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AGENDA OF HEALTH SECURITY WORKSHOP ON MASS CASUALTIES FROM THE DELIBERATE RELEASE OF OPIOIDS



Bech Building - Meeting room Ampere

Rue A. Weicker, L-2721 Luxembourg, Kirchberg, Luxembourg City

21st – 22nd January 2020

Hosted by: DG SANTE, Crisis Management and Preparedness in Health

Purpose: improving preparedness for the health security threat arising from the deliberate release of synthetic opioids.

Objectives:

- Identify the key clinical and public health response challenges
- Identify opportunities for improvement of the response
- Identify limitations of the response
- Improve health preparedness against opioid threats

Participants:

- emergency responders and first receivers
- public health and health care professionals
- poisons centre specialists, toxicologists
- emergency planners, law enforcement and policy makers

21st January 2020

Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00 – 11:10	Welcome and Opening remarks	Wolfgang Phillip, EC Head of Unit C3, Crisis Management and Preparedness in Health
11:10 – 11:30	Workshop objectives and agenda, linked to the EU health security framework	Agnes Molnar Deputy-Head of Unit C3, Crisis Management and Preparedness in Health
11:30 – 12:00	Synthetic opioids - Introduction General overview, history, role of synthetic opioids, , Weaponisation, Delivery methods	Prof David Russell Professor of Environment and Health at Cardiff Metropolitan University and Public Health England
12:00 - 12:30	Prevalence and risk of synthetic opioids in Europe	Michael Evans-Brown European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
12:30-12:45	CBRN Action Plan	Wiktor Wojtas, DG HOME
12:45 – 13:05	Activities of the SCHEER Rapid Risk Assessment Working Group related to chemical incidents	Raquel Duarte-Davidson, Chair of SCHEER RRA Working Group
13:05 – 13:55	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:55 – 14:20	Mass gatherings - Lessons learned from the Moscow Theatre Siege	tbc DG SANTE C3
14:20 - 15:20	Plenary discussion on preparedness-member states representatives	Member State representatives
15:20 - 15:40	Union Civil Protection Mechanism	Iivi Luuk, DG ECHO,
15:40 – 15:50	<i>Coffee</i>	
15:50 – 16:20	Clinical management of mass casualties	Dr Carlo Locatelli, Centro antiveleni e Centro Nazionale di Informazione Tossicologica, IRCCS Pavia
16:20 – 16:50	Medical countermeasures against opioid threats	Rachael Rzasa Lynn, MD Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Colorado School of Medicine
16:50 – 17:20	Decontamination	Dr Lina Thors, FOI (Swedish Defence Research Agency) · CBRN Defence and Security Department

22nd January 2020

Time	Topic	Presenter
09:00-09:15	Recap of Day 1	DG SANTE C3
09:15-09:35	Working Groups, Themes, locations and members	DG SANTE C3
09:35-11:15	Working Groups	
	Group A What are the gaps in preparedness for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first responders 	Room tbc
	Group B What are the gaps in preparedness for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hospitals and first receivers 	Room tbc
	Group C What are the gaps in preparedness for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-sectoral and cross-border collaboration 	Room tbc
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee	
11:30 – 12:05	Feedback from group rapporteurs	
12:05 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 14:30	Plenary discussion	
14:30 – 15:00	Wrap-up summing up of recommendations and key information, plan for the future	

