

ECDC Working Group

Disease Programmes Unit, Section for sexually transmitted infections, blood-borne viruses and tuberculosis (SBT)

Working group on tuberculosis and migrant health

Background

In March 2024, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) established a working group on tuberculosis (TB) and migrant health to facilitate the exchange of current practices and challenges among countries in the European Union and European Economic Area (EU/EEA).

The working group aims to provide EU/EEA countries with advice on good practices to ensure the continuity of care for people who have been diagnosed with TB and transfer between EU/EEA countries.

Specific objectives

1. To identify and describe good practices to ensure the continuity of care for people with TB (in particular migrant populations), implemented in EU/EEA countries through cross-border collaborations.
2. To identify challenges experienced by treating physicians when transferring out people with TB migrating from one EU country to another.
3. To propose a basic information package to promote harmonised cross-border TB management across EU/EEA countries.

Duration of the working group activities

The duration of the working group activities is one year with possibility of a 6-month extension if required.

Membership

The working group consist of 14 experts from EU/EEA with experience in TB prevention and care activities. Working group members were selected after a nomination process whereby experts from the TB Disease Network submitted their expression of interest and National Coordinators from EU/EEA countries proposed national experts. Nominated experts were appointed by ECDC in their own individual and independent capacity based on their areas of expertise, after assessing their declarations of interest.

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