



The first ring of Action: activities to reinforce the epidemiological surveillance and detection capacity of EU neighbouring countries 2010-2017

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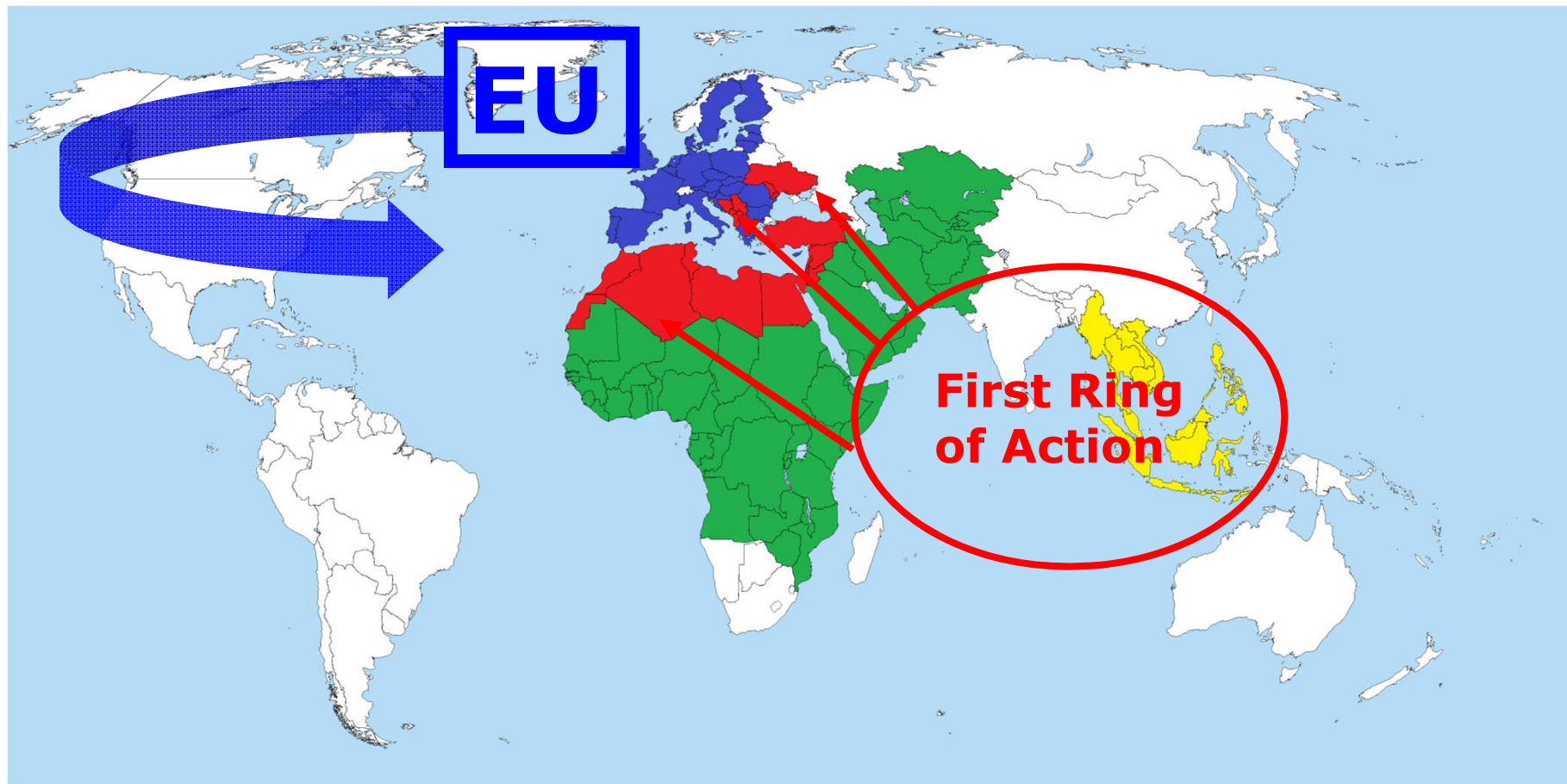
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Objective

- To increase the health security in the Mediterranean area, South-East Europe and the Black Sea Region
- To enhance and strengthen the preparedness to common health threats and bio-security risks at national and regional levels in the countries of the EU Neighbourhood
- To contribute to IHR implementation

