

First meeting of the HERA Advisory Forum

20 April 2022, 14.00 to 16.30, online

Participants:

MS: BE, BG, CZ, DE, EE, IE, EL, ES, FR, HR, IT, CY, LV, LT, HU, MT, NL, AT, PL, PT, SI, SK, FI, SE
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Summary :

Productive first meeting of the HERA Advisory Forum, bringing HERA together with representatives from MS that were ready to engage on a range of topics. Overall, MS welcomed the establishment of the Forum agreed on the importance of the Advisory Forum to exchange on preparedness and response activities across the EU. Several MS presented ongoing national preparedness initiatives at the national level that hold potential to be scaled up.

Agenda:

1. Introduction of HERA—update on activities
2. Setting-up the Forum, adoption of the rules of procedure and creation of sub-groups (Civil Society Forum & Joint Industrial Cooperation Forum)
3. Brief discussion on research priorities proposed by HERA
4. COVID-19 Preparedness actions taken by Member States for autumn and winter and views and plans for vaccine needs
5. AOB