



ECDC Management Board

# Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Meeting Stockholm, 25-26 November 2015

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## Summary of Proceedings – ECDC Management Board Meeting

The Thirty-fifth meeting of the ECDC Management Board (MB) convened in Stockholm, Sweden, on 25-26 November 2015. During the meeting, the Management Board:

- ❖ adopted the programme;
- ❖ adopted the minutes of the Thirty-fourth meeting;
- ❖ elected Dr Daniel Reynders as the new Chair of the ECDC Management Board;
- ❖ took note of the update from ECDC on the main activities since the last meeting;
- ❖ adopted the Terms of Reference and proposed the composition of the ECDC Management Board Working Group on Building Project: John F Ryan, European Commission, Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori, Member, European Parliament, Johan Carlson, Member, Sweden, Maria Grazia Pompa, Member, Italy and Tiiu Aro, Member, Estonia;
- ❖ took note and commented on the Draft Action Plan to address Recommendations arising from the second External Evaluation and the first Stakeholder Survey, and requested ECDC to make this a standing item on the MB agenda;
- ❖ adopted the Report on the implementation of the Work Programme 2015 up until present;
- ❖ agreed that advice should be sought from the Advisory Forum in respect to the ECDC Single Programming Document 2017 in order to ensure a commonly agreed upon document. In addition, the Management Board agreed to a Written Procedure for approval in January prior to sending the document to the European Commission, European Parliament and the Council;
- ❖ endorsed the Summary of discussions of the 30th meeting of the ECDC Audit Committee;
- ❖ adopted the Budget and Establishment Table 2016;
- ❖ took note of the Third Supplementary and Amending Budget 2015;
- ❖ adopted the Policy on data submission, access and use of data within TESSy;
- ❖ agreed to approve the Revised ECDC Independence Policy and Internal Procedures on Declarations of Interests by written procedure before year end (2015);
- ❖ took note of the presentations from the Luxembourgish and Dutch EU Presidencies;
- ❖ approved the ECDC-EFSA-EURLs collaboration agreement on the joint molecular-typing database;
- ❖ took note of the Future planning and organisation of ECDC Management Board meetings. It was also agreed that this matter will be addressed in a forthcoming Management Board meeting;
- ❖ agreed that the amended document "Criteria for ECDC participation in projects involving private sector partners", should be put forward at the next Management Board meeting in March 2016, after seeking the opinion of the Advisory Forum;
- ❖ took note of the update from the European Commission.



## Opening and welcome from the Chair (and noting the Representatives)

1. Tiiu Aro, Deputy Chair of the ECDC Management Board (MB), welcomed all the participants to the Thirty-fifth meeting of the Management Board. A special welcome was extended to Martina Brix, newly appointed Alternate, Austria, Lisbeth Høeg-Jensen, newly appointed Member, Denmark, Karl-Olaf Wathne, newly appointed Member, Norway and Amalia Serban, newly appointed Member, Romania. Apologies had been received from Croatia, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Slovenia and Spain. Proxies were noted as follows: Portugal – proxy given to Estonia, Spain – proxy given to Italy, Line Matthiessen, Member, European Commission, DG RTD – would arrive later to the meeting, proxy for such time was given to Martin Seychell, Member, European Commission, DG SANTE. No other proxies were announced.

## Welcome from the Acting Director, ECDC

2. Dr Andrea Ammon, Acting Director, ECDC, welcomed the Management Board members and noted that she was looking forward to the election of the new MB Chair as well as having productive discussions during the meeting.

## Adoption of the draft programme (and noting the declarations of interest and proxy voting, if any) (Document MB35/01 Rev.4)\*

3. Prior to adopting the programme, the Deputy Chair asked each member whether s/he wished to add any oral declaration(s) of interest to her/his existing Annual Declaration of Interest (DoI) submitted previously. None were declared.

The Management Board adopted the draft programme.

## Adoption of the draft minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Board (Stockholm, 16-17 June 2015) (Document MB35/02)\*

The Management Board adopted the minutes of the Thirty-fourth meeting of the Management Board.

## Election of the Chair of the ECDC Management Board (Document MB35/03 Rev. 1 and MB35/03 a and b)

4. In reference to the Election of the Chair of the ECDC Management Board, the Deputy Chair referred to the previous correspondence that was sent to the Members of the Management Board regarding the election procedure.