Involved Countries



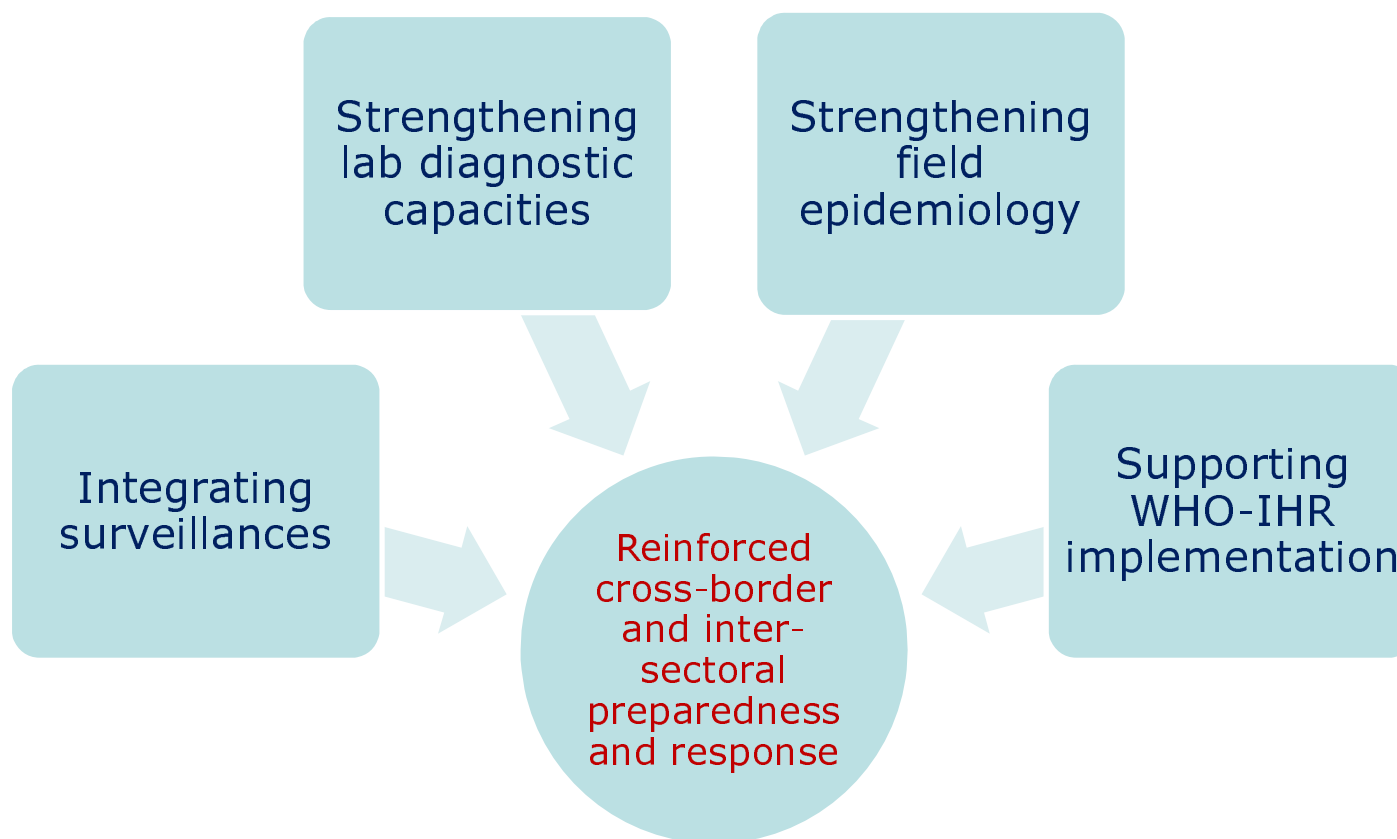


Collaborating Institutions

1. *European Commission: EuropeAid-DG DEVCO – EC DG SANCO – EC DG JRC*
2. *European Agency: EAHC (now CHAFEA) – ECDC*
3. *WHO*
4. *Instituto de Salud Carlos III - FIIAPP Cooperación Espanola - Instituto Nacional de Tecnologia Agraria y Alimentaria*
5. *Institut Pasteur – Institut de Recherche pour le Developmnet*
6. *Italian National Institute for Health - Italian Ministry of Health*



