threats to health (2015)
- The <u>European Court of Auditors Special report 28/2016</u> Dealing with serious cross-border threats to health in the EU (2016)
- The public consultation on a roadmap for a 'Commission communication on a One Health action plan to support Member States in the fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR)', published on October 2016
- The <u>Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council on the action plan</u> <u>against the rising threats from antimicrobial resistance</u> (AMR) (COM (2011) 748), published on November 2011
- The <u>mid-term review of the Digital single Market</u> (potential of big data high performance computing for infectious diseases outbreaks, May 2017)

STRENGTHENED COOPERATION AGAINST VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES

Vaccination is one of the most powerful and cost-effective public health measures developed in the 20th century and the main tool for primary prevention of disease. Currently, Europe is facing avoidable large measles outbreaks in a number of countries. Even worse, Europe is exporting measles to other parts of the world. In addition, the risk of poliovirus re-introduction or importation to the EU remains a possibility, putting the current EU polio-free status at risk and undermining the global polio eradication initiative.

Seasonal influenza vaccination currently prevents up to 37000 deaths each year in the EU. Yet, seasonal influenza vaccination coverage rates in the majority of EU countries are significantly below the agreed objective of 75 % for elderly (Council Recommendation on seasonal influenza vaccination, 2009).

Current challenges related to low and declining coverage, supply shortages and vaccine hesitancy require an urgent response. Council conclusions on vaccination as an effective tool in public health call on Member States and the Commission to develop joint actions in order to share best practices on vaccination policies. Furthermore the Council conclusions call on the Commission to identify synergies between vaccination and other EU policies and legislation, in particular as regards crisis management and preparedness.

In May 2017 the Commission organised the workshop "Seeking new partnerships for EU action on vaccination" to explore how cooperation at EU level can increase vaccine coverage, address shortages and strengthen routine immunisation programmes, taking into account possible synergies between vaccination and the use of antibiotics.

To this end, a joint action on vaccination, co-funded by the Union's Health Programme, will start in 2018, focusing on strengthened interaction of immunization information systems, better demand and supply forecasting, enhanced prioritization of vaccine research and development, and tackling vaccine hesitancy.

REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

We invite the general public and all interested people to take part in this consultation.

A targeted consultation aimed at stakeholders (for example, health administrators, associations, health professionals, civil society, industry) will address members of the Health Policy Platform

This consultation includes questions on vaccine hesitancy, sustainable vaccine policies in the EU and EU coordination on vaccination.

As answers to the entire questionnaire are mandatory, we have reserved the option 'I do not know' / Not applicable (NA)' for such cases.

The questionnaire should take about 15 minutes to complete.

You may also upload a document after you have completed all the questions.

[1] For the purpose of this survey, administrations refer to both public administrations and private administrations with public service obligations.

[2] For the purpose of this survey, associations and other organisations refer to trade associations, professional associations, academia and scientific societies and organisations representing the interests of specific stakeholders.

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PILLAR I: TACKLING VACCINE HESITANCY

Vaccine hesitancy refers to delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccination services. Vaccine hesitancy is complex and context specific varying across time, place and vaccines. It includes factors such as complacency, convenience and confidence

1.1 Who do you believe are the most important actors in promoting the use of recommended vaccination? (Please specify for each option, score from 1 (not important) to 5 (most important)

	1 - Not important	2 - Somewhat important	3 - Important	4 - Very important	5 – Most important	Don't know / No opinion
*Civil society	0	0	0	0	0	0
*European Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
*European Parliament or other EU institutions	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Famous people Member States	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Friends, peer groups	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Healthcare providers (e.g. doctors, nurses)	0	0	0	0	0	0
*International organizations (e.g. WHO)	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Media	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Member States	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Other public services (school programmes, health campaigns, etc)	0	•	0	0	0	•
*Parents, family members	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Patient groups	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Pharmaceutical industry	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Pharmacists	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Religious leaders	0	0	0	0	0	0

vaco	cines? (multiple answers possible)									
	Articles in newspapers									
	European campaigns									
	National campaigns									
	Provision of relevant user friendly information online									
	Social media (Twitter, Facebook,									
	Special programmes on radio/TV									
	None of the above									
	I don't know/no opinion									
	Other (please specify)									
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	National campaigns									
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	*complacency (perceived risks of									
	vaccine-preventable diseases are									

low and vaccination is not deemed necessary)

*1.2 How can health authorities better communicate with the public on the safe use and effectiveness of

