

<b>Objective</b>	To set up a regional competent workforce for the prevention and control of challenges posed by communicable diseases and to enhance regional cooperation to tackle cross-border health security threats
<b>Implementation</b>	2020-2024
<b>Partners</b>	Southern Neighbourhood (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine*, and Tunisia), Eastern Neighbourhood (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) and EU Enlargement countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo**, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey)
<b>Funding</b>	<b>6 000 000 EUR (with additional 3 000 000 EUR)</b> funded by the Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)
<b>Main activities</b>	<p><b>Field epidemiology workforce development through Mediterranean and Black Sea Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (<a href="#">MediPIET</a>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Two cohorts of field epidemiologists will be trained to carry out essential public health functions for prevention and control of communicable diseases in partner countries</li> <li>❖ Strengthening of MediPIET Network and ensuring sustainability of the training programme in the regions</li> </ul> <p><b>Stronger partner countries' capacities to assess, detect, respond and prevent threats from communicable diseases, as well as enhanced regional cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 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</li> <li>❖ Advanced courses on Epidemic Intelligence and Risk Assessment</li> <li>❖ Scenario-based workshops and regional simulation exercises to test national and cross-border emergency response plans with their following revision based on lessons learnt</li> </ul> <p><b>Integration into ECDC systems, knowledge sharing and networking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Partner countries integration into ECDC network for Threat Detection, Preparedness and Response</li> <li>❖ Partner countries participation in ECDC thematic events based on the specific interests of each partner country</li> <li>❖ Piloting Regional Health Security Network to ensure a platform for timely exchange of information and coordinated response to health emergencies</li> </ul>

\* 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.

\*\* 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