

COVID-19 lessons learned and looking ahead to ensure a stronger EU Health Security Framework

Health Security in the EU



Crisis preparedness & response measures

New Regulation on serious cross-border threats to health and repealing the Decision No 1082/2013/EU

«We cannot wait for the end of the pandemic to repair and prepare for the future. We will build the foundations of a stronger European Health Union in which 27 countries work together to detect, prepare and respond collectively.»

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, speaking at the World Health Summit (25 October 2020)

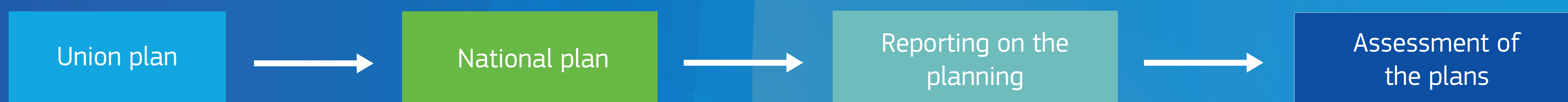


THE NEW REGULATION

- Provides for a stronger and more comprehensive legal framework for the Union to prevent, prepare and respond to serious cross-border threats to health and public health emergencies
- governs actions at Union level on preparedness, surveillance, risk assessment, and early warning and responses
- In line with Article 168(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
- Includes risk assessment for biological, chemical, environmental and unknown threats

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL

strengthened prevention, preparedness and response planning at EU level



Rules for a strengthened, flexible, integrated surveillance system at EU level

- Platforms for epidemiological surveillance
- EU reference laboratories
- Network for substances of human origin

Increased capacity of the EU and its Member States for accurate risk assessment and targeted response

- Alert notification
- Public health risk assessment

Enhanced Union role in the adoption of common measures at EU level to face a future cross-border health threat

Adoption of recommendations