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The EU's response to the Ebola health crisis betrayed serious shortcomings, in particular its difficulty getting medical services to areas at risk. For that reason, the European Medical Corps was set up and begun operating in February 2016.

The main purpose of the European Medical Corps is to help mobilise medical teams and transport equipment when crises occur inside or outside the EU. The Corps has experts in the field of public health and medical coordination, biologically safe mobile laboratories, medical evacuation aircraft and logistical support teams in order to guarantee a faster and better planned response.

The European Medical Corps carried out its first mission in May 2016, as part of efforts to stop the spread of yellow fever across Angola and the whole of western Africa. What conclusions can be drawn from the Corps's first 12 months of operations, and what measures should be taken to make it even more effective in future missions?