*confidence in effectiveness of vaccines (trust issues in the effectiveness and safety of vaccines; the system that delivers them, including the reliability and competence of the health services and health professionals; and the motivations of the policymakers who decide on the needed vaccines)	•	•	•	•	•	•
*convenience (extent to which physical availability, affordability and willingness-to-pay, geographical accessibility, ability to understand and appeal of immunisation services affect uptake)	•	•	•	•	•	•

1.5. Which other more specific factors do you think have a big influence on vaccine hesitancy? Please score from 1 to 5

	1 - No impact	2 - Low impact	3 - Medium impact	4 - Medium to high impact	5 - High impact	Don't know / No opinion
* Activity of anti-vaccination groups	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Attitude (negative or neutral) of general practitioners	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Different and sometimes contradictory recommendations from healthcare providers	0	0	•	0	0	0
* Difficulties on access to vaccines	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Distrust of science	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Diversity of vaccination schedules/calendars across countries (e.g each countries has own rules on when, who and how often to vaccinate)	0	0	•	0	0	0
*Fear of possible side effects	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Funding issues (e.g. out-of-pocket expenses)	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Lack of (or too much) availability of vaccines	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Lack of information about impact and side effects of vaccination	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Introduction of compulsory vaccination for some vaccines	0	0	0	0	0	0
*One size fit all vials (e.g. same dosage used for different age groups)	0	0	0	0	0	0
*The belief that individual decisions do not impact the community	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Unreliable news on social media and the internet	0	0	0	0	0	0

0	Don't know			
* 1.6.	Does the EU provide adequate communication to citizens on th	ne benefits o	of authorised	vaccines to

Yes

O No

Don't know

maintain or increase trust?

*1.7. Does the EU provide adequate communication to other relevant stakeholders (e.g. patients' organisations, civil society), on the benefits of authorised vaccines to maintain or increase trust?

Yes

O No

Don't know

1.8. In order to reduce vaccine hesitancy and help EU Member States' efforts to increase vaccine coverage rates, a number of activities to cooperate at EU level are listed in the table below. Please rate the helpfulness of each of the following EU facilitated activities:

	1- Not helpful	2 - Slightly Helpful	3 - Helpful	4 - Very helpful	Don't know / No opinion
*a) Member States establish a shared EU mapping on vaccine coverage, vaccine safety and vaccine effectiveness.	0	0	0	0	0

*b) Member States and health professional associations develop and provide together inservice training for health professionals.	0	0	0	0	0
*c) Member States and health professional associations develop and provide together information sessions with parent on vaccination	0	0	0	0	0
*d) Member States set-up of an information website with user friendly, evidence based, up to date and factual information on safety and effectiveness of vaccines for the population and health professionals	0	•	0	0	0
*e) Member States have common tools to follow what is published on social and online media, to monitor, in real time, the public confidence in vaccines, in view of understanding and appropriately addressing public concerns.	©	•	©	©	©
*f) Member States evaluate together the impact of intervention strategies to address vaccine hesitancy.	0	0	0	0	0
*g) Member States share media campaigns on vaccination	0	0	0	0	0
*h) Member States establish a common approach towards a recommended EU vaccination schedule and an EU vaccination card and registries	0	•	0	0	0
*i) Member States exchange best practices in the field of vaccine injury compensation programmes.	0	0	0	0	0

1.9 Who do you think should make efforts in providing scientific arguments in favour of vaccination programmes? Please rate.

	Low	Medium efforts	High efforts	Don't know / No opinion
*a) International organisations (e.g. WHO, Global Health Security Initiative)	0	0	0	0
*b) European Commission and EU agencies (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, European Medicines Agency)	0	0	0	0
*c) Member States	0	0	0	0

* f	Non-Governmental Organisations.				0
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	What actions can be helpful to better support health care le answers possible)	profession	ials to advo	cate vaccin	ation?
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	dentifying and expanding opportunities for catch-up vacc				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	Offering material to explains the benefits and risks of vaco				
	Providing healthcare professionals with regular training co		/accination		
	Allowing vaccination to be administered by general practit				
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1.11.	How can civil society contribute to overcome vaccine hes	itancy? (m	ultiple answ	ers possib	e)
	Jsing famous people to promote vaccination				
F	Responding to fake news				
	Establishing parent groups or peer groups on vaccination				
	Establishing information sessions for teachers and staff in	childcare	and schools	5	
	Promoting routine check of vaccination status of pupils in	schools			
	Messages reminding vaccination in airports and other pla	ces of mas	s gathering		
	Other (please specify)				
Other	(please specify)				

PILLAR II: SUSTAINABLE VACCINE POLICIES IN THE EU

*d) Pharmaceutical industry

pharmacists, etc.)

