



Preparedness & response for emergency situations: joined forces of H2020 projects in the PREPARE cluster

Workshop - European Public Health Conference 2022



Aim of the workshop



To present the actionable outcomes of the **PREPARE** cluster projects providing key-input for political decision-making in preparedness and response scenarios





PREPARE Cluster



Cluster Preparedness and Response to Emergency Situations in Europe

- Cluster of 13 projects
- With a total budget of 78 millions
- Collaborating together to increase *reach and impact* of the outcomes developed
- To be better prepared for future crises































Speakers





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PHIRI: Population Health Information Research Infrastructure for COVID-19 - Claudia Habl - Austria





PANDEM-2: PANDEMic preparedness and response - Claudia Houareau - Germany





STAMINA: Demonstration of intelligent decision support for pandemic crisis prediction and management within and across European borders - Brigita Kairiene - Lithuania





COVINFORM: COronavirus Vulnerabilities and INFOrmation dynamics Research and Modelling - *Jil Molenaar - Belgium*





NO FEAR: COVID 19: What have we learned? Lessons observed by NO FEAR - Chaim Rafalwoski – Israel



Mentimeter



What are the first words that come to mind when thinking about *pandemic preparedness*?

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Population Health Information Research Infrastructure

for COVID-19

Claudia Habl 11 Nov. 2022









The Population Health Information Research Infrastructure for COVID-19:

- a European mechanism, that aims to
- facilitate and support data-driven population health research
- and exchange of best practices
- to support decision making

41 30 countries years



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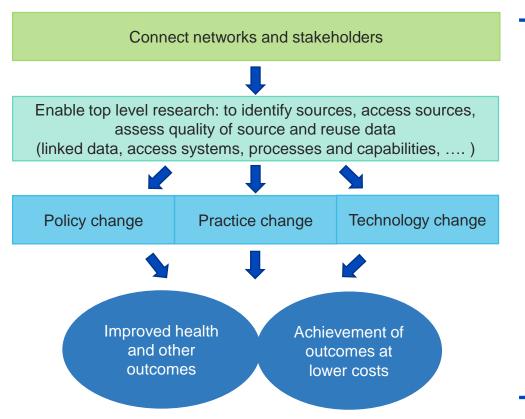
Population Health Information Research Infrastructure





European Population Health Research

What is needed to tackle population health challenges?



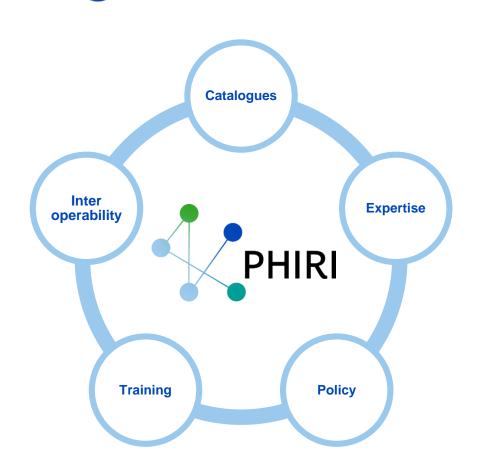
There is a need for a mechanism for structured exchange: a population health information research infrastructure







PHIRI for COVID-19



Objectives:

- To provide a **Health Information portal** for COVID-19 with FAIR catalogues. To link different data sources and to use Pan-European data in a GDPR compliant, federated way.
- 2. To provide structured exchange between countries on COVID-19 best practices and expertise.
- 3. To promote interoperability and tackle health information inequalities. PHIRI support COVID-19 research queries and provides capacity building.







PHIRI's services



HEALTH INFORMATION PORTAL



FEDERATED RESEARCH



HEALTH INFORMATION SUPPORT



TRAINING

- Health information sources
- Publications and reports
- International guidelines, initiatives and projects
- Training material and courses
- Ethical and legal tools
- Experts on health topics

Use cases

- Vulnerable populations
- ❖ Perinatal health
- Delayed cancer care
- ❖ Mental health

Federated platform for queries

- * Rapid exchange forum
- Research methodologies to assess the impact of Covid19
- Foresight: modelling and scenarios
- COVID-19 Health information system assessments

European School on Health Information

- ❖ Foresight
- Infodemic management
 Data hubs developer
 training
- Health InformationSystem assessments
- Digital tools
- Research methodologies

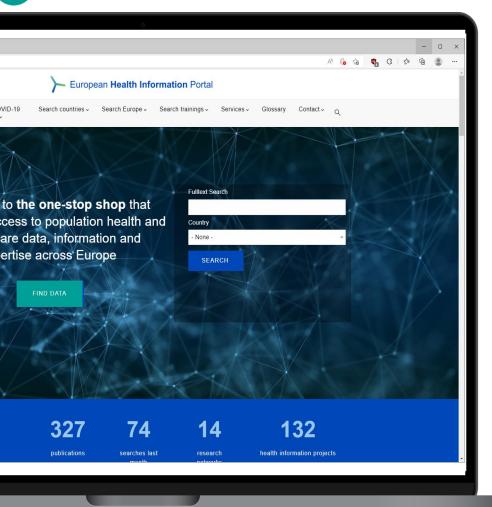






The European Health Information Portal





www.healthinformationportal.eu

A one-stop shop that facilitates access to population health and health care data, information and expertise across Europe.



