

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
and
The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, hereinafter referred to as the ECDC, and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, hereinafter referred to as the CDC (collectively referred to as the Participants);

Considering that it is within their common interest to enhance their co-operation;

TAKING NOTE with satisfaction of the progress achieved so far on the identification of possible areas of mutual interest concerning an enhanced effort on joint co-operation;

AGREEING, within their respective mandates, in the joint need to develop information exchange and better mutual understanding between both Organizations;

AGREEING on their joint interest to increase collaboration and co-operation between both Organizations, relating to different topics including epidemiological issues and infectious diseases prevention and control;

Intend as follows:

Part 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum is to enhance the co-operation between the ECDC and the CDC on matters of mutual interest in particular through efforts at information exchange, better mutual understanding and increased collaboration.

Part 2

Areas of Co-operation

1. Co-operation between the two Organisations is intended to relate to communicable disease matters, including epidemiological issues and infectious diseases prevention and control in accordance with their respective mandates.

2. The ECDC and the CDC, where possible and appropriate, plan to:
 - (a) Co-ordinate their efforts to exchange information relating to disease prevention and control in the areas of their respective mandates;
 - (b) Arrange and facilitate the secondment and exchange of personnel, (liaison officers) as appropriate;
 - (c) Facilitate collaboration and co-operation in the interest of their respective activities and mandates.

Part 3

Mutual Consultation

The ECDC and the CDC expect to:

- (a) Consult each other regularly and endeavour to keep each other informed on strategic matters of common interest, for the purpose of achieving their respective objectives;
- (b) Consult each other to ensure a degree of co-ordination in regard to questions in which both Organisations have an interest;
- (c) Consider the designation of one or more staff members for the maintenance of close, direct and continuing contacts with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding;
- (d) Consult each other in the event of an emerging health threat that may affect or concern the United States or Europe.

Part 4

Confidentiality of information

Each Participant should ensure that information received on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to its confidentiality and security standards for the processing of information.

Part 5

Amendments

1. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by written mutual consent between the ECDC and the CDC at any time in accordance with their respective requirements.

Part 6

Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum may be terminated by either Participant giving at least three months' prior written notice to the other Participant. Termination would affect only the pursuit of new projects under the Memorandum of Understanding. Projects under way are expected to be governed by specific implementing agreements.

Part 7
Entry into force

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force upon the signature of both Participants.

Done inon..... 2007 in two copies in the English language.

For the ECDC



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