The ECDC disease specific activities are organised within seven horizontal programmes:

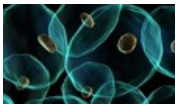
Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-associated Infections Programme
The programme covers diseases caused by antimicrobial-resistant microorganisms in the community and in hospitals, as well as all healthcare-associated infections.

Emerging and Vector-borne Diseases Programme
The programme covers a wide range of vector-borne and travel-related diseases, including: borreliosis, chikungunya, dengue, malaria, plague, Q-fever, rabies, severe acute respiratory syndrome, smallpox, tick-borne encephalitis, viral haemorrhagic fevers, West Nile fever, yellow fever.

Food- and Waterborne Diseases and Zoonoses Programme
The programme includes: anthrax, botulism, campylobacteriosis, cholera, echinococcosis, hepatitis A, legionellosis, listeriosis, norovirus infection, salmonellosis, shigellosis, toxoplasmosis, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection, and other diseases.

Influenza Programme
The programme covers all aspects of influenza; seasonal influenza, pandemic influenza and avian influenza, influenza vaccination, antivirals and antiviral resistance.

Sexually Transmitted Infections, including HIV and Blood-borne Viruses Programme
This programme was set up in September 2006. The programme covers Chlamydia infection, gonorrhoea, syphilis, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV infection and AIDS.



Tuberculosis Programme
The programme was set up in 2006 and covers all aspects of Tuberculosis (TB), a disease that remains a threat to human health world wide and in Europe. Despite the fact that the situation concerning TB in the EU has dramatically improved over the past decades, TB is considered a re-emerging disease of European importance.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases Programme
The programme covers general issues concerning vaccination and the following diseases: diphtheria, infections with Haemophilus influenzae type B, measles, meningococcal disease, mumps, pertussis, pneumococcal infections.

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