Health information (data) sources



Countries and national nodes



Research infrastructures, Research networks



Health information projects



Publications



Trainings in all areas of population health



COVID-19 Policy measures



COVID-19 Rapid Exchange Forum

Bi-weekly Rapid Exchange Forum as an information provider

Regular collection and mapping exercise of

- Experts (by thematic fields)
- Policy and impact measures and
- Guidelines, initiatives, projects and information sources related to the COVID-19 pandemic in EU Member States by web search and interviews

→ Disseminated via REF-meetings, phiri.eu, webinars, conferences and the Health Information Portal









PHIRI - Research Use Cases

4 real life research use cases measuring the impact of COVID-19 on population health



Direct and indirect determinants of COVID-19 infection and outcomes in vulnerable population groups with reference to inequalities



COVID-19 related delayed care in breast cancer patients



The impact of COVID-19 on perinatal health and perinatal health inequalities



COVID-19 related changes in population mental health

Demonstrate how a broad variety of secondary data (e.g. administrative and survey data) can be pooled and/or reused in a distributed way across Europe:

- a) Conduct research through use cases of immediate relevance on the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on European population health
- b) Pilot activities for the benefits and added value of a research infrastructure by bringing together data from different European countries



PHIRI's end users

- **Researchers** in the public health sphere, working in public health institutes, universities, other research institutes etc: researchers in public health and population sciences as well as epidemiologists, statisticians, pharmacists, health professionals, data scientists, ethicists, sociologists etc.
- Policy and decision-makers at regional, national and international level
- Non-governmental organisations and civil societies in the public health and healthcare area
- Data providers and developers in various health information domains
- Media and journalists
- Students and educational organisations of population health and health services
- General population
- Industry and private sector





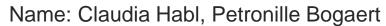




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PANDEM-2: PANDEMic preparedness and response

15th European Public Health Conference 2022, Berlin,

Germany, 9-12

Claudia Houareau Robert Koch Institute, Germany

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Background to PANDEM-2 research project

PANDEM phase 1

focused on research gaps in **surveillance**, **communications and governance** for large scale pandemics (2015 – 2017)

Major gap identified

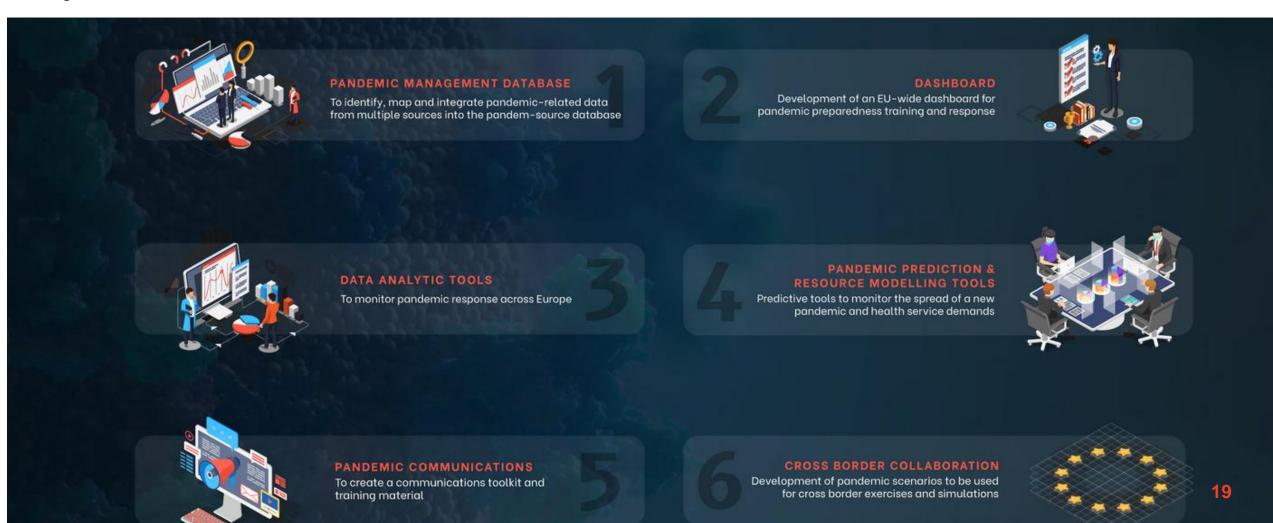
IT systems to support preparedness and response to cross border threats in EU member states