5. The procedure for the elections was thereafter recalled, and the following nomination was noted for the Chair of the MB: Dr Daniel Reynders, Member, Belgium (self-nominated). Germany and Portugal also supported this nomination. Reference was also made to rules and regulations of the voting procedure<sup>1</sup>. Proxy voting was duly noted.

6. The voting results for the Chair were announced: 29 votes out of 29 votes in favour of Dr Daniel Reynders, no abstentions.

7. The newly elected Chair thanked the Management Board members for their trust and support.

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\* Item for decision.

<sup>1</sup> Andrea Iber, Head of Section, Legal Services, informed the Management Board regarding the procedure. Clarifications on the two-thirds majority were made.

The Management Board elected Dr Daniel Reynders as the new Chair of the ECDC Management Board.

## **Update from ECDC on the main activities since the last meeting (Stockholm, 16-17 June 2015) (Document MB35/04)**

8. The Acting Director provided the Board with an update on the main activities since the last meeting. The presentation started with a reference to the new security measures as a response to the recent terrorist attacks in Paris. The current measures mean that the entrances to ECDC buildings have been restricted. In addition, all staff and visitors must wear their badges. A reference was also made to the security colleagues from ISPRA who visited ECDC for two days.

9. Several members thanked the Acting Director for this written update in referring to the feedback received on Document MB35/04, but also opined that its current format is quite lengthy and could be streamlined. The Board suggested that the MB could consider a more condensed future version, and allow more time in between so that MB members have the time to read it in its entirety. Martin Seychell, MB Member, DG SANTE, European Commission, proposed that Document MB35/04 can be further improved by annexing some of the information on the missions, conferences, etc. He also mentioned that it would be very useful to have some material on the progress regarding the main outputs of the workplan. In responding to the Commission's comment regarding the delay in receiving the document, ECDC Acting Director replied that given the lengthy size of the document, ECDC is looking into new ways in which to tailor the document.

10. Anne-Catherine Viso requested more information regarding the potential request from the Commission to ECDC related to the monitoring of vaccine shortages as it does not appear to be fully in the remit of the Centre.

11. Anni Virolainen-Julkunen, Member, Finland, requested more information regarding the vaccine shortages in the EU/EEA (meeting on 27 October 2015). In reference to this topic, Lucia Pastore Celentano, Acting Head of Disease Programme Vaccine-preventable Diseases, Office of Chief Scientist, mentioned that ECDC has regular teleconferences with EMA and the European Commission, to clarify the activities in more detail. It was recalled that ECDC's role is to focus chiefly on scientific evidence and on ways to minimise risks. It was agreed that ECDC will provide a regular update to the Board. ECDC shall conduct a pilot initiative on vaccine demand and will ensure that a repository is effectuated. ECDC is currently defining the terms of reference for this pilot. In reference to vaccine shortages, John Ryan mentioned that discussions continue in respect to EU vaccines manufacturers and work is still in progress regarding the facilitation of the delivery and timing of the vaccines for the populations (not the migrants). The Commission will revert with further news and inform the Management Boards of ECDC and EMA.

12. In reference to ECDC's presence in Guinea, the Acting Director informed that the process of deployment would be evaluated.

13. ECDC in collaboration with the Member States, the European Commission and the WHO, continues to closely monitor the situation in migrant health in order to rapidly identify and assess the potential risk of communicable disease outbreaks for refugee populations in the EU/EEA. ECDC has also set up an internal task force to oversee and coordinate ECDC's different activities on migrant health. In respect to migrant issues, Andrea Ammon also mentioned that infectious diseases are not an issue vis-a-vis migrants emanating from different countries. She noted that ECDC has already offered to carry out surveillance and has conducted risk assessments.

