

**HEALTH EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT** IN THE EU -

THE **ROLE OF NATIONAL HEALTH
OPERATIONS CENTERS**

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***"Health Emergency Management in the EU.
Challenges of Today
Pathways of Tomorrow"***

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Health Emergency Management in the EU

Facts & Assumptions

- We live in an interconnected world
- We are vulnerable against cross- border health threats
- Health Threats have significant consequences
- The protection of public health from cross-border threats should be a top priority.



Challenges

- Reorient followed practices onto a more interactive approach
- Promote *interoperability* between competent agencies at both National and International level
- Move from a reactive approach to a “*proactive philosophy*”



Future Perspectives

- Build up capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to a variety of threats
- Establish Emergency Operational Centers Networks
- Facilitate an intergraded multi-sectoral response to threats



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- Standardize health emergency management procedures & protocols
- *Foster closer relations between health emergency management experts*
- Identify not only differences but also common grounds that could be the basis of a future collaboration



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***Thank you
For Your Attention***

