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Subject: Invitation to nominate participants to the simulation exercise to test the Union prevention, preparedness and response plan for health crises

Dear Members of the Health Security Committee,

We are pleased to invite you to nominate two (2) representatives of your country to participate in the in-person simulation exercise to test the Union prevention, preparedness and response plan for health crises ⁽¹⁾.

Event:	Simulation exercise to test the Union prevention, preparedness and response plan for health crises
Date and time:	25–26 June 2026 from 9.00–17.00 (till 16.00 on 26 June)
Place:	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Gustav III:s Boulevard 40 169 73 Solna, Sweden

The aim of this exercise is to test how the Union plan promotes effective and coordinated response to serious cross-border threats to health in the EU. The exercise tests the plan's capacity to (1) promote synergies between the Member States, the Commission and the relevant EU agencies and bodies, (2) to provide for joint arrangements for governance, capacities and resources, and (3) to support cross-border public health measures across neighbouring regions in accordance with Article 5 of the Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 on serious cross-border threats to health.

The exercise will centre around a scenario of a serious cross-border threat to health of biological origin. The scenario will include additional disruptive elements linked to cybersecurity and necessitating crisis communication.

⁽¹⁾ https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/commission-communication-introducing-union-prevention-preparedness-and-response-plan-health-crises_en

HSC Members – senior level
Permanent Representations to the EU
EU/EEA countries
(e-mail transmission only)

Ideally, at least one of the two participants to the exercise should be familiar with the coordination of response to serious cross-border threats to health at national and EU levels and especially within the Health Security Committee. If possible, one of the two participants should have experience with public health emergencies due to communicable diseases. Also, we strongly welcome participants from other relevant national authorities, related to overall preparedness beyond health. Registered participants will be provided with all necessary information to ensure their effective contribution to the exercise beforehand.

Practical arrangements

Travel, accommodation and meals (breakfast and lunch on both days, dinner on 25 June 2026) will be offered to the participants. Daily allowance is, however, not provided. PwC is the contractor in charge of the practical arrangements for the simulation exercise including travel and accommodation. The contractor will provide practical information to the participants upon registration.

Nomination of participants

Please nominate both participants from your country **in one submission** using this nomination survey <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/UnionSIMEX-Nomination> **by 31 March 2026 at 16:00 CET** at the latest.

Registration of participants

Nominated participants will receive an invitation to complete a registration survey managed by PwC.

Data Privacy

Please find detailed information on the processing of personal data in the context of the simulation exercise in the Privacy Statement enclosed.

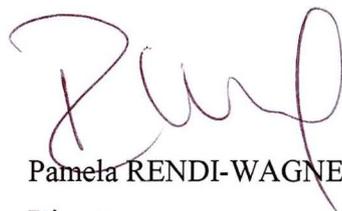
Questions

Should you have any questions regarding the organisation of the simulation exercise, please contact the Contractor at lu-health-tabletop@pwc.lu.

For any questions related to the implementation of the Union prevention, preparedness and response plan for health crises, don't hesitate to contact us at SANTE-HSC@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Privacy statement

c.c.: Council Working Party on Health
Council Ad Hoc Working Party on preparedness, response capability and
resilience to future crisis