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# European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control



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# REGULATION establishing a European centre for disease prevention and control (EC) No 851/2004



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# ECDC Regulation

- Explains how the work of the Centre is organised
- Imposes some obligations on the Member States
- No transposition is needed but decisions and action by the Member State authorities are necessary.

# Background

- Concerns about the control of communicable diseases
- The four freedoms of the EU + 1
- Networking: surveillance, early warning and response
- The need for a solid basis for action
- The Centre: a permanent, sustainable public health capacity

# ECDC's mission

The mission of the Centre shall be to identify, assess and communicate current and emerging threats to human health from communicable diseases.

# ECDC's main tasks

- a) collect, evaluate and disseminate data;
- b) provide scientific opinions and scientific and technical assistance, including training;
- c) provide timely information...;
- d) co-ordinate the European networking and operate the dedicated surveillance networks,
- e) exchange expertise and best practices, and facilitate joint actions.

# ECDC's bodies

## ■ Director and the staff

- 4 units

## ■ Management Board

- one representative from each Member State
- two designated by the European Parliament
- three designated by the Commission
- (EFTA countries as non-voting members)
- (Applicant countries as observers)

## ■ Advisory Forum

- representatives of national institutes
- stakeholders

# What are the roles?

## Commission

- Management of public health risks at EU level
- Close liaison with Member States
- Legislative role
- Development of policies

## Centre

- Surveillance
- Network national institutes
- Operate the warning system
- Pool expertise



# Obligations of the Member States



# Mission and tasks of the Centre

## Obligation to cooperate

- The Centre, the Commission and the Member States shall cooperate to promote effective coherence between their respective activities.

# Obligations of the Member States

- Provide to the Centre in a timely manner relevant scientific and technical data
- Communicate to the Centre any messages forwarded to the Community via the early warning and response system
- Identify, within the field of operation of the mission of the Centre, recognised competent bodies and public health experts who be made available to assist in Community responses to health threats, ...

# Representation of the Member States in the bodies of the Centre

- Designate one member and an alternate to the Management Board
  - Article 14
  - To secure the highest standard of competence and a broad range of relevant expertise
  - A four year term, extensible
- Designate one member to the Advisory Forum
  - Article 18 – detailed rules

# Members of the Advisory Forum

- From technically competent bodies which undertake tasks similar to those of the Centre
- Recognised for scientific competence
- Shall not be members of the Management Board

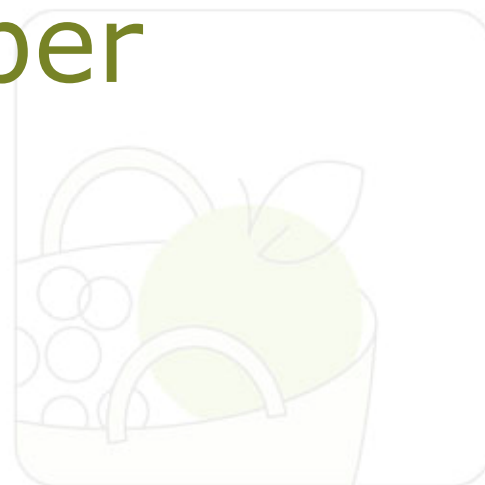
# Declaration of interest

- Members of the Management Board, Advisory Forum and scientific panels
- Shall undertake to act in the public interest
- A declaration of commitment
- A declaration of interests

# Confidentiality

- Members of the Management Board ... and Advisory Forum ... shall be subject to the requirements of confidentiality pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty.
  - This applies even after their duties have ceased.

# ECDC and the Member States

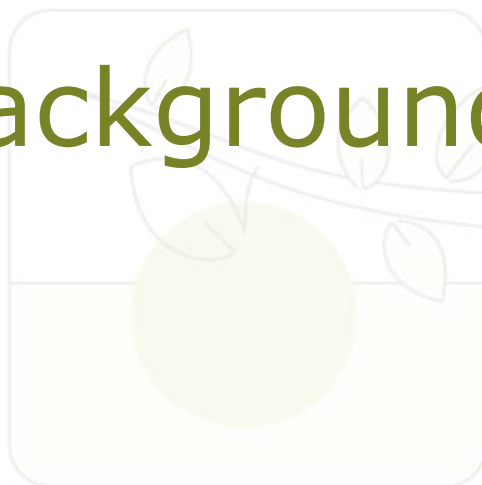




# A Member State may

- request a scientific opinion;
- request the provision of scientific or technical assistance, such as aiding to develop technical guidelines, providing expert assistance and mobilising investigation teams;
- refer any act of the Centre to the Commission for the examination of its legality.

# General background



# ECDC Regulation – recital (5)

- An independent agency, named the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control should serve as a Community source of independent scientific advice, assistance and expertise from trained medical, scientific and epidemiological staff from its own resources or from those of recognised competent bodies acting on behalf of Member States' authorities responsible for human health.

# ECDC

**Director**

**Unit for  
Scientific  
Advice**

**Unit for  
Surveillance  
&  
Communication**

**Unit for  
Preparedness  
&  
Response**

**Management  
&  
Administration**

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# Work plan 2005-2006

- Networking, surveillance and data collection on communicable diseases
- Preparedness, response and emerging health threats
- Scientific opinions and studies
- Technical assistance and training
- Communications

# Basic Facts on the ECDC

■ Operational since May 2005 in Stockholm

■ Budget

■ 2005

4,9 million €

■ 2006

16,8 million €

■ 2007\*

26,5 million €

■ Staffing

■ 2005

29 persons

■ 2006

50 persons

■ 2007\*

90 persons

# Milestones

2003	Jul	Commission proposal for the Centre
2004	Apr Sep	Regulation establishing the Centre First Management Board meeting
2005	March April May	Director takes up the office First meeting of the Advisory Board The Centre operational
2006- 2007		Building up the Centre in terms of staff, networking and operations.
2007- 2008		Evaluation of the first years of the Centre.