Multisectoral strategy



Capacity building strategy



Sectors of activities



- Laboratories diagnostic capacities



- Field Epidemiology



- Integrated Surveillance



- IHR implementation



Laboratories

Human Virology
Animal Virology
Medical Entomology

- 16 Training Modules for 57 Regional Labs (440 participants) on:
- Emerging arboviruses
- Emerging respiratory viruses
- Biosafety
- Future target viruses and hemorrhagic fevers

Field Epidemiology

Public Health
Institutes

- 32 Training Sessions for 19 Public Health Institutes (650 participants) on field epidemiology:
- Senior specialists, Train the trainers
- Junior specialists
- Specific modules: Ebola, CBRN etc

Integrated Surveillance

Human Virology
Animal Virology
Medical Entomology
&
National Surveillance
Systems

- Concerted and coordinated response to health crisis:
- Common tools
- Common procedures
- Interoperable systems for exchanging data

IHR implementation

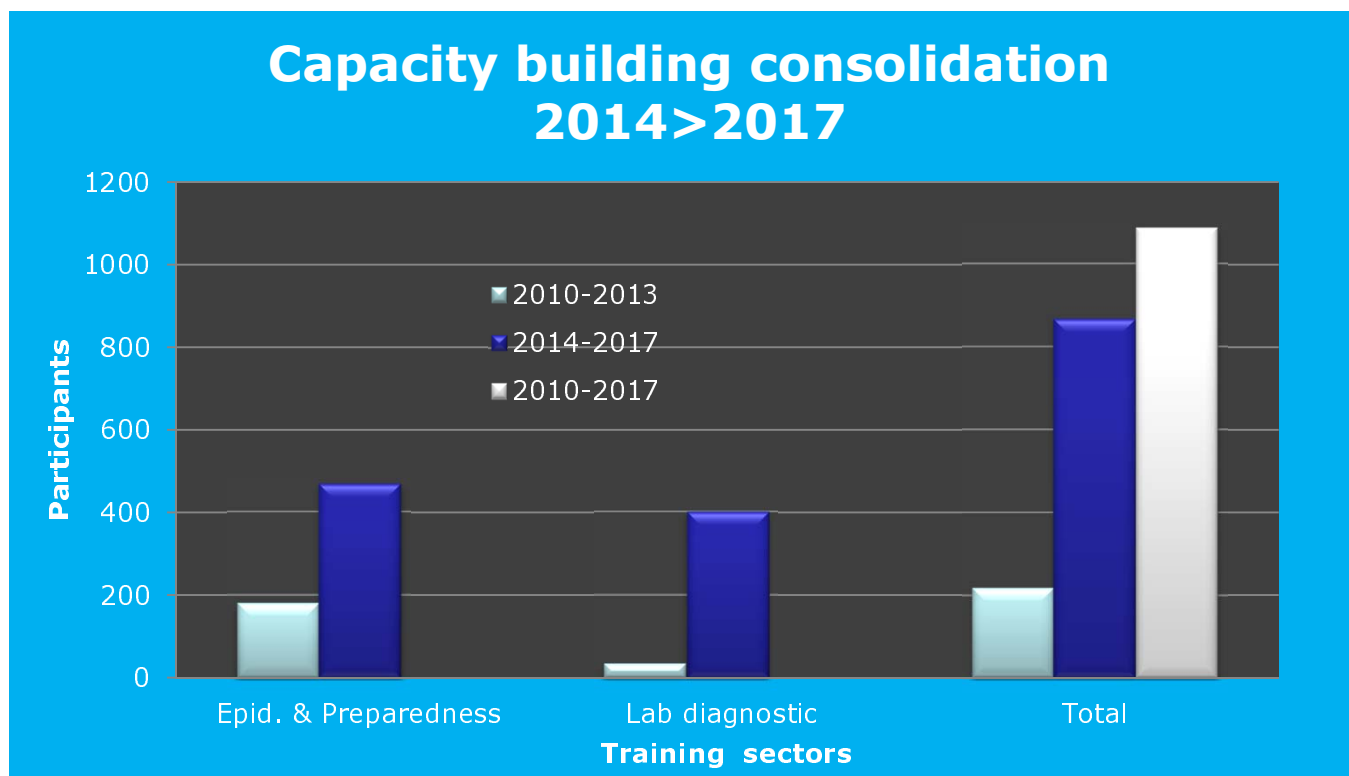
Health Security at
Ports, Airports and
Ground Crossing
(Ports of Entry)

