

TRANSDISCIPLINARY ONE HEALTH COOPERATION AMONG EU AGENCIES

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OH INTERAGENCY PAPER

Authors from ECDC, ECHA, EEA, EFSA, EMA, European Commission, European Parliament & OHEJP highlight need for more **transdisciplinary cooperation**, identify **challenges** and provide **recommendations**

- EU Agencies, individually and collectively, support the European research agenda.
- Research needs should be defined from a One Health perspective.
- Involvement of EU Agencies in research programming is beneficial.
- EU Agencies collaboration shall include policy cooperation & One Health coordination.
- EU Agencies have **committed to establish a cross-agency task force on One Health**.



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OBJECTIVES TASK FORCE

1. **facilitate strategic coordination** of the work of the agencies on implementing One Health;
2. **promote research coordination** and One Health-driven agenda setting;
3. **provide a forum for the coordination of activities to update, inform and support EU policymakers** and other relevant stakeholders in their goal to prioritise One Health.
4. **strengthen joint activities and the sharing of information** on One Health aspects among the agencies.



STRATEGIC COORDINATION

Facilitate strategic coordination on implementing the One Health concept, in agreement with the relevant partner DGs, to contribute to relevant EU policy processes with a united voice.

- The task force will **develop a plan for the common One Health work of the EU agencies**, explaining what will be done, for example in terms of:
 - expert and staff exchanges;
 - information-sharing about ongoing projects in different agencies;
 - inter-agency meeting/conferences;
 - inputs from different agencies;
 - development of joint disease networks and/or databases.
- The task force will prepare **a joint interagency statement on One Health**, presenting:
 - a common understanding of the concept of One Health;
 - contributing to define gaps and capacity building needs to make One Health operational;
 - supporting the Commission in developing policy proposals aligned with One Health approach.



RESEARCH COORDINATION

- **Promoting research coordination and a One Health-driven agenda-setting on a variety of topics that demand better connection** by identifying common data needs and knowledge gaps in the work of the agencies.
- **The task force will consolidate the agencies' views on existing knowledge gaps in the area of One Health**, building on the similar prioritisation effort carried out by the EU-ANSA.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Provide a forum for the coordination of activities to update, inform and support EU policymakers and other relevant stakeholders to prioritise One Health.

- **Coordinate the agencies' contributions to One Health vis-à-vis relevant stakeholders**, including EU institutions, Member States, multilateral bodies and other external key players.
- Facilitate agencies' **inputs to the implementation of One Health action plans by the MS**
- Organise **joint events** (trainings, technical workshops, or future editions of the ONE Conference).



JOINT ACTIVITIES

- **Develop joint activities on One Health, possibly supported by joint procurement**, based on the identified thematic priorities, thus maximising synergies and avoiding duplication of work.
 - map current joint mandates and existing / potential interlinkages, interdependencies and fields of cooperation;
 - periodically share good practices and lessons learnt;
 - identify suitable pilot project(s) to work in a cross-agency One Health mode;
 - identify inputs that may be required from each agency.
- This will be an opportunity for the agencies to **map internal capacities on One Health in order to identify gaps in skills and resources**.
- The task force could also pool knowledge from among the agencies to provide **integrated One Health or sustainability assessments as an input to EU policy makers**.



MODUS OPERANDI TASK FORCE

- Operates under the auspices of the Executive Directors
- Meet three or four times a year
- Liaise with on-going joint working groups and activities and may establish dedicated groups.
- The coordination of the task force will rotate every 18 months - currently EFSA
- A focal point has been appointed within each agency



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