PANDEM-2 Aim and objectives

Aim: enable EU member states to better prepare for future pandemics through innovations in IT and training

Objectives:



PANDEM-2: project partners

- 19 partners, 13 EU countries
 - One hospital: Radboud University Medical Centre, the Netherlands
 - Six national public health agencies: Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Romania
 - Three first responders: Austrian Red Cross, Italian Red Cross, Emergency Medical Services in Portugal
 - > Nine tech and academia partners: as the back bone of this project
- > Budget €9.75M
- Advisory board
 - > ECDC,
 - WHO,
 - Irish Defence Forces,
 - American Red Cross







- PANDEM source beta release April 2022
 - Captures, normalizes and aggregates surveillance data from multiple sources, e.g. TESSy (EpiPulse), WHO, InfluenzaNet, social media, flight data to provide indicators for situational awareness



PANDEM-2 Dashboard - decision support tool for pandemic preparedness and response

Situational awareness

- Cases
- Hospitalisations
- Deaths
- Testing
- Contact tracing

Interventions and countermeasures

- Non-pharmaceutical measures, e.g. stay at home orders, school closures, quarantine, travel bans, border closures
- Vaccination doses given, % population fully vaccinated



- Social media analysis (SMA) tool for two-way communication
- Integration of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) data for pandemic detection and monitoring - simulator linking contextual metadata, e.g. co-morbidities, vaccine status and virus genomic data
- Enhancing Influenzanet for pandemic events monitoring



- Predictive Modelling an integrated library of disease transmission prediction models with spatial and age cohort dimensions to model the progression of an outbreak in different locations and under different conditions
- Resource Planning System simulation tool for capacity analysis and identification of resource coverage deficiencies in the context of a pandemic
- Toolkit with guidelines, protocols and resources on biosafety and biosecurity for first responders, clinical staff and laboratory personnel during cross-border responses

- Creation of knowledge bases
 - o Establishing trust
 - Disinformation/misinformation
- Development of communication resources & tools
 - Integration of key lessons learnt into practical guidelines
 - Development of a portfolio of communication resources for different scenarios eg PR templates
- Media training handbook for public health spokespersons, communications teams in public health and government officials





> Training protocols, design and evaluation of simulation exercises

- Creation and demonstration of three scenarios based on real pandemic events from peacetime planning to response to post-pandemic recovery in setting of Public Health Emergency Operation Centre in national public health agency
- Novel Influenza, Ebola and Disease X/SARS-CoV-3
- Testing and evaluation of PANDEM-2 dashboard and tools

Operational strategy development

Working with ECDC, DG SANTE, DG HOME and DG ECHO, Irish Defense Forces, WHO & stakeholder partners to determine practical implementation of PANDEM-2 outputs









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"Demonstration of intelligent decision support for pandemic crisis prediction and management within and across European borders"

Introducing STAMINA

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Brigita Kairiene
National Public Health Center under the MoH, Lithuania

11th of November, 2022

STAMINA at a glance



37 Partners

Coordinator

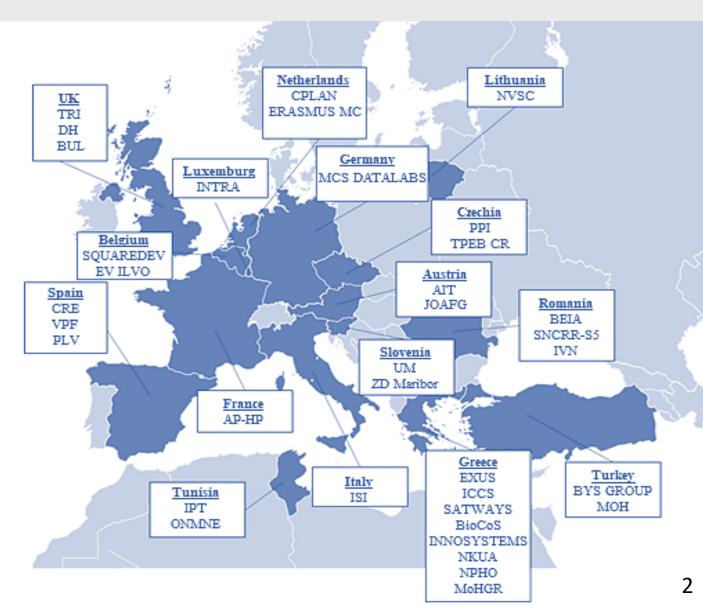
30 Months

EXUS. AI LABS

- 16 Different countries
- 12 Trial-Demonstrations
- 10 Technical Solution Providers
 - 9 First Responders
 - **8** National Planners

