Mediterranean Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training
as an approach to addressing international health risks in the Mediterranean Region

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Background

- Mediterranean region - different countries, common health problems!
Background (2)

- MediPIET – Mediterranean Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training - 2014-2017

Source: http://medipiet.eu/the-project/
• MediPIET family – 23 countries

[1] This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence
MediPIET aim:
• Consolidate a competent workforce
  – with the necessary competence
  – essential public health functions

Specific goals:
• Training national trainers and supervisors.
• Training a regional cadre of field epidemiologists competent in intervention epidemiology.
• Disseminating experience, knowledge and skills.
• Fostering country commitment/ownership and regional networking.
• Establishing the basis of a long-term regional training programme.
MediPIET Programme managing

- **PROJECT COORDINATION COMMITTEE**
  - chaired by DEVCO

- **SCIENTIFIC ADVICE**
  - chaired by ECDC

- **COUNTRIES’ PERSPECTIVE**

- **TRAINING CENTER FORUM**

- **3 TCF DELEGATES IN SAB**

- **MEDIPIET TEAM & THE CONSORTIUM**
  - FIIAPP & ISCIII

- **ALL NFP AT ONE PCC meeting each year**

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Methods

• A review of the results of the three-years implementation of the MediPIET program
Methods

MediPIET 2-year ‘learning-by-doing’ programme
- course trains individuals, through practical work
- supports sustainable training infrastructures, and
- enhance the overall capacities in the Mediterranean basin

MediPIET Curriculum
• 2-years competency-based “on job fellowship training”
  ✓ 10 weeks of didactic modules,
  ✓ 92 weeks of in-country projects and
  ✓ 4 weeks of International Assignments (IA)

Modules for fellows/external participants
  ❖ Introductory course
  ❖ Review modules (2),
  ❖ Diseases-oriented modules (2)
  ❖ Methods-oriented modules (2)
  ❖ Humanitarian crisis & Mass gathering
  ❖ CBRN Module
Results

Trainings of trainers (ToT) Modules (6)
- Public health professionals in position to become trainers/facilitators
- Building a national cadre of competent professionals and implement cascade trainings

18 Modules in three years
- 30-40 participants – fellows/exter.participants
- 10 experts (observers, educators, supervisors, scientific coordinators)
- In total more than 700 participants

Started process of:
- Establishment of sustainable training infrastructures
- Regional network of trainers and supervisors
- Provision of training materials in countries
- “Cascade trainings”
Results (2)

Training sites/centers establishment

• 24 candidates covered in both Cohorts as fellows,
• under the supervision of supervisors (x2), and
• scientific coordinators (4).

• The first Cohort (2014-2016)
  o completed course and graduated in time of the Second Annual Scientific Conference (ASC) in November 2016.

• The second Cohort (2015-2017)
  o finished in November 2017, at the Third ASC Conference
Annual Scientific Conferences - ASC

EMPHNET - MediPIET Joint Conference Day: success of a mutual collaboration!

More than 70 abstracts, more than 20 countries-participants

More than 80 abstracts, more than 20 countries-participants

190 participants, 180 received abstracts, 130 selected, nearly 30 participating countries
Conclusions


• Strengthened the country's capacities
• Created sustainable network of experts and institutions
• Established a comprehensive training infrastructure

Extension of a two years:

• chance to the member states/partners
  – more secure and reliable funding
  – more appropriate way of building sustainability
Recommendations

In the future, MediPIET:

• Should emphasize the need of deepening of collaboration with other international networks/organizations/institutions

• Find satisfactory funds to ensure sustainability of the project and build the future for MediPIET.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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