14. The Greek Alternate congratulated the incoming Chair and the Acting Director for the update. She stated that a more systematic approach should be used vis-a-vis migrant and refugee issues. Martin Seychell, MB Member, DG SANTE, European Commission, further stated that such cases of migrants are situated in the centres, thereby incurring hygienic challenges for all concerned. It is vital to establish what is truly required in terms of basic needs (blankets, food, etc.). Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori, Member, European Parliament, stated that clarity is needed in referring to health, as it does not only include infections, but also other diseases (e.g. traumatic stress). Although ECDC is covering only communicable diseases, psychiatric implications need to be discussed. In highlighting the mandate of ECDC (communicable diseases), the MB Chair stressed the importance of ECDC being involved in the discussion. The migration issue needs to be addressed globally. The Member of the Netherlands recalled the meeting of WHO in Rome pertaining to healthcare. She mentioned that the reception centres do not report any special needs. Reporting stress from A to Z of the journey is crucial. Basic facilities are needed as opposed to specialised care. Moreover, the focus should be on what is really needed and

how ECDC can contribute. In referring to relapsing louse-borne fever cases in Sicily, Maria Grazia Pompa, Alternate, Italy, informed that additional efforts are required on awareness of the situation.

The Management Board took note of the update from ECDC on the main activities since the last meeting.

## **Update on ECDC building Project and decision on composition of ECDC Management Board Working Group** (*Document MB35/05*)

15. Jean-Claude Brival, Acting Head of Unit, Resource Management and Coordination, RMC, gave an update on the building project. He highlighted the timeline and the next steps according to the procedure. He also made a reference to a previous decision taken by the Management Board, in which an MB working group would be created to act as a consultation group. The Board agreed unanimously on the Terms of Reference for this working group and the recommendation to include one MB representative from the European Commission, one from the European Parliament, one from the host country (Sweden) and two more MB country representatives. It was agreed that the working group will consist of John Ryan for the European Commission, Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori for the European Parliament, Johan Carlson, MB Member for Sweden, Maria Grazia Pompa, MB Member for Italy, and Tiiu Aro, MB Member for Estonia.

16. John F Ryan, MB Member, DG SANTE, European Commission, welcomed the idea to establish a working group and thanked ECDC for the simplified procedure. In addition, he referred to the size of the building and the number of posts, and how this would be reflected in the planning of the building. As regards to teleworking, he inquired whether this should also be taken into account given that this way of working is increasingly being used within the EU services.

17. France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom sought further clarification on the role of the working group. It was mentioned that a more flexible way of working for the transition should be created. Further discussion ensued regarding flexible work planning.

18. In response to the queries regarding the size of the building, Andrea Ammon, Acting Director, informed that 320 work stations are foreseen for 2018. In terms of teleworking, she informed the Board that this is already in use, however, with some restrictions concerning distance. Teleworking is currently used by staff who are working in Sweden and who are physically close to the ECDC premises. As regards the working group, she clarified that the previous one was never officially dissolved. She added that ECDC is already collaborating with Swedish experts who are familiar with the property market within Sweden.

The Management Board adopted the Terms of Reference and proposed the composition of the working group, which will consist of John F Ryan, Member, European Commission, Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori, Member, European Parliament, Johan Carlson, Member, Sweden, Maria Grazia Pompa, Member, Italy and Tiiu Aro, Member, Estonia.

## **Draft Joint Action Plan to address Recommendations arising from the second External Evaluation and the first Stakeholder Survey** (*Document MB35/06*)

19. Mike Catchpole, Chief Scientist, ECDC, presented an update on the Draft Joint Action Plan to address recommendations arising from the second External Evaluation and the first Stakeholder Survey. He presented the sets of actions in the Joint Action Plan that has been developed by ECDC. He also clarified how each proposed action matches the recommendation received from the MB.

20. In referring to the process, John F Ryan cautioned of the importance to provide regular feedback to the MB on the implementation.

21. Marianne Donker, Member, Netherlands, complimented ECDC for the work that was done and she also sought clarification on how the follow-up will happen.

22. A discussion ensued with some countries inquiring about training needs and training strategies.

The Management Board took note and commented on the Draft Action Plan to address Recommendations arising from the second External Evaluation and the first Stakeholder Survey. The Board also requested ECDC to make this a standing item on the MB agenda.

## Report on the implementation of the Work Programme 2015 up until present (*Document MB35/07*)

23. Philippe Harant, Head of Section, Quality Management Section, Resource Management and Coordination Unit, presented the report on the Report on the implementation of the Work Programme 2015 up until present. Philippe Harant affirmed that ECDC is well on track regarding implementation of the Work Programme. He added that resources (FTE) have been integrated into the update following a request from the Board.

24. Colette Bonner, Member, Ireland, and Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori, Member, European Parliament, requested more clarity on the resources. Jacques Scheres, Member, European Parliament, requested more information regarding the Ukraine assessment.