Total cost

€11.020.801,25



STAMINA Objectives [1/2]



- Perform and extensive gap analysis in existing preparedness and response plans and relevant legacy systems on a national and EU level
- Study human behaviours that allow outbreaks to spread and define guidelines on public trust monitoring and correct implementation of risk communication principles
- Support data interoperability of national and regional systems with the STAMINA decision-support toolset to provide improved decision making with a very high user acceptance
- Familiarise local authorities with EU and STAMINA-developed tools, providing EU with better, timelier, data, by performing targeted demonstration activities.
- Enable outbreak evolution forecast taking into account all factors accelerating pandemics

STAMINA Objectives [2/2]



- Provide new diagnostic capabilities through the exploitation of bioinformatics and low-cost highly accurate point-of-care testing (POCT) devices to diagnose diseases earlier than before
- Organize preparedness and response simulation exercises that include extensive Training and Field Demonstrations
- Refine the strategic and operational **Cross-Organisational Guidelines** for preparedness and response to improve coordination at all levels (nationally and internationally)
- Propose and validate a standardised scheme for interoperability (information exchange) and personnel management procedures of different actors for preparing for and responding to crisis
- Establish new strong partnerships between the Member States as a result of the project

Multiple Solutions against the Pandemic



STAMINA data

Historical Datasets
Open Datasets
Web and Social Media

Previous Lessons Learned

Experts Opinions





STAMINA predictive models

PALMS (Health and cost benefit)

AIR (Antimicrobial Resistance)

BIMS (climate models in predicting the spatio-temporal evolution of a disease)

FLEE (Movement of people and goods)

GLEAM (Simulation of various infectious diseases on global scale)

FACS (Flu and Coronavirus Simulator with geospatial data, epidemiological data, disease parameters, demographics)

CHARM (Dynamic reconfiguration of hospital wards for **bed capacity planning** during pandemic outbreaks)

STAMINA solutions

Early Warning System (EWS)

Crisis Management Tool (CMT)

Real-time Web and Social Media Analytics (RWSMA)

Preparedness Pandemic Training tool (PPT)

