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

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A report on a proposed network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the EU was adopted unanimously today by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection. The rapporteur, Prof. Christian CABROL welcomed the Commission proposal for the setting up of a legal framework which should allow a coordinated response in the case of an outbreak of transmissible diseases. Prof. CABROL has tabled amendments aimed at establishing an EU early warning network and a European Centre for Communicable Diseases Control. The Commission is being asked to inform Parliament about the ongoing EU/US negotiations on a global warning and response network for the diseases in question.