25. Maarit Kokki, Head of Section, International Relations, Director's Office, updated the Board regarding the assessment in Ukraine. She informed that the assessment took place within the framework of the EU-Ukraine agreement during the first week of October (planned with the European Commission). A reference was made about the team of ECDC staff and Member States' experts, which will be assembled. In addition, the US CDC and European Commission colleagues joined in Kiev. Dr Kokki noted that the report is now being finalised. She concluded by saying that she hopes that the European Commission will continue the dialogue with the country, and that the recommendations will be implemented.

The Management Board adopted the Report on the implementation of the Work Programme 2015 up until present.

## ECDC Single Programming Document 2017 (*Document MB35/08 Rev.1*)

26. Andrea Ammon, Acting Director, ECDC, presented the ECDC Single Programming Document 2017. The Acting Director explained the rationale behind this document, which is a new common framework for the ECDC Annual Work Programme and that all Decentralised Agencies will work on the template as of 2017. The budget foreseen in 2017 will be the same as the current year, with the exception that an additional amount might need to be added regarding the relocation to the new premises. She also mentioned that the staff will be reduced by four posts with an additional reduction of another two posts by 2018. The process of adoption of the SPD has started and it will be followed by a written consultation, which must subsequently be sent to the European Parliament and Council by 31 January next year.

27. Several members expressed the following comments after the presentation of the Single Programming Document 2017:

- Find a better balance between the microbiology and the surveillance components; improve the coordination of EQA with WHO; call for the European Strategy for Laboratories (Belgium);
- Support in the development of short training modules for continuous professional development (Lithuania);
- Support country visits on specific topics in reference to the utility of the country visits in the context of Ebola preparedness (several MB members).

28. In reference to the action plan regarding the second external evaluation, there is a lack of information vis-a-vis the MB with regards to the remarks and conclusions of the AF. The MB would like to have a formal opinion of the AF on the priorities and on the annual workplan. Mike Catchpole, Chief Scientist, agreed that such feedback shall be provided to the Management Board.

29. In referring to the role of the Advisory Forum, Daniel Reynders, Chair, stressed the importance of the work plan and that it should be a commonly agreed upon document with the Advisory Forum.



30. John F Ryan informed that the Commission is in the process of launching a consultation and that there would be sufficient time in which to react and finalise the work programme by the statutory deadline.

31. Andrea Ammon, Acting Director, ECDC, informed the Board that the work programme will be discussed in the forthcoming Advisory Forum meeting, which will convene in December. In response to the comments emanating from the Belgian Member, the Acting Director conceded that ECDC activities might create an additional burden for the Member States, however, ECDC will maintain constant dialogue with the Member States.

The ECDC Single Programming Document 2017 was submitted to the Management Board for guidance. It was agreed that advice should be sought from the Advisory Forum in respect to the ECDC Single Programming Document 2017 in order to ensure a commonly agreed upon document. In addition, the Management Board agreed to a Written Procedure for approval in January prior to sending the document to the European Commission, European Parliament and the Council.

### **Summary of discussions held at the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ECDC Audit Committee (24 November), including its recommendations:**

32. On behalf of the Chair of the Audit Committee, Jacques Scheres, Member of the ECDC Audit Committee (AC), summarised the discussions from the 30<sup>th</sup> AC meeting, which took place on the previous day (24 November 2015). He highlighted the teleconference, in which the IAS (Brussels) were invited to participate. Reference was made to the audit on data management, which is a highly important matter for the future. The Audit Committee was quite satisfied with the discussions and the quality of the outcomes as well as maintaining communication with IAS. The second part of this presentation highlighted Procurement and Governance as the next priorities. The MB was also informed that Michel Pletschette was appointed based on his audit expertise (as long as he is a representative from the European Commission).

33. Anne-Catherine Viso, Alternate, France, sought clarification regarding the recommendations, which were subsequently explained by Stefan Sunbom, Internal Control Coordinator, Resource Management and Coordination Unit, ECDC.

The Management Board endorsed the Summary of discussions of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ECDC Audit Committee.