Common Operational Picture (COP) platform

Detection tools and Smart wearable devices for health monitoring





First responders



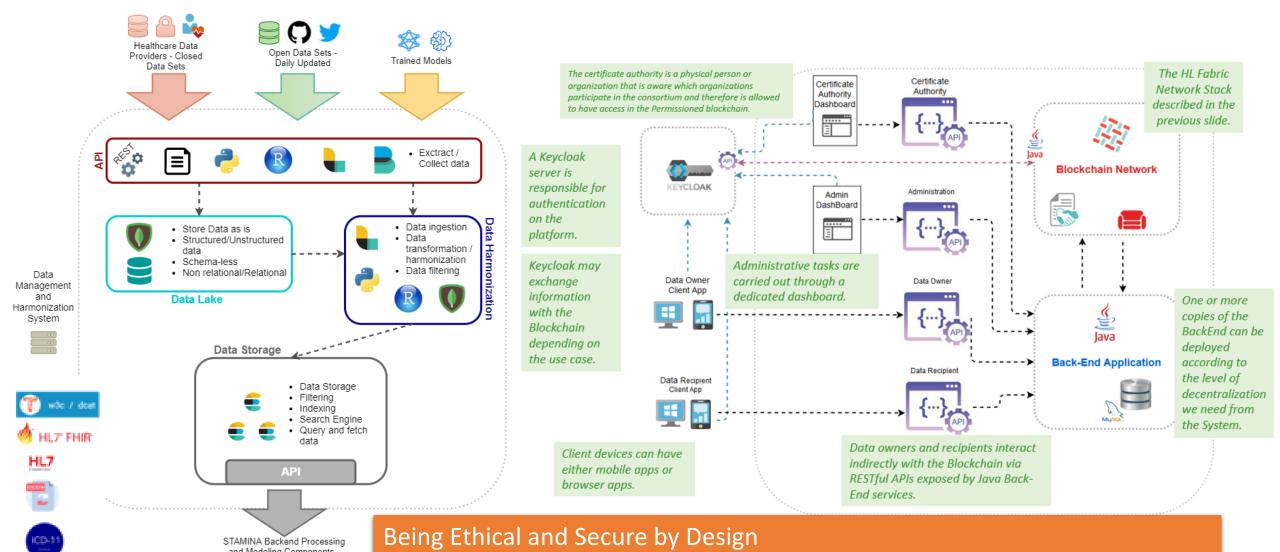


National planners

Inventory of best practices and guidelines to improve preparedness and response

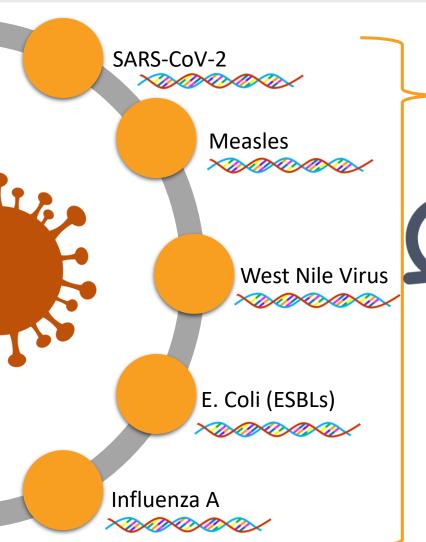
Harmonized and Secure data management according to standards STAMINA

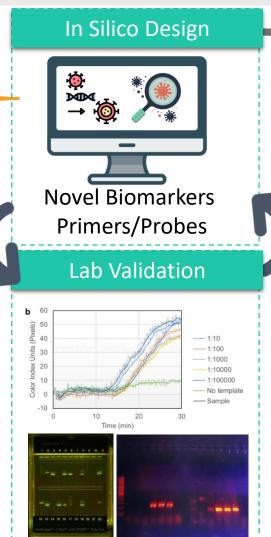


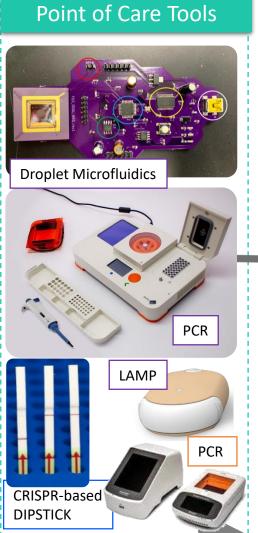


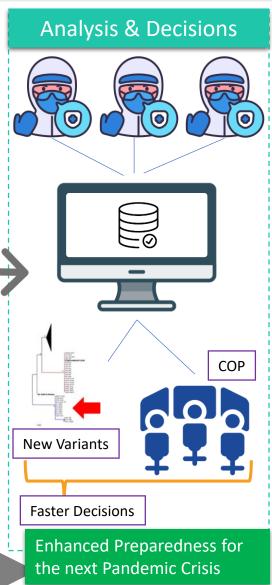
Fast - Cheap - Accurate & Portable Detection











On the Lab

On the field

Protecting our ...Heroes!





Input from SmarKo:

- Vital Data
- Heart Rate
- Sp02
- Skin Temperature
- ECG (1 channel)
- Oxygen saturation

etc.

Other

Geo-location

Air pressure

Motion (Accelerometer)

Motion (Gyroscope)

Motion (Magnetometer)

Motion (StepCount)

Environment (Temperature, Air-pressure etc)

Data Collector module integrated in a mobile device

Early Warning Alerts

COP

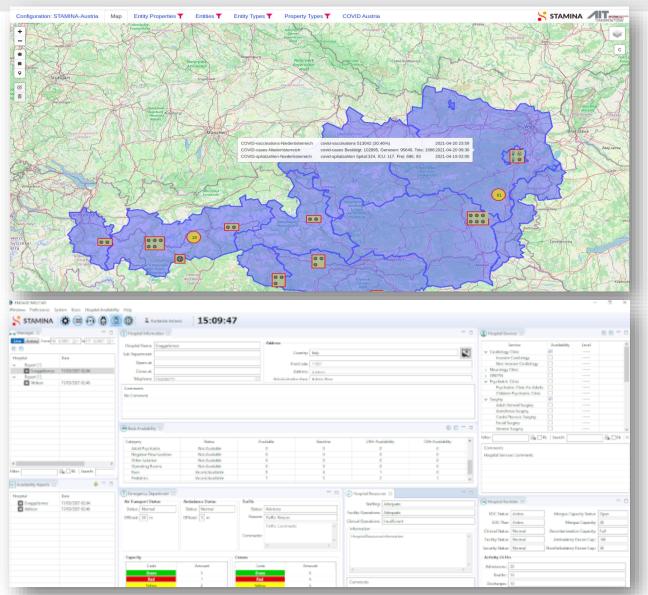
Web application (interface of T6.3)

Decisions for further

diagnostic testing and

precautionary measures

Bringing Common Operational Picture STAMINA into the Healthcare setting







STAMINA The STAMINA Methodology (STADEM)

