



## What is the EU Health Task Force (EUHTF)

The EUHTF is a dedicated public health taskforce coordinated by ECDC

- Working upon specific request
- Providing in-country or remote support
- Collaborating with EU/EEA Member States, EC and global health security partners
- Provide **operational and crisis preparedness support**
- Covering communicable diseases and diseases of unknown origin



### Preparedness

- Inputs on or **review of MS preparedness and response plans** or guidance e.g. following PHEPA assessments
- Testing of preparedness and response plans such as **simulation exercises**
- In-Action Reviews (**IAR**), After-Action Reviews (**AAR**)
- Other requested activities

### Response

- Threat detection and monitoring, including following disasters or during **mass gathering events**
- **Risk assessment**
- Outbreak investigation and response, including **rare or emerging pathogens**
- Operational research or investigation during outbreaks, such as of **cross-border outbreaks**

## Summary of activities conducted by the EUHTF

### Assignments:



#### Requests

19 accepted



#### Locations

11 EU/EEA  
4 Non-EU/EEA



#### Experts engaged

25 deployed  
25 supported remotely

### Inside the EU/EEA

Multi-country operational research

Two mass gathering events: Epidemic intelligence and response

Mass gathering event: Surveillance and risk assessment

Training on surveillance, data collection and outbreak investigation

AAR

Measles data management support

AAR Development of an EOC

AAR Guidance on national workforce capacity estimation

### Outside the EU/EEA

**Ukraine:** Rapid Risk Assessment related to a flooding event

**Israel and occupied Palestinian Territories:** Response to infectious disease events associated with the escalation of violence, through GOARN and DG ECHO (to UNRWA in Jordan)

**Zambia:** Response to cholera, through GOARN and DG INTPA

**DRC:** Response to mpox, through GOARN, DG ECHO and DG INTPA

**Rwanda:** Response to Marburg virus disease, through DG ECHO



### Training:

First EUHTF training on **designing simulation exercises**, 27 participants



### Partner Engagement:

Ongoing consultation with the **EUHTF Advisory Group**, including MS, EC, WHO/GOARN and international NGOs  
**Annual Stakeholder Meeting**  
**Quarterly Webinars**



## How to request collaboration with the EUHTF

Competent authorities in EU/EEA countries (national coordinators and national focal points) can request activation of the EUHTF through [EpiPulse](#) by following three simple steps:

1. Log in with credentials
2. Go to 'Collaborate' tab (top right on the main menu)
3. Click 'Request EU Health Task Force support'



Requests from countries outside of the EU/EEA and international organisations are welcome. Requests for support can be sent by emailing the EUHTF Coordination Team at [euhtf@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:euhtf@ecdc.europa.eu).

## Expert pools



### ECDC Expert Pool:

Current ECDC Staff - Operational



### ECDC Fellowship Pool:

Current fellows of ECDC and affiliated field epidemiology and microbiology programmes - Operational



### EUHTF External Expert Pool:

Technical experts in EU/EEA MS – Partially operational, being built in a step-wise approach.  
Currently includes recently graduated ECDC fellows.

## Events for 2025

- EUHTF **Webinars**, quarterly
- Continued **EUHTF Advisory Group** engagement
- **EUHTF WHA-side event** and **third annual EUHTF Stakeholder Meeting**, May 2025
- **GOARN Tier 2 Outbreak response scenario training**, September 2025



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