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Work package 6

- Work package title: Preparedness and Response planning
- Objective: Support EU MS and JA partner countries in developing operation inter-sectoral preparedness and response plans for serious cross-border health threats with an integrate all hazards approach



Currently expected results

- Development of integrate multisectoral preparedness and response plan
 - Review of international and/or national tools and planning instruments
 - Support partners and MS in development of a draft for an integrated multisectoral preparedness and response plan
- Scenario for “Disease X” developed, simulated and evaluated at national levels
- Learning from “Disease X” scenario by testing multisectoral preparedness and response plan in e-learning and tabletop exercises
- Best practice guidelines, both general and tailor-made standards for all hazard integrated preparedness and response planning are provided to all participating countries



The reasons for WP6 amendments

- The COVID-19 situation makes it evident that Member States have been surprised by the extent of the need for multisectoral collaboration
- The COVID-19 is a better Disease X scenario than we could have developed, we should take full advantage of it
- Considering the magnitude of the COVID-19 crisis and the research needs, we should focus on the present crisis. The output can be generalised in another context using an all hazards approach
- A lack of coherency at some points within the current WP6 task description



Expected results after amendments

- Identifying the key aspects of multisectoral collaboration during preparedness and response
- Understanding multisectoral collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Understanding the sectors and factors that play defining roles in determining the testing strategies in EU countries
 - Understanding the citizens' perception of the citizen's role in the COVID-19 public health preparedness and response system
 - Exploring the public health officials' experiences and lessons learned regarding multisectoral collaboration during the COVID-19 crisis



(1) Identifying the key aspects of multisectoral collaboration during preparedness and response

- Method: An integrative review
- Output: A report
- Suggested: October-November 2020 (as initially agreed)
- Status: Writing the report



(2) Understanding the sectors and factors that play defining roles in determining the testing strategies in EU countries

- Method: Semi-structured interviews with 3 individuals involved in the testing strategy (a public health professional, a laboratory professional and a policy-maker) from seven EU countries each (n=21)
- Output: A presentation/report
- Suggested deadline: January 2021
- Status: The invitation letters and interview guides are ready



(3) Understanding the citizens' perception of the citizen's role in the COVID-19 public health preparedness and response system

- Method: 3 focus groups with citizens (n=21) per JA SHARP Member State that wants to participate
- Output: A report
- Suggested deadline: January 2021
- Status: The focus group protocol is ready for translation



(4) Exploring the public health officials' experiences and lessons learned regarding multisectoral collaboration during the COVID-19 crisis

- Method: Survey study
- Output: A report
- Suggested deadline: March 2021
- Status: The survey must be developed



The RIVM's questions:

- Are there any overlaps with already undertaken or planned studies?
- Which steps do we need to take from here and what is the timeframe per step?
- When can we expect to have approval to start our activities?