The STADEM Methodology



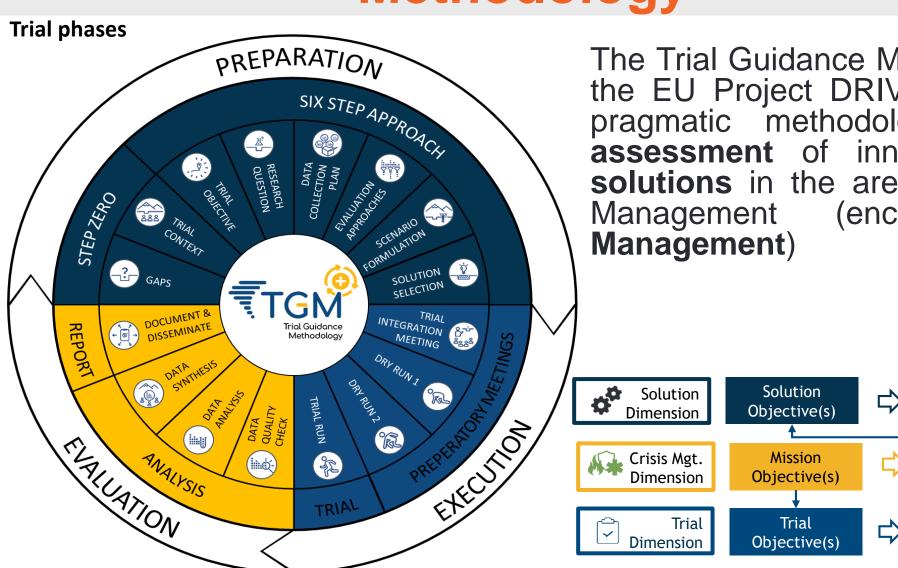
- Development of the taxonomy of pandemic functions based on:
 - Trial descriptions of trial owners
 - End user requirements (establish a relation between gaps and pandemic functions)
- Development of the STADEM methodology based on the Trial Guidance Methodology from DRIVER+
- Preparation, Execution, and Evaluation of the STAMINA trials
 - Application of STADEM
 - In addition, use cases are used as support for the trial preparation



EU Standard

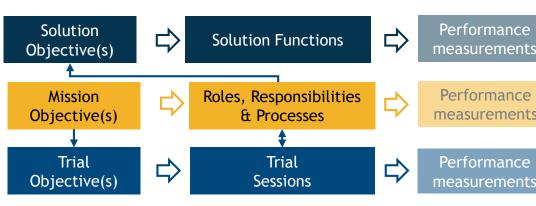
STADEM/The Trial Guidance Methodology





The Trial Guidance Methodology was based in the EU Project DRIVER+ and is a rigor, yet pragmatic methodology for an **objective assessment** of innovative **socio-technical solutions** in the area of Crisis and Disaster Management (encompassing **Pandemic Management**)





STADEM/The Trial Guidance Methodology





Solution dimension:

- the influence that a solution (its use, functionalities etc.) has on the trial
- the added-value a solution brings to CM functions
- practitioner assessment of the solution

Crisis management dimension:

- the influence the crisis management (roles, responsibilities, etc.) has on the trial
- the impact that a solution has on the performance of the CM organization

Trial dimension:

- the influence the trial organization (logistics, availability of key staff, hardware, software, etc.) has on the trial
- the changes that the trial organization brings to the success of the trial

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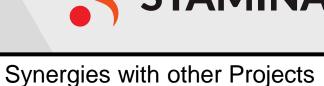
























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COVINFORM at a glance







OUTCOMES







Lessons learned & knowledge transfer



Knowledge Repository & interactive dashboards



Bi-monthly reports & guidelines



Modelling of dimensions of vulnerability

Aims & objectives



Drawing upon intersectionality theory and complex systems analysis, COVINFORM conducts an interdisciplinary critique of COVID-19 responses and their (unintended) impact on the levels of:

- Government
- Public health
- Community
- Communication and information

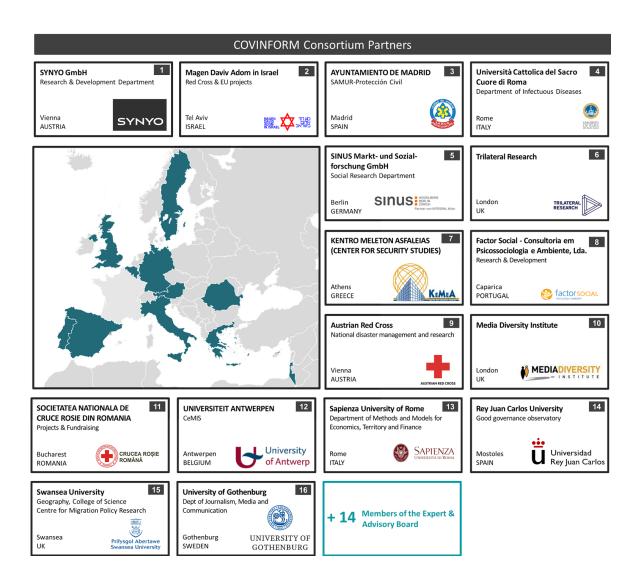
With a focus on **vulnerable populations** such as frontline healthcare workers, older people, ethnic minorities, etc.

