



- Multi sectorial table top exercise at **national level** for **all points of entries** (Milestone 9.6)
- Table top / simulation exercises at **ports (local level)** (Milestone 7.5, Milestone 7.17, M 7.19)
- Table top / simulation exercises at **airports (local level)** (Milestone 6.11, Milestone 6.12, Milestone 6.13)
- Table top /simulation exercises at **ground-crossings (local level)** (Milestone 5.8, M 5.10, Milestone 5.11, Milestone, 5.12)

A meeting to discuss the above tasks with the Work Package leaders of WP5, WP6 and WP7 (UKE, UTH and NIPH) was held and it was suggested to make the following changes in the objective and focus of the exercise as described below:

A guideline document will be developed by leaders of WP9 according to the initial plan on how to conduct a table top /simulation exercise that will include also logistic aspects and provide references to all relevant resources (ECDC guidance, WHO, AIRSAN etc.) with focus at the points of entry. It will include also advice on how to prioritize and decide on the scale, the subject and the authorities to be involved and also to develop a long term plan for exercises.

For the multi sectorial table top exercise at national level for all points of entries (Milestone 9.6) it was suggested to focus on a scenario that will include retrospective contact tracing using the dPLF application. It was discussed that it is important and relevant to COVID-19 to show the importance of contact tracing and at the same time the usefulness of a digital PLF. For this TTE we will provide countries with a full scale TTE package including a scenario, injects, evaluation questionnaires and template for reporting results. Access to the EU digital PLF will be provided if requested.

As described in the contract the three local level exercises to be developed under work packages 5, 6 and 7 will be used at a local level by each country at their designated PoE to test applicability of contingency plans and to publish reports. We suggest instead of developing one specific scenario to develop a document with instructions for testing the local contingency plan. For each component of the contingency plan a brief scenario outline will be provided as an example (not a detailed scenario with injects) and the templates required to be used for the organisation of the TTE. Countries will then be able to decide and prioritise according to their national context and needs the part of the contingency plan they want to test and will be able to use as a basis the brief scenarios provided. We also suggest to not have mandatory the publishing of reports under the HG context and to modify the milestones referring to reporting requirements from countries since many countries have already informed us they will not have the capacity and time to conduct exercises before the end of the joint action.

**We would like to include the above changes in the upcoming amendment hence we would highly appreciate to have your agreement on the above suggested modifications as soon as possible and not later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

We remain at your disposal for any further clarifications.

Kind regards,

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