#### ***a) Budget and Establishment Table 2016 (Document MB35/09)***

34. Anja Van Brabant, Head of Section, Finance and Accounting, Resource Management and Coordination Unit, ECDC, presented the Budget and Establishment Table 2016. She informed that she asked the Board for approval of the draft budget, which amounted to 58,3 million EUR. Following negotiations with the European Commission, the initial amount has been accepted. However, there was a lower EFTA amount compared to the amount presented in the draft budget, which now means that the total budget is 58,2 million EUR - the operation expenditure remains the same. She also noted that the Budget for 2016 is approximately the same as the one for 2015. As regards the establishment plan, ECDC had to reduce an additional four TA posts. Anja Van Brabant provided a detailed explanation per amount per Title.

35. Susanne Wald, Member, Germany, sought further clarification on Title 1, in particular, the detailed measures (page 4).

The Management Board adopted the Budget and Establishment Table 2016.

#### ***b) Third Supplementary and Amending Budget 2015 (Document MB35/10)***

36. Anja van Brabant, Accounting Officer, Head of Section Finance and Accounting, Resource Management and Coordination Unit, ECDC, presented the Third Supplementary and Amending Budget 2015.

The Management Board took note of the Third Supplementary and Amending Budget 2015.

## **Policy on data submission, access and use of data within TESSy (Document MB35/11)**

37. Gaetan Guyodo, Expert/Group Leader, Data Management, Surveillance and Response Support Unit, ECDC, presented the Policy on data submission, access and use of data within TESSy. He referred to the changes since the 2011 policy revision, including comments from the Management Board (June 2015).

38. The Management Board thanked Gaetan and his team for the clarity of the document, which was adopted without any further questions.

The Management Board adopted the Policy on data submission, access and use of data within TESSy.

## **Update from ECDC Compliance Officer**

### ***a) Implementation of the ECDC Independence Policy***

39. Jan Mos, Compliance Officer, Director's Office, ECDC, presented an update on the Implementation of the ECDC Independence Policy. He presented the mitigation measures for the Management Board, the Advisory Forum, and also for the external experts. As regards the implementation developments, he informed that ECDC has (almost) finalised the first phase of an ICT application for the electronic submission of an Annual Declaration of Interest. This will be implemented as soon as possible for MB and AF members, followed by external experts. He also mentioned that an incremental increase of the functionalities is foreseen in 2016, which should increase the efficiency and prevention of errors / non-compliance that result from incomplete declarations.

40. Marianne Donker, Member, Netherlands, thanked the Compliance Officer and expressed her delight with the actions presented and for the mitigation measures taken. Further clarification was requested regarding the difference between non-participation and exclusion. Jan Mos replied that this is a process in development. While exclusion is the appropriate mitigation measure, it can be misused.

41. Anne-Catherine Viso, Alternate, France, inquired whether the excluded individuals should have access to the minutes. Jan Mos replied that participants who were excluded from participation cannot comment on the minutes. However, the minutes are publicly available following their adoption.

42. Susanne Wald, Member, Germany, had two points as regards this presentation. First, under point 6 – The Director's conflict of interest part and whether this was dropped. Also, if there is a conflict of interest from the Director, then it should be presented to the Board. She underlined the importance of transparency. Jan Mos informed that the Declaration of Interest of the Director is sent to all members. Germany insisted that the text should be made more clear on this matter.

43. John F Ryan affirmed that the European Commission considers this text agreeable and that it could be reviewed in twelve months. As regards the minutes, he mentioned that they can be requested as this would not be a document that can be refused.

44. Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori, Member, European Parliament, inquired whether the main topics are in line with other EU agencies.

45. The Board decided to revisit this item during the second day of the Management Board (26 November) with the proposed textual changes. The Chair proposed that the amendments are included in the current text and that the Management Board Members receive a clean version of this document and initiate a procedure for approval.

### ***b) Revised Independence Policy and Internal Procedures on Declarations of Interests (Document MB35/12 Rev.1)***

46. Jan Mos, ECDC, presented the Revised Independence Policy and Internal Procedures on Declarations of Interests document.

The Management Board agreed to approve the Revised Independence Policy and Internal Procedures on Declarations of Interest by written procedure before year end (2015).

## Timeline and process for nomination of ECDC Director for 2016-2021\*

47. The timeline and process for nomination of ECDC Director for 2016-2021 was discussed in a closed session open to the Management Board members only.

### Opening and welcome by the Chair

48. The Chair opened the meeting and thanked the ECDC Acting Director and her staff for the dinner during the previous evening.