Key research questions:

- How was vulnerability defined and considered in COVID-19 responses at different geographical and government levels?
- What were the lived experiences of the pandemic among different vulnerable groups?
- Which unintended consequences, trade-offs, lessons learned and promising practices can be identified in COVID-19 responses across diverse contexts?

Project consortium





16 partners from **11 countries**

- 5 universities
- 7 practitioners and research organisations
- 4 industry and SMEs from medical and security sectors
- multi-disciplinary approach: combining expertise in
 - sociology
 - public health
 - emergency medicine
 - psychology
 - migration studies
 - anthropology
 - gender studies
 - economics
 - risk communication
 - communication science & journalism

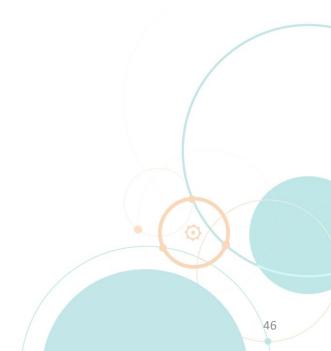
human geography

COVINFORM

Examples of COVINFORM qualitative case studies



- Portugal (Evora): elderly people living in LTCFs
- Belgium (Antwerp): migrants
- Italy (Lazio): health care workers
- Austria (Vienna): female frontline healthcare workers
- Wales (Swansea): BAME overseas qualified nurses
- Sweden (Gothenburg): ethnic minorities
- → Rich variety of lived experiences



Pertinent themes & key findings



- One size does not fit all
 - Both in crisis communication and public health responses
 - Accessibility (distance, time, cost, and administrative barriers)
 - Acceptability (perceptions of need, relevance and risks)
 - Trust
- Gradual recognition of need to target and diversify COVID-19 response strategies
- Importance of local, bottom-up initiatives
 - Good practice: combination of national oversight and local expertise
- Need to boost **exchange** of expertise and lessons learned **across geographical levels**
- Need to ensure lessons learned are incorporated in future preparedness planning

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COVID 19 What have we learnt?

Lessons observed by NO FEAR

PREPARE WORKSHOP

Chaim Rafalwoski | Magen David Adom in Israel

NO-FEAR project objectives

NO-FEAR brings together a pan-European and beyond network of practitioners, suppliers, decision and policy makers, with the goal to achieve

- a common understanding of needs and priorities,
- to fill operational gaps and
- to pinpoint areas for future research.







A pan-European network of practitioners for emergency medical systems and critical care



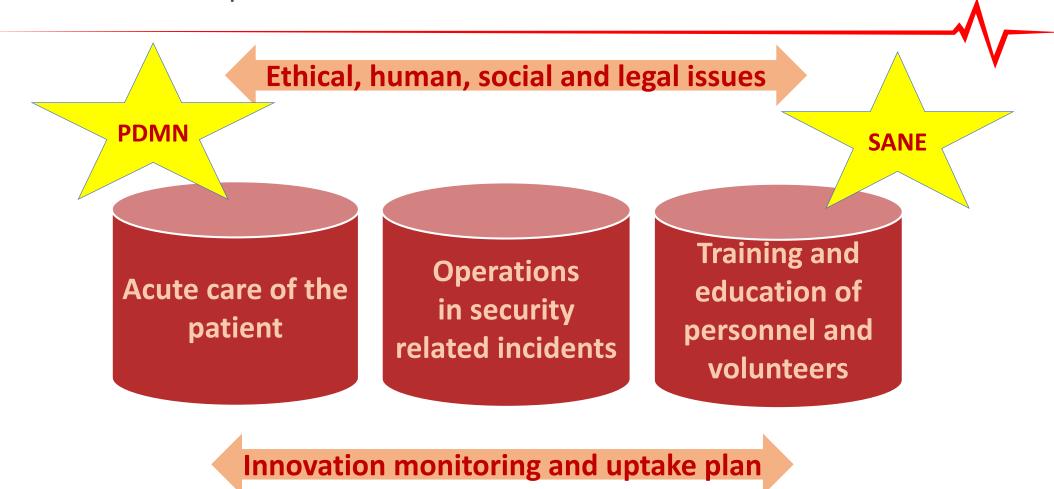








NO-FEAR pillars and transversal activities





New threat: COVID-19 outbreak



Pandemics response requires coordination and cooperation among practitioners, suppliers, researchers and policy makers



