



Partner Profile

The Hellenic Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (HCDCP) was founded in 1992 in order to develop mechanisms of surveillance, prevention and direct intervention in public health. According to its regulations, it functions as a private-law legal entity under the Ministry of Health, to address, assist, co-ordinate and monitor activities aimed at the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, and monitor their therapeutic responses. The HCDCP:

- recommends to the Ministry of Health plans to formulate national health policies
- makes epidemiologic records
- manages disease containment measures
- provides information on public health risks
- carries out interventions for vulnerable social groups
- provides psychosocial support
- decides on ethical issues
- develops research
- co-operates with national and international scientific institutions
- organizes conferences to connect with health professionals and enrich its knowledge of infections and other diseases
- assists hospital and outpatient services
- implements health education activities
- maintains the national cancer registry
- co-ordinates with the emergency services to help evaluate major public health events.

The Department for Surveillance and Intervention of HCDCP is responsible for the surveillance of infectious diseases through a number of complementary surveillance systems, the analysis and interpretation of the collected epidemiological data, the investigation of outbreaks that could pose a threat for public health and the issuing of guidelines etc.

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Role in the ADVANCE Project

The Department for Surveillance and Intervention of HCDCP will contribute to the “Advance Project” and especially to work-package 4 (specifically tasks 4.1, 4.2 and 4.7) and work-package 6 (specifically task 6.4).

Key People



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