

# INFORMATION SESSION ON EBOLA PANELS

EU preparedness and response –  
learning from the Ebola outbreak

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## Ebola lessons learned

- Ebola hit countries where health systems are weakest und seriously underfinanced
  - **For a sustainable response,**  
"Health Systems should be strengthened towards resilient systems to include core capacities for IHR implementation reinforcing epidemiological surveillance for all"

*(Conclusions of the Luxembourg Conference "Lessons learned for public health from the Ebola outbreak in West Africa – how to improve preparedness and response in the EU for future outbreaks")*

# Ebola



European Union's Response  
**€2 Billion**  
close to  
provided by EU Institutions and Member States  
including



Development and  
early recovery assistance



Humanitarian aid to address  
the most urgent needs



Research

## Ebola lessons learned

- 22 December 2015

### Third Report from Christos Stylianides, EU Ebola Coordinator, to the European Council (16 December 2015)

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/stylianides/announcements/third-report-christos-stylianides-eu-ebola-coordinator-european-council-16-december-2015\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/2014-2019/stylianides/announcements/third-report-christos-stylianides-eu-ebola-coordinator-european-council-16-december-2015_en)



- Need for continued vigilance given the ever-present threat of a resurgence of the epidemic

## Lessons learned : What worked well !

- Financial support for affected countries, including NGO's and international community
- Research into diagnostics, vaccines and treatments
- Active use of the EU's Civil Protection Mechanism
- Deployment of four mobile laboratories



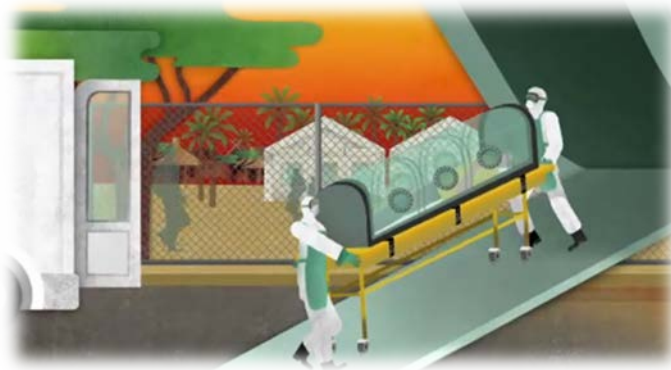
## Lessons learned : What worked well !

- ECDC mobilization of 80 epidemiological experts
- Support to the setting up of an African Centre for Disease prevention and Control
- EU delegations operational throughout the crisis
- An instrumental EU Health Security Committee for public health response
- Good coordination at EU level with key partners



## Lessons learned: What worked well but took some time to develop !

- EU medical evacuation system because there was little specialized capacity available





# Lessons learned: Areas where we still need to improve !

- 'The response system' failed (WHO, Global Health Clusters, Humanitarian System (HC, Agencies, NGO's))
- Few risk assessments
- Poor needs assessment and coordination
- Triggering: down play an outbreak?
- Gap in mobilising multidisciplinary response and medical teams
- Research on forgotten diseases
- Poor health services in the affected countries





# Public Health - Lessons learned conference



Conference "lessons learned for public health from the Ebola outbreak in West Africa – how to improve preparedness and response in the EU for future outbreaks" - Mondorf les Bains, 12-14 October 2015

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/preparedness\\_response/events/ev\\_20151012\\_en.htm#c](http://ec.europa.eu/health/preparedness_response/events/ev_20151012_en.htm#c)

## Public Health - Lessons learned conference

### **4 Parallel workshops covering the following subject areas:**

1. The Ebola outbreak as a complex crisis: the EU response and inter-sectoral cooperation
2. The exchange of good practice and the lessons learned related to pre-clinical management, clinical management and Ebola research response
3. The development of emergency risk communication procedures in response to future outbreaks
4. EU preparedness and response planning as part of global health security

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- Reinforce decision making and strategic response under EU Health Security Committee
- Inter-sectoral collaboration of the response coordination
- Build on and joint procurement of medical countermeasures should be used more effectively

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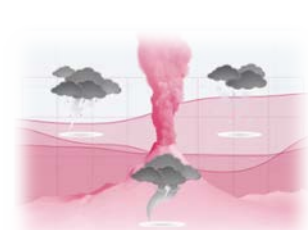
- Strong call for a long term engagement to support medical evacuation and health systems preparedness including access to intensive care treatment,
- Prevent infections, to help protect population health, develop health systems emergency plans in line with WHO's emphasis on health system strengthening and implementation of the IHR core capacities,
- Implement control standards and to advance research and development for medical countermeasures before an outbreak occurs,

## Public Health - Lessons learned conference

- Importance of intensive care treatment for the cure of Ebola,
- Call for global collaboration on research,
- Health Security Committee Communicators' Network as the EU framework for health communication,
- Strengthen the EU medical corps, global governance based on the WHO framework, and exit screening.

## Public Health - Lessons learned conference

- Importance of effectively follow-up on these lessons learned, within the EU but also at a more global level.
- Take forward preparedness and response planning at EU level is Decision 1082/2013 on serious cross-border threats to health



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### ➤ Preparedness research

- Recommendations of the WHO "Blueprint on Research & Development"
- Join the Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness

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## Next steps

- February 2016 : Launch of the EU Medical Corps



## Next steps

- Support WHO in their efforts to reform emergencies and outbreaks operations

**SECOND REPORT OF THE ADVISORY GROUP ON REFORM OF WHO'S WORK IN OUTBREAKS AND EMERGENCIES**

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# High level Conference on Global Health Security

*Solutions for strengthening States' capacities under the IHR*

22-23 March 2016

Lyon, France



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For Your Attention**