



EU HEALTH TASK FORCE



Bulletin 2025

EU Health Task Force (EUHTF)

The EUHTF is a dedicated public health taskforce coordinated by ECDC in collaboration with the European Commission. It works alongside EU/EEA Member States and global health security partners to provide **operational** and **crisis preparedness support** upon request for:

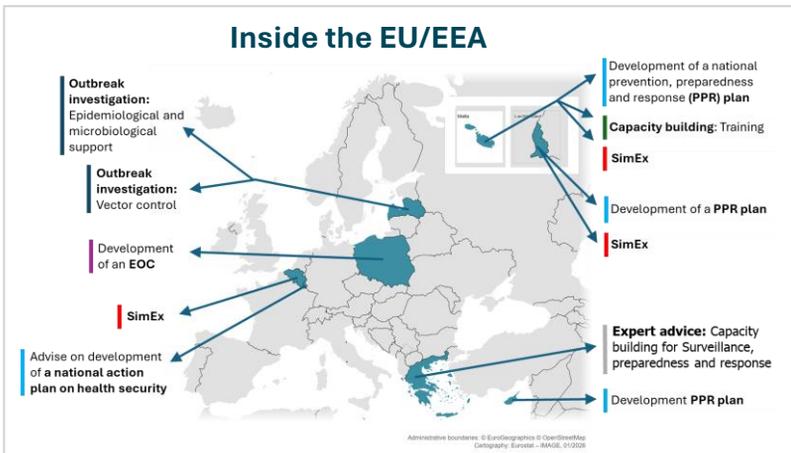


- Communicable diseases and diseases of unknown origin
- In-country or remote support

Summary of activities conducted by the EUHTF in 2025

Assignments:

- Requests:** 14 accepted, 4 ongoing
- Locations:** 12 EU/EEA, 2 Non-EU/EEA
- Experts:** 15 engaged, 6 deployed



Outside the EU/EEA

Sierra Leone: Response to the mpox outbreak, through DG ECHO (UCPM)

DRC: Response to the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak. Joint deployment with Africa CDC, under the Africa CDC-ECDC partnership project (DG INTPA)



Assignment Highlights

Outbreak investigation in EU/EEA

Outbreak of STEC in Latvia

1 microbiologist and **1 epidemiologist** deployed for **1 week** in April 2025

Provided support for outbreak investigation, epidemiological analysis and the interpretation on the laboratory and genomic findings



Pre-and post-PHEPA

Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Malta: Support in developing prevention, preparedness, and response plans

Luxembourg: Support in developing a national action plan following the PHEPA recommendations

Belgium, Liechtenstein, Malta: Support (ongoing) to design and conduct simulation exercises



Training

GOARN Tier II: Outbreak response scenario training; 24/7 Scenario-based training over 5 days, 24 participants

Aim: Strengthen the ability of experts to respond to an outbreak with a coordinated multidisciplinary focus, in an international team



Outbreak investigation tools, R training: 3 days, 30 participants

Aim: To prepare participants, with basic previous knowledge, to use R for outbreak investigations

Partner Engagement



Ongoing consultation with the **EUHTF Advisory Group**, including MS, EC, WHO/GOARN and international NGO members

Annual Stakeholder Meeting

Hosted the **GOARN Global meeting of partner- EURO session**

Quarterly Webinars

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 and EPIET-Alumni Network members



Events for 2026

- EUHTF **Webinars**, quarterly
- Continued **EUHTF Advisory Group** engagement
- **GOARN Tier 2 Outbreak response scenario training**, May 2026
- **Training on outbreak tools**, October 2026
- **EUHTF Stakeholder Meeting**, Q4 2026

Requesting support

EU/EEA countries can use [EpiPulse](#)

Countries outside of the EU/EEA and international organisations can email the EUHTF Coordination Team at euhtf@ecdc.europa.eu.

