



## **“Best Practices in the Implementation of International Health Regulations”**

**Save the Date: 7-8 June 2018**

**Venue: Acropolis Museum, Athens, Greece**

Dear Colleague,

The Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (HCDCP) in collaboration with the European Commission and the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFAEA) are organizing, under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Health, a two day meeting on “Best Practices in the Implementation of International Health Regulations”, in Athens Greece, on 7- 8 June 2018.

Serious cross-border health threats emerge daily and affect multiple countries and sectors in our globalised society. Public health authorities in Europe and around the world are called upon to address various issues of collaboration with other sectors and develop a variety of core capacities to effectively respond and improve health security. The International Health Regulations (IHR) is the key legislative pillar of global health security defining the core capacities that Member States should have in place to prepare for outbreaks and ensure the required response. At EU level, Decision 1082/2013/EU on serious cross-border threats to health provides the framework to improve preparedness and coordinate response to health emergencies across the EU caused by biological, chemical, environmental agents and threats of unknown origin.

In this respect the main objectives of this two day meeting are:

- To present an overview of the current EU framework on cross-border health threats and the interconnection with IHR.
- To present the monitoring and evaluation framework adopted by WHO.
- To exchange experiences and discuss challenges in achieving interoperability of sectors in the framework of cross-border health threat response and IHR implementation.
- To disseminate the results of European projects co-funded by the 2nd and 3rd Health Programmes and by DG-Research in the area of health threats.
- To derive lessons for Greek public health authorities in revising national plans and improving IHR implementation procedures in view of a roadmap towards a Joint External Evaluation

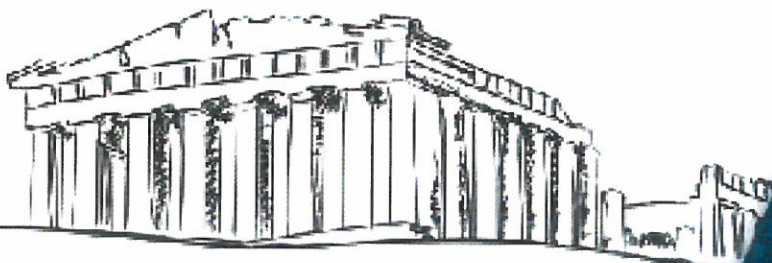
We kindly invite you to the international two day meeting on "Best Practices in the implementation of IHR" in Athens, on June 7 and 8.

We look forward to welcoming all of you in Athens.

**The Organizing Committee and the President of Scientific Committee**

  
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