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**PREPAREDNESS AND ACTION AT POINTS OF ENTRY  
(PORTS, AIRPORTS, GROUND CROSSINGS)**

# **EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS: WEB-BASED NETWORK FOR POINTS OF ENTRY (EU POENET)**

## **Deliverable D1.2**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

This is **Deliverable 1.2** entitled '**Web-based network for points of entry (EU POENET)**' developed under *Work Package 1: Management* of the EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action (Grant Agreement Nr. 801493). The EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action has received funding from the European Union, in the framework of the Third Health Programme (2014-2020).

## 1.1 DELIVERABLE CONTENT SPECIFICATION

The EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action **Deliverable D1.2 "Web-based network for points of Entry (EU POENET)"** is related to the network that will be used to communicate and notify rapidly in case of cross-border risks to health at points of entry (POE). This network complements the existing official reporting networks, by facilitating knowledge and information sharing among experts, and among competent authorities and other stakeholders.

## 1.2 DESCRIPTION OF WORK UNDER WORK PACKAGE 1

A new integrated web-based network for points of entry (EU POENET) was developed in cooperation with EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS subject-matter Work Packages 5, 6, 7 (ground crossings, air and maritime transport, respectively) under the coordination of Work Package 1. The web-based network consists of: a) an expert communication platform for air, maritime and ground crossing transport health threats; b) a European database for storing and sharing data from positive Maritime Declarations of Health submitted to the NSW according to Directive 2010/65/EU; c) inspection results according to the *European Manual for Hygiene Standards and Communicable Disease Surveillance on Passenger Ships*; d) European Ship Sanitation Inspection Database Information System for issuing/recording IHR SSCs based on the WHO Handbook; e) communication network platform allowing ship-to-port/port to National/port-to-port information sharing on response to public health events; and f) training platform for POE hosting e-learning synchronous and asynchronous courses.

A working group was established to develop the structure and content of EU POENET, led by the Joint Action Coordinator, with representatives from authorities leading subject matter Work Packages (air, maritime and ground crossings) and authorities leading the dissemination and training Work Packages. Working group meetings were primarily conducted under the framework of other Joint Action events including the Kick-off meeting (June 2018 in Varna, Bulgaria) and 1st General Assembly meeting (June 2019 in Hamburg, Germany).

Under Work Packages 5, 6 and 7, specific discussion forums (expert's forum) have been developed for the network of professionals.

A digital Passenger Locator Form (EUdPLF) environment for maritime, air and ground-crossings transport was created to allow for more efficient data collection for contact tracing activities and a European level common web interface, under which national electronic PLFs for each European Union Member State (EU MS) has been developed. National PLFs are hosted under a common database. Each onboarded EU MS has access only to their national dataset. This EU Database is facilitated by EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS and is another component of the Joint Action's web-based network for points of entry (existing Deliverable D1.2 under Work Package 1). Data exchange occurs via the connection of the EUdPLF to the ePLF (EC exchange platform). On May 27th 2021, the European Commission published the Implementing Decision 2021/858 setting up all provisions for the use of this exchange platform. In addition, a Commission Implementing Decision 2021/1212 published on 12th of July 2021 allows the sharing of exposed persons' data.

The components of existing work that were used in the Joint Action activities were identified and considered in the development of Deliverable 1.2. The existing information systems and communication platforms of SHIPSAN and AIRSAN were updated. Moreover, the following subjects were explored and applied: a) high speed of the system operation; b) updating of the AIRSAN bibliography tool for the air sector and expansion to the maritime sector; and c) improvements to the functionalities of the EU SHIPSAN Information System (SIS).

## 1.3 DEVELOPMENT AND CONTENT OF THE WEB-BASED NETWORK FOR POINTS OF ENTRY (EU POENET)

### 1.3.1 WHERE TO FIND IT?

**EU POENET** is located under the private area of the EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS website (user credentials are required). The direct link to access EU POENET is: <https://www.healthygateways.eu/POENET>. It is also located on the EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS [home page](#) in the footer link "POENET", directly below the label "Web-based network for points of entry".

### 1.3.2 WHAT DOES THE EU POENET INCLUDE?

EU POENET consists of the following components and links:

- **Network of Professionals for Points of Entry** (private)

The *Network of Professionals for Points of Entry* consists of the:

- i) Registration form for the Network (for new users);
- ii) Registry for POE (Communication Network (Registry)); and
- iii) Communication Platform used by those registered and approved on this Network (*Expert communication platform for air, maritime and ground crossing transport health threats*)
  - **Registration form:** (public) for the Network of Professionals for PoE (Registry).
  - **Expert communication platform for air, maritime and ground crossing transport health threats:** (private)

- **EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Bibliography tool** (public)

This web-based tool compiles existing European and international guidance documents addressing all types of public health threats (biological, chemical, environmental, radiological, nuclear) including COVID-19, in the air and maritime sector. Publications from peer-reviewed journals related to public health transport in the maritime sector have also been included.

- **EU Common Ship Sanitation Database** (private) – consisting of the following components:

- 1) European database for storing and sharing data from positive Maritime Declarations of Health submitted to the NSW according to Directive 2010/65/EU;
- 2) Inspection results according to the European Manual for hygiene standards and communicable disease surveillance on passenger ships;
- 3) European Ship Sanitation Inspection Database Information System for issuing/recording IHR SSCs based on WHO Handbook; and
- 4) Communication Network

- **Web-based catalogues of best practices** (private)

Web-based catalogues of best practices for points of entry have been developed and address all types of health threats, public health emergency contingency planning, risk communication and advice for public health event management at points of entry. These catalogues were intended for use by Member States' health authorities with implementation at operational level through agencies and stakeholders in the transport sector.

The web-based catalogues developed include the following:

- *Best practices on core capacities implementation at ports for event detection, surveillance, management and contingency planning*

- *Best practices on core capacities implementation at airports for event detection, surveillance, management and contingency planning*
- *Best practices on core capacities implementation at ground crossings for event detection, surveillance, management and contingency planning.*
- **Web-based training resources catalogue for Points of Entry** (public)  
Searchable catalogue compiling training resources from international, European and national courses that are specific to points of entry and address public health threats in the maritime, air and ground-crossings sector.
- **E-learning platform (training platform for PoE hosting e-learning synchronous and asynchronous courses)** (private)
- **EUdPLF** (private)

### 1.3.3 WHO ARE THE USERS OF EU POENET?

- All EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action consortium members
- The network of professionals developed under Work Packages 5, 6 and 7
- The competent authorities at points of entry
- The competent authorities at authorised ports according to International Health Regulations (2005)
- Inspectors registered in the EU SHIPSAN Information System (EUSIS)

### 1.3.4 HOW TO REGISTER TO THE