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Teema: For action - Nomination process for the GenEpi-BioTrain (TB and  
AMR) is open

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saatja korral palume linke ja faile mitte avada.

TO:

National Focal Points for Microbiology  
National Focal Points for Surveillance, Tuberculosis, AMR, HAIs,  
Training; Operational Contact Points for Bioinformatics, Operational  
Contact Points (Microbiology and Epidemiology) for Tuberculosis,  
Antimicrobial-resistant isolates (AMRISO), Diseases Caused by  
Antimicrobial-Resistant Microorganisms (AMR), Healthcare-Associated  
Infections: Clostridium difficile Infections (HAI-CDI), Healthcare-  
Associated Infections: All (HAI-GEN); Contact Points for Operations for  
EURGen-Net, ERLTB-Net members, National Coordinators of ECDC Coordinating  
Competent Bodies

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your interest and active participation in the information  
meeting on the Training programme in genomic epidemiology and public  
health bioinformatics (GenEpi-BioTrain) on Friday, 18 October 2024.  
Attached you can find the presentations and meeting minutes. The  
recording of the information meeting is available on EVA ().

As promised, we would like to send you the official invitation letter to  
nominate participants for training blocks one, two and three (attached).  
Further information on the content and the target group for each training  
block can be found in the presentations attached.  
You can nominate up to two candidates per training block per pathogen  
wave. To apply, potential candidates should complete the following survey  
by providing their contact details, a brief CV, a statement explaining  
their interest in attending the training, and how they anticipate  
benefiting from it in their daily work. The survey also includes  
inquiries about their current bioinformatics skills. Additionally, the  
National Focal Point for Microbiology should provide a short document  
(Word or PDF) justifying the selection of this individual for the  
training and how the host institute can benefit from their participation.  
The potential candidate can attach this document within the survey before  
submission.

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As discussed in the meeting, we suggest that National Focal Points for Microbiology take the lead in the nomination process and coordinate with the NFPs for Surveillance and the NFPs of the respective disease groups. ECDC will then select candidates that best match the criteria to participate in the training course. Please bear in mind, that as there is a limited number of participants, nominating individuals does not guarantee their participation in the training. Of note: there will be no costs for training participants or countries, all costs for training, per diem, accommodation and travel arrangements will be covered.

When selecting nominees, the following should apply:

- \* Nominees must currently be employed in the public health sector in one of the EU/EEA countries/Western Balkans or Türkiye, and their work should include tasks to actively apply skills acquired as part of the training.
- \* Nominees should be selected by the NFPs in an effort to ensure maximum impact of the training on the public health sector they serve, taking into consideration:
  - \* their projected period of implementation of skills at the institute
  - \* possibilities of cascading training nationally
  - \* direct use of the acquired skills

The deadline for nominations is the 29 November 2024, EOB.

We would also like to encourage you to send us specific topics which you would like to be addressed during the 1-day (or 1-half-days) virtual trainings.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at .

Best regards,  
the ECDC Microbiology & GenEpi-BioTrain teams

Attachments:

- \* Presentations and meeting minutes from the information meeting 18 October 2024
- \* Invitation letter to nominate candidates for the training programme

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