*e) Healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses,

2.1 Which organisations do you think are responsible for ensuring that vaccination programmes function well?

	Yes	No	Don't know / No opinion
*a) International organisations (e.g. WHO, UNICEF, Global Health Security Initiative)	0	0	0
*b) European Commission and EU agencies (ECDC, EMA)	0	0	0
*c) EU Member States	0	0	0
*d) Healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, pharmacists)	0	0	0
*e) Non-Governmental Organisations.	0	0	0

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*2.2 What actions are necessary to better integrated multiple answers possible) Dedicated funding Vaccination to be provided as part of the Establish vaccination programmes linked Increase awareness of health professions No action (they are well integrated) I don't know	routine health care visits to health care activities fo			
*2.3 How can public health and regulatory authors both at national and EU level? (multiple answers mapping vaccine demand at European and establish systematic forecasts of vaccine establish joint procurement change financing mechanism to ensure solige industries established in EU to produce develop incentives to EU established vaccine develop stockpiles of vaccines at EU level I don't know / no opinion	s possible) Ind national level Is in each country for each Industry the second supply the requirements of the country of the requirements of the country of the second supply the requirements of the country of the second supply the requirements of the country of the second supply supply the second supply	ı vaccine stock ired vac	Э	oply and demand,

2.4 Which policy interventions would have the biggest impact on mitigating vaccine shortages at EU level? Please rank from 1 to 5

	1 - No impact	2 - Low impact	3 - Medium impact	4 - Medium to high impact	5 - High impact	Don't know / No opinion
*Regulatory clarifications	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Mutual assistance among Member States, sharing vaccines	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Vaccine forecasting	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Prioritisation of vaccine Research and Development	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Joint Vaccine procurement between countries	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Stakeholder dialogue	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Availability of individual vaccines (not only combined vaccines)	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Stockpile of key vaccines at EU level	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Alignment and simplification of vaccination schedules	0	0	0	0	0	0

2.5 How could grassroots level organisations, particularly NGOs, patient groups and civil society be better engaged in supporting sustainable vaccination policies? (200 characters)

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PILLAR III: EU COORDINATION, INCLUDING THE PROMOTION OF STAKEHOLDERS' DIALOGUE AND CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL HEALTH

3.1 How important is it for these organisations to engage in research and development in vaccines?

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	Not important	Less important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Don't know / No opinion			
*a) International Organisations	0	0	0	0	0	0			
*b) European Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0			
*c) Member States	0	0	0	0	0	0			
*d) Pharmaceutical Industry	0	0	0	0	0	0			
*e) Academia	0	0	0	0	0	0			
*f) Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs)	0	0	0	0	0	0			

focu	Regarding vaccine research for fighting is on actions in the EU region alone or all Actions in the EU region Worldwide actions Both are equally important Don't know/No opinion						
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	*a) Member States collaborate to assess vaccination needs	3	0	0	0	0	0
	*b) Member States collaborate to build a European virtual repository on vaccine management needs and stocks		0	0	0	0	0
	*c) Member States collaborate to evaluation financing mechanisms for the procureme vaccines		0	0	0	0	0
	*d) Member States collaborate to investige public perception on the pharmaceutical industry.	gate	0	0	0	0	0
	*e) Member States collaborate to develor crisis management plan with industry to anticipate and reduce risks during vaccin manufacturing able to decrease vaccine shortages.		0	0	0	0	©
	*f) Member States collaborate to establis stakeholder communication platform to b balance vaccine demand and supply.		0	0	0	0	0
	I Which organisation should make efforts rtages? Please rate on a scale from "No		_		d addressin	ig vaccine	
		No efforts	Low efforts	Medium efforts	High efforts	Very high efforts	I do not know /No opinion

*a) International organisations (e.g. WHO, Global Health Security Initiative)	0	0	0	0	0	0
*b) European Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
*c) EU Member States	0	0	0	0	0	0
*d) Pharmaceutical industry	0	0	0	0	0	0
*e) Healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
*f) Non-Governmental Organisations.	0	0	0	0	0	0

3.5 Who do you think should make greater efforts in funding vaccine research and development including research on the implementation of vaccination programmes? Please rate on a scale from "High efforts" to "Low efforts".

	No efforts	Low efforts	Medium efforts	High efforts	Very high efforts	I do not know /No opinion
*a) International organisations (e.g. WHO, Global Health Security Initiative)	0	0	0	0	0	0
*b) European Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0
*c) EU Member States	0	0	0	0	0	0
*d) Pharmaceutical industry	0	0	0	0	0	0
*e) Healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
*f) Non-Governmental Organisations.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Thank you for replying to the questionnaire.

Is there any other policy intervention that you would like to add which was not addressed in the questionnaire?

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