

Public health: network for epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the European Community EWRS

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The Committee welcomes the establishment of a transnational EU epidemiological network for communicable diseases as a means of effective prevention and control which also offers synergistic benefits. At the same time, the ESC asks to be reconsidered the financial allocation for the establishment of permanent communication between national structures and the implementation of individual measures. The Committee calls for the definition of "control" to stress the preventative aspect as follows: the "formulation of common guidelines and the coordination or harmonization of counter-measures" in respect of communicable diseases. The Committee regards the range of diseases shown in the Annex as an indicative list and thinks that national experts should participate fully in its updating.