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EFSA EXTERNAL CRISIS PREPAREDNESS EXERCISES

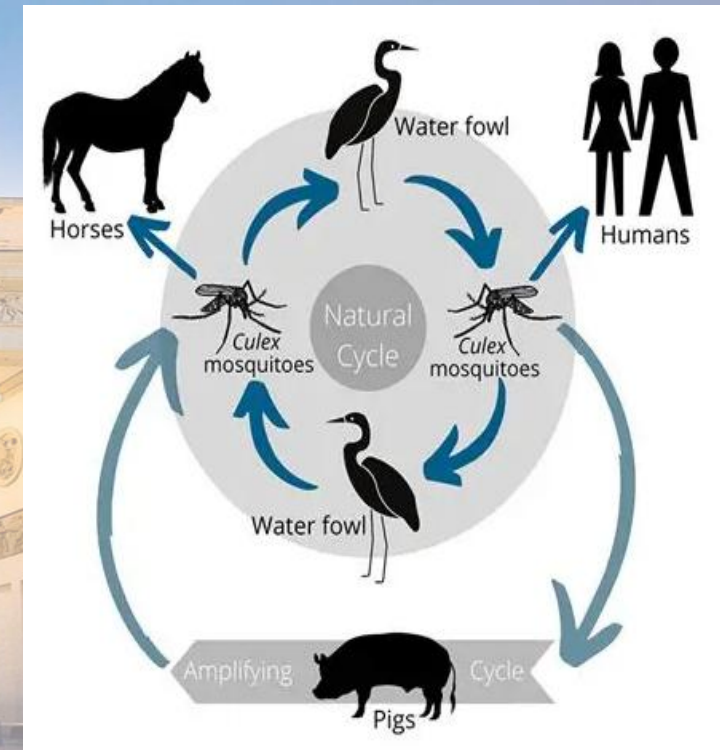
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2025 CRISIS PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

7-9 October, Berlin

- Understand roles and responsibilities, and test contingency plans in place to respond to a multi-country vector borne animal disease outbreak
- Test the capacity of the Member States to adapt their response to an evolving scenario
- Test coordination and communication among different agencies at national level, Member States and DG SANTE, EU Agencies and relevant international organisations



Source picture: [Japanese encephalitis virus - PIRSA](#)

Biological threat: Japanese encephalitis

2025 CRISIS PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE - PARTICIPANTS



- **DG SANTE**

- Food Hygiene, Feed and Fraud (G5)
- Communication (A3)



- **EU Agencies**

- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- European Chemicals Agency
- European Environment Agency
- European Food Safety Authority
- European Medicines Agency

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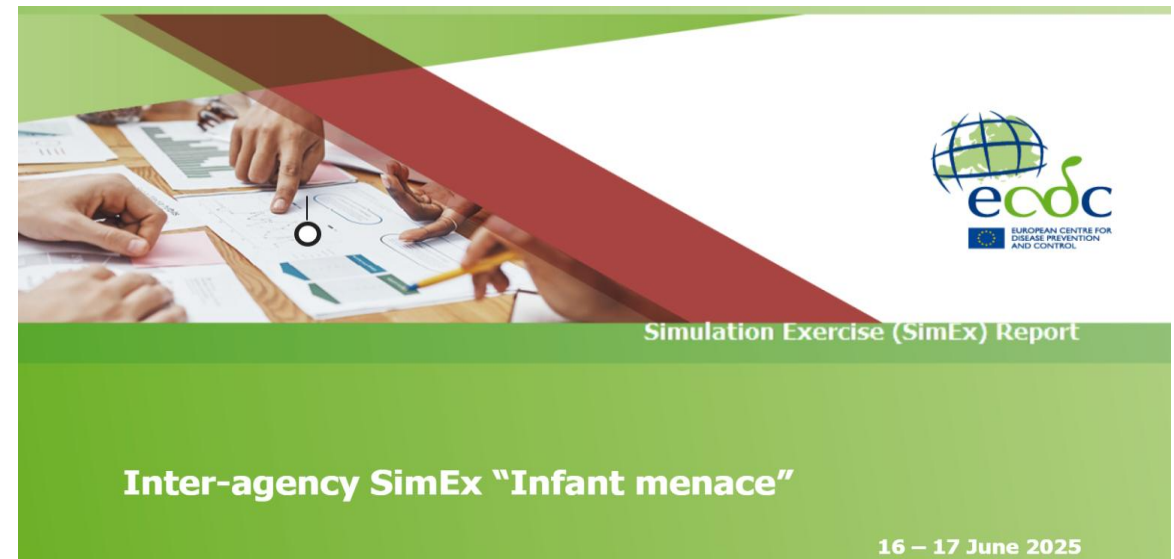


- **IPA Countries**

- Albania
- Bosnia I Herzegovina
- Kosovo*
- North Macedonia
- Serbia
- Turkey



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Executive Summary

The simulation exercise (SimEx) "Infant menace" was developed by ECDC and conducted in the framework of Art. 20 of the Serious Cross-Border Threats to Health (SCBTH) Regulation. The primary aim was to test inter-agency collaboration in the development of a joint Rapid Risk Assessment (RRA) and Lines-to-Take (LTT) in response to a simulated cross-border health threat.



2026 EXTERNAL CRISIS PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

- **Aim:** strengthen the network of MS, IPA countries, EC and EU Agencies in the framework of responding to a crisis in the area of EFSA's remit
- **Target group:**
 - Risk assessors, risk/crisis managers, and risk communicators of a number of MS
 - Risk assessors and risk communicators of European Agencies
 - Risk/crisis managers and risk communicators of EC
- **2026 thematic:** Agroterrorism – disruption of food/feed manufacturing/distribution
- **Grant** to cover the costs linked to the organisation and hosting of the exercise



STRENGTHENING OUR CRISIS PREPAREDNESS CAPACITIES AT EU LEVEL



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When a crisis hits, borders don't matter – collaboration does.

Today, together with our valued partner the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment ([Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung](#)), we are co-hosting the **2025 Crisis Preparedness Exercise** in Berlin DE.

Over three days, experts and authorities from across Europe will test readiness to respond to vector-borne zoonotic diseases, working under a One Health approach.

Participants include representatives from:

🌍 Norway, Poland, the Czech Republic, Finland, Lithuania, Sweden, Germany, and IPA countries

EU [EU Health and Food Safety](#)

👉 Our sister agencies: ECHA, EMA, EEA, and ECDC

This exercise strengthens Europe's capacity to coordinate, communicate, and act swiftly in the event of a crisis, ensuring consumer protection and safeguarding public health.

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