### Update from the EU Presidencies\*

#### *a) Update from Luxembourg*

49. Robert Goerens, Member, Luxembourg, provided the Board with an update on the upcoming Luxembourgish EU Presidency.<sup>2</sup> He summarised the outcome of the high level conferences that have thus far taken place during his country's EU Presidency period. He said that it had been an interesting but also a challenging half year for Luxembourg, given that it is a small country. One of the main events related to communicable diseases had been the 'Lessons Learnt from the Ebola Outbreak in West Africa' conference, which took place during 12-14 October. 72 recommendations were made based on the discussions that had taken place in the different workshops.

#### *b) Update from Netherlands*

50. Marianne Donker, Member, Netherlands, provided the Board with an update on the upcoming Dutch EU Presidency.<sup>3</sup> She has informed the Board that the upcoming Dutch Presidency agenda is an ambitious but realistic health agenda, aimed at the legislative agenda in Brussels, but also at setting the European agenda for cross border health issues. The Informal Council meeting of the Health Ministers will take place on 18 April 2016. Communicable diseases and antimicrobial resistance are also a priority of the Dutch agenda. The Dutch presidency is also aiming for a new ambitious EU AMR Action Plan.

The Management Board took note of the presentations from the Luxembourgish and Dutch EU Presidencies.

## ECDC-EFSA-EURLs collaboration agreement on the joint molecular typing database (*Document MB35/13*)

51. Mike Catchpole, Chief Scientist, ECDC, presented the ECDC-EFSA-EURLs collaboration agreement on the joint molecular-typing database.

52. Marianne Donker, Member, Netherlands, thanked Mike Catchpole for this important step and recalled that all Member States should have access to these data the same way that ECDC has.

53. Johanna Takkinen, Head of Disease Programme Food- and Waterborne Diseases and Zoonoses, Office of the Chief Scientist, responded to a question from France, which was related to refusals, and she mentioned that it is up to the country to decide whether they wish to join and at which stage.

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\* Item for decision.

\* Item for information.

<sup>2</sup> Update from Luxembourg (R Goerens)

<sup>3</sup> Update from Netherlands (M Donker)

54. Several Members congratulated ECDC for this important step, and welcomed ECDC's closer collaboration with EFSA. The agreement will enter into force as soon as EFSA's Management Board has approved it at their next meeting in December.

The Management Board approved the ECDC-EFSA-EURLs collaboration agreement on the joint molecular-typing database.

### **Future planning and organisation of ECDC Management Board meetings** (*Document MB35/14 Rev.1*)

55. Corinne Elizabeth Skarstedt, Head of Section, Corporate Governance, put forward a guidance paper concerning the organisation of future MB meetings and invited Members to reflect over the number of meetings ECDC organises per year. A proposal of reducing the number of meetings, from three to two meetings per year, had been suggested by one MB member, mainly due to the low presence of Board members at the last MB meeting in June.

56. During the ensuing discussions, the majority of the Members expressed their keen desire to keep the three meetings per year. There was a consensus that these meetings were necessary in ensuring the regular exchange of information, and to allow sufficient time for strategic discussions. Nevertheless, Members were favourable to the idea of setting up Task Forces and working groups (as suggested in the proposal) for some of the more technical agenda points that do not require strategic decisions. Several Members requested to be provided with the formal conclusions of the Advisory Forum inclusive of diverging opinions when relevant prior to the MB meetings.

The Management Board took note of the Future planning and organisation of ECDC Management Board meetings. It was also agreed that this matter will be addressed on a forthcoming Management Board meeting.

### **Criteria for ECDC participating in projects involving private sector partners** (*Document MB35/15*)

57. Maarit Kokki, DIR, presented to the Board a proposal which included criteria for ECDC participation in projects involving private sector partners. She acknowledged that working with the private sector remains a challenge for many public health institutes, and that no globally recognised governance model and code of conduct for public-private collaboration exist.

58. Board members thanked Maarit Kokki and ECDC for this important document, but raised concern over the fact that the current version did not include elements from the Advisory Forum meeting discussions in September. Several members also pointed out that this paper should be seen as a broader guidance paper on the general principles for ECDC collaboration with the private sector, if at all.