Pandemics response encompasses the three pillars and has signficant human, social and legal impact





Timely exchange of lessons learned and good practices is fundamental





Research, **innovation** and **operations** are extremely dependent one from the other







March 9, 2020:

NO-FEAR launches its webinar series focused on COVID 19, aiming at

Involving its strong existing global network of practitioners involved first-hand in the COVID-19 response

Creating opportunities for "quick and dirty" exchanges of information, practices, lessons learned

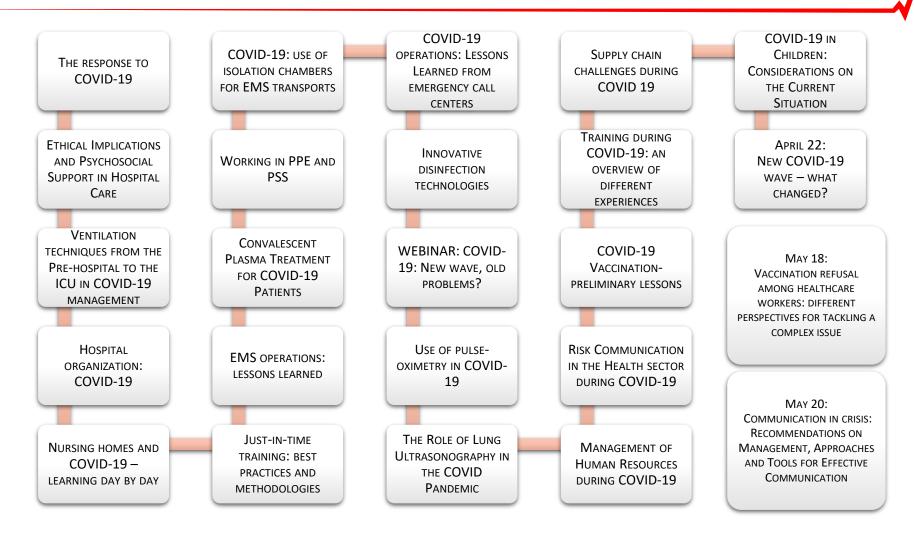
Exploring how different countries responded to the same challenges in different stages of the pandemics

Investigating the availability of newly developed tools or services for the COVID-19 response





NO-FEAR webinar series >50











Methodology

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- 48 replies:
 - 24 EMS, 8 hospital, 6 research, 2 suppliers, 7 "other"
 - 35 consortium members, 13 "externals"
- 5 categories (78 items):
 - The human factor (23)
 - Knowledge sharing, cooperation and coordination (11)
 - Equipment and supplies (15)
 - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) (20)
 - PPE (9)
- 0-4 Likert scale







Top three - overall





• The human factor: 2.3 Need for updated, trustful information sharing with personnel (e.g. regarding treatment protocols, PPE, updates, etc.) to allow them a comprehensive understanding of the situation (3.73)



 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): 6.1 Need for PPE stockpile management, considering transportation, storage space, and risk of throwing away out of date PPE (3.63)



- Equipment and supplies: 4.3 Need for solutions to increase equipment and beds capacity (3.56)
- The human factor: 2.22 Need for management of fake news and mitigation of violent incidents against healthcare personnel (3.56)
- Knowledge sharing, cooperation and coordination: 3.5 Need to collect data, needs, gaps, and lessons in preparation for future outbreaks (3.56)







Top three - The human factor



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 Need for management of fake news and mitigation of violent incidents against healthcare personnel (3.56)



 Need for training and support to provide a sense of confidence and safety, and to avoid selfcontamination while using PPE (3.56)



 Need for psychosocial support programs and training programs for healthcare personnel, including volunteers. (3.52)



Top three - Knowledge sharing, cooperation and coordination



Need to collect data, needs, gaps, and lessons in preparation for future outbreaks (3.56)



Need for improved communication and coordination between Emergency Medical Services, hospitals, and other stakeholder 3.52)



Need for mechanisms for patients and severe cases distribution between healthcare facilities to avoid overload in hospitals, at the regional and national levels (3.42)



Top three - SOPs





Need for plans for reducing hospitalization and overload in the hospitals and for increasing hospitals capacity (physically and procedural) (3.54)



Need for plans for amending referral systems in the hospitals to avoid overloads (3.38)



Need to maintain preparedness and readiness for routine or additional disasters (3.35)







Additional thoughts

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- Care of the staff and volunteers, long term impact
- Need to recruit / shift personnel and train real time
- Constant change shift from "crisis mode" to "new reality".
- Importance and impact of technology
- Impact of years of suboptimal routine health care
- Fake news as a new strategic threat
- Consistency of message (one color)
- Health care as part of crisis management









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Panel Discussion





Mentimeter - Results



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Thank you!



























