

Annual Meeting of Joint ECDC/WHO Surveillance Network for Tuberculosis

23–24 May 2011

Venue: NH Atlantic Hotel, Kijkduin, The Hague, Netherlands

Scope and purpose

Background

ECDC and the WHO Regional Office for Europe (the Regional Office) jointly coordinate TB surveillance in the Region. Both organizations agreed to share the data sent by the 54 countries, the activities deriving from the collection, validation, analysis and dissemination of information, and other tasks related to surveillance and monitoring of tuberculosis.

In order to perform these functions, a joint TB information system has been developed. A common reporting entry point has been set up for all the countries in the WHO European Region through a web page which has the logos of both organizations. TESSy and the Global TB data databases are used for the data collection, and data are validated and exchanged between ECDC and the WHO in order to avoid double reporting.

The focus of this year's Annual Meeting on TB Surveillance in Europe will be data quality and completeness. There will be presentations on how the information system operates regarding case-based and aggregated surveillance data, as well as data regarding TB management information.

The latest changes in TB data collection (HIV-TB, reporting to the global database, etc.) will also be reviewed during the meeting.

Participants will be asked to discuss the next Annual Surveillance and Monitoring Report in working groups and give feedback on developments and future changes.

Objectives

- To provide an overview of the TB epidemiological situation in the European Region;
- To discuss data quality and comprehensiveness and use of the data to assess the TB burden;
- To discuss the development and function and events of the Network.

Outcomes

- Participants are updated on the TB epidemiological situation and on the operations of the ECDC/WHO joint TB information system;
- Participants provide feedback on the implementation of the joint TB surveillance system, making proposals for possible changes in data collection and publication of the annual report.

Programme

Monday, 23 May

09:00 – 10:00 | Registration

10:00 – 10:30	Welcome, introductory remarks <i>Davide Manissero (ECDC)</i> <i>Masoud Dara (WHO/Europe)</i> <i>Peter Gondrie (Netherlands/KNCV)</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Session 1: Overview of TB epidemiology in the European Region, trends <i>Chair: Davide Manissero (ECDC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of TB epidemiology in the European Region, focus on M/XDR-TB (20') <i>Andrei Dadu (WHO/Europe)</i> - Overview of TB epidemiology in the EU/EEA, TOM in case based reporting (15') <i>Vahur Hollo (ECDC)</i> - Childhood TB in EU/EEA (15') <i>Davide Manissero (ECDC)</i> Discussion (30')
12.00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:45	Session 2: Quality and comprehensiveness of TB surveillance systems in Europe <i>Chair: Masoud Dara (WHO/Europe)</i> Keynote Speaker: Assessing and interpreting TB trends: the US CDC experience (30') <i>Kiren Mitruka (CDC Atlanta)</i> Country presentations (10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of data completeness and quality <i>Aigul Tursynbaeva (Kazakhstan)</i> - Assessing the quality and completeness of TB surveillance data in Germany <i>Bonita Brodhun (Germany)</i> - Assessing the completeness of TB reporting in the UK <i>Ibrahim Abubakar (UK)</i> Discussion (15')
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 – 16:15	Session 3: Introduction to working groups <i>Chair: Masoud Dara (WHO/Europe)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to working group session on 24 May (background paper): <i>Davide Manissero (ECDC) and Andrei Dadu (WHO/Europe) (20')</i> - Overview of changes in data collection implemented, following decisions of Annual Meeting 2010: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in TESSy, <i>Vahur Hollo (ECDC) (10')</i> - in CISID (TME), <i>Andrei Dadu (WHO/Europe) (10')</i> Questions and specifications (20')
19:00	Dinner

Tuesday, 24 May	
09:00 – 09:15	Summary of previous day <i>Chair: Delphine Antoine (France)</i>
09:15 – 10:30	Session 4: Updates on TB projects in the European Region <i>Chair: Delphine Antoine (France)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update of WHO activities/projects, MDR-TB Action Plan

	<p><i>Hans Kluge (WHO Europe) (20')</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update of ECDC TB activities/projects <i>Davide Manissero (ECDC) (20')</i> - Enhancing treatment outcome monitoring (TOM) of tuberculosis cases at EU level – provisional results of the project (20') <i>Suzanne Verver (KNCV) (20')</i> <p>Discussion (15')</p>		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 13:00	Session 5: Working groups		
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13:00 – 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Final session: working group reports from rapporteurs <i>Chair: Davide Manissero (ECDC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working group 1 (15') - Working group 2 (15') <p>Discussion (30')</p>		
15:30 – 15:40	<p>Closing remarks <i>Davide Manissero (ECDC)</i> <i>Masoud Dara (WHO/Europe)</i></p>		
Closure of the meeting (coffee available)			

Topic	Expected outcome	Responsible for organization	Responsible for content
Report on epidemiological situation 2009	Latest data on the TB epidemiological situation in Europe are presented.	ECDC, WHO	ECDC, WHO
Assessing TB trends by surveillance data	New information about options for enhancing the data analyses of surveillance.	ECDC	Keynote Speaker
Overview of data quality assessments of countries	Participants are informed on the lab data set-up and availability as well as influence for comparability of epidemiological situation of TB in specific countries and their challenges regarding notification of laboratory data.	ECDC, WHO	Countries
Developments in the networking activities and follow-up of TOM surveillance	Participants are informed on the TOM surveillance project at EU level and project results.	ECDC, WHO	ECDC, WHO
Working groups: Joint Monitoring/Surveillance Report 2012	Participants are asked to discuss plans for updates of Joint Monitoring/Surveillance Report 2010.	ECDC, WHO	ECDC, WHO
Working groups: presentation of results	Results and proposals from the working group discussions are presented.	ECDC, WHO	Working groups