

# EU INITIATIVE ON HEALTH SECURITY

## Objective

To set up a regional workforce responsible for the prevention and control of challenges posed by communicable diseases and enhancing regional cooperation to tackle cross-border health security threats in EU candidate and potential candidate countries and European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries.

## Implementation

2020-2025

## Partners

Southern Neighbourhood (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine<sup>1</sup>, and Tunisia), Eastern Neighbourhood (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) and EU Enlargement countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo<sup>2</sup>, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye)

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<sup>1</sup> This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

<sup>2</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

## Main activities

### **Stronger partner Field epidemiology workforce development through Mediterranean and Black Sea Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (MediPIET)**

- ❖ Three cohorts of field epidemiologists will be trained to carry out essential public health functions for prevention and control of communicable diseases in partner countries
- ❖ Strengthening of MediPIET Network and ensuring sustainability of the training programme in the regions

### **Countries' capacities to assess, detect, respond and prevent threats from communicable diseases, as well as enhanced regional cooperation**

- ❖ Assessment of partner countries public health emergencies preparedness and short term sectorial ECDC mission to advise partner countries on specific public Health emergency preparedness activities
- ❖ Advanced courses on Epidemic Intelligence and Risk Assessment
- ❖ Scenario-based workshops and regional simulation exercises to test national and cross-border emergency response plans with their following revision based on lessons learnt

### **Integration into ECDC systems, knowledge sharing and networking**

- ❖ Partner countries integration into ECDC network for Threat Detection, Preparedness and Response
- ❖ Partner countries participation in ECDC thematic events based on the specific interests of each partner country
- ❖ Piloting Regional Health Security Network to ensure a platform for timely exchange of information and coordinated response to health emergencies
- ❖ Exchange of experts within diseases specific networks