59. Anne-Catherine Viso, Alternate, France, sought clarification on why this matter should be discussed if there is no follow-up thus far on the conclusions of the Working Group on Business Models and Financing of Large EU-Level Activities, including the position of the MB regarding the JIVE/IMI call (summer 2015)? Such criteria should address the added value of the participation of ECDC in such projects (for ECDC, the Commission, the Member States, or any other reasons). The Advisory Forum should have discussed this issue prior to addressing it in the Management Board meeting.

60. The Board agreed that an amended document should be put forward at the next MB meeting in March 2016, after seeking the opinion of the Advisory Forum, and further developing the criteria for possible ECDC cooperation with private sector partners. Safeguarding the scientific independence of ECDC also needs to be clearly mentioned in the paper.

The Management Board agreed that amended document, Criteria for ECDC participating in projects involving private sector partners, should be put forward at the next MB meeting in March 2016, after seeking the opinion of the Advisory Forum.

## Update from the European Commission\*

### ***a) State of play of implementation of Decision 1082/2013/EU***

61. Martin Seychell, MB Member, DG SANTE, European Commission, gave an overview of the state of play on the implementation of Decision 1082 (regarding cross-border threats to health) and mentioned the substantial progress that had been made. The implementation report has been finalised and sent for inter-service consultation.

### ***b) Joint Procurement Agreement***

62. John F Ryan, MB Member, DG SANTE, European Commission, also updated the Board about the joint procurement agreement within the framework of Decision 1082. Thus far, 22 out of 28 countries have signed the agreement, and the Procurement for pandemic vaccines will be published before the end of the year.

### ***c) Ebola Lessons Learned Conference, 12-14 October 2015 in Luxembourg***

63. John F Ryan informed the Board that the conclusions from this conference are now available and that the agreed text of the Council conclusions will be adopted on 7 December. He underlined the importance for ECDC, together with the Health Security Committee, to look carefully to ascertain the differing points in which each organisation can take forward. He also made reference to the extensive number of recommendations and the need to prioritise.

### ***d) Update on Research Activities***

64. Line Matthiesen-Guyader, MB Member, DG Research, presented some of the projects within infectious diseases, under the Horizon 2020 work programme. She mentioned that for collaborative research, it would now also in some situations be possible to launch projects without a call for proposal, and that this 'emergency procedure' would be especially useful during outbreaks.

The Management Board took note of the update from the European Commission.

## Any other business

65. The Chair of the Management Board thanked all the delegates for their valuable input during the meeting. A special thanks of appreciation was extended to the interpreters and ECDC staff for their hard work.

66. The next Management Board meeting will take place in Stockholm on 8-10 March 2016.

67. The meeting was adjourned.

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\* Item for information.

## Annex: List of Participants

Country/Organisation	Representative	Status
Austria	Martina Brix	Alternate
Belgium	Daniel Reynders ( <i>Chair</i> )	Member
	Loïc Ledent	Alternate
Bulgaria	Angel Kunchev	Member
Czech Republic	Jozef Dlhý	Alternate
Denmark	Lisbeth Høeg-Jensen	Member
Estonia	Tiiu Aro ( <i>Deputy Chair</i> )	Member
Finland	Anni Virolainen-Julkunen	Member
France	Anne-Catherine Viso	Alternate
Germany	Susanne Wald	Member
	Gesa Lücking	Alternate
Greece	Maria Pirounaki	Alternate
Hungary	Hanna Páva	Member
Ireland	Colette Bonner	Member
Italy	Maria Grazia Pompa	Alternate
Latvia	Dzintars Mozgis	Alternate
Lithuania	Audrius Ščeponavičius	Member
Luxembourg	Robert Goerens	Member
Malta	Mariella Borg Buontempo	Alternate
Netherlands	Marianne Donker	Member
Romania	Amalia Serban	Member
Slovak Republic	Ján Mikas	Member
Sweden	Anita Janelm	Alternate
United Kingdom	Helen Shirley-Quirk	Member
<b>European Parliament</b>		
	Minerva-Melpomeni Malliori	Member

Country/Organisation	Representative	Status
	Jacques Scheres	Member
<b>European Commission</b>		
DG SANTE	Martin Seychell	Member
DG SANTE	John F Ryan	Member
DG RTD	Line Matthiessen	Member
<b>EEA Countries</b>		
Norway	Karl-Olaf Wathne	Member