- Appropriate measures to control natural or intentional spread of diseases:
- Foster collaboration, information and knowledge sharing
- Technical guidance for points of entry activities
- Trainings

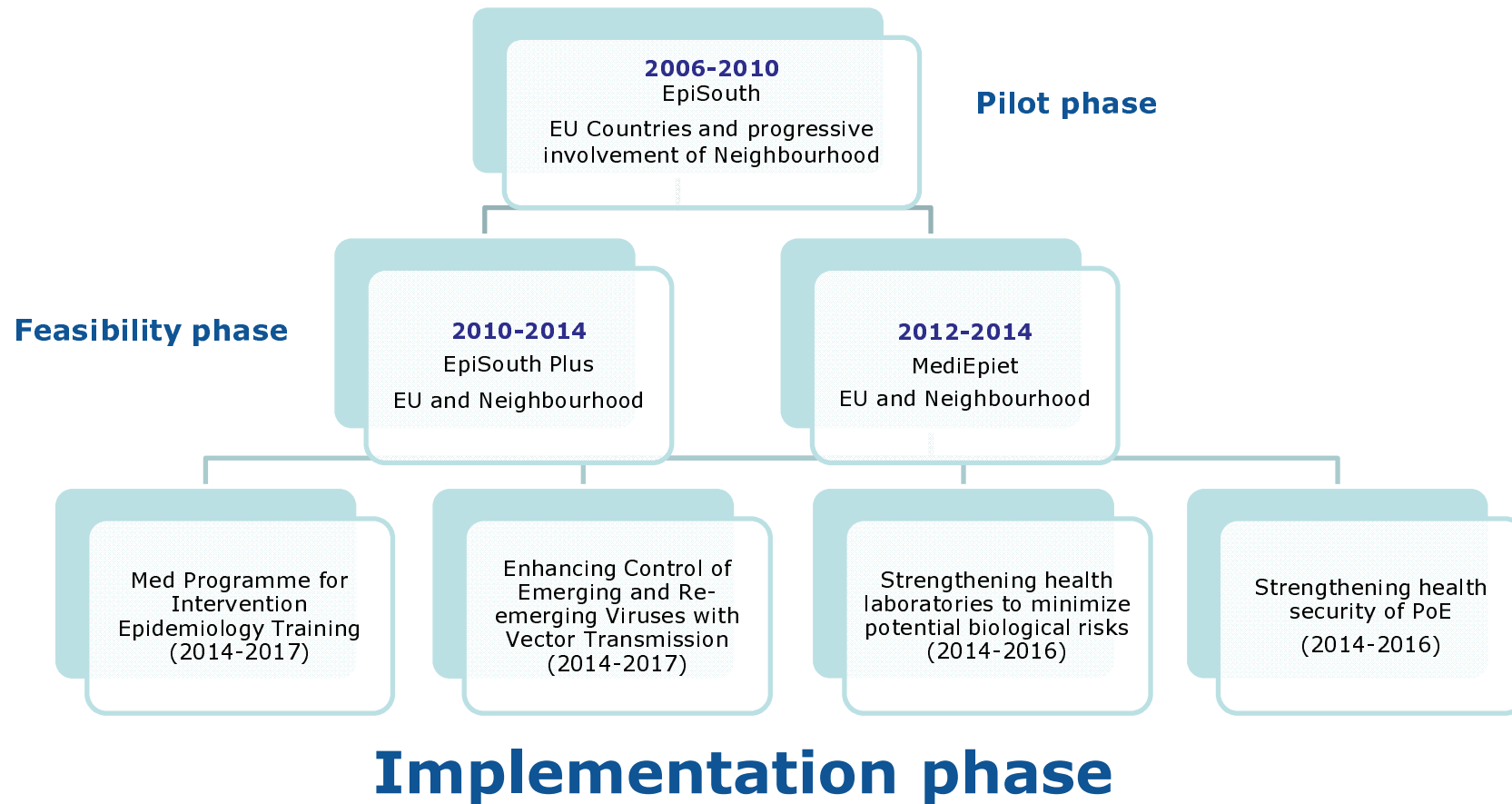
Results achieved

- *Networking increased and facilitated working relationships: sharing knowledge and info without reservation*
- *Creation of an environment able to address specific global and trans-regional threats*

Capacity building 2010-2013 & 2014-2017



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