

**Question for written answer E-000456/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** The role of EuroNHID and EU SHARP in expanding ECDC competences

In the context of question E-002780/2020 and the answer regarding the European Network for Highly Infectious Disease (EuroNHID), co-funded under the Health Programme until 2009, the Commission stated that the network had significantly contributed to strengthening hospital preparedness in participating Member States. Additionally, the Commission's answer stated that in 2019, the objective of the joint action with Member States was to strengthen international health regulations and preparedness in the EU (SHARP). This programme was inspired by the EuroNHID checklist and one of the working areas was aimed at improving clinical risk and bio-threat management, hospital preparedness and the response to highly communicable diseases.

1. Based on the experience gained in EuroNHID and the Enhanced International Health and Preparedness Regulations in the EU Joint Action [SHARP JA] [848096], does the Commission consider some of the expertise and practical applications of this network and activities to be particularly relevant and useful in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak and the vaccination process?
2. How has the SHARP Joint Action strengthened the implementation of Decision 1082/2013/EU by supporting EU-level preparedness and response to health threats and the implementation of the International Health Regulations, and what elements of it should be – or have been – included in the current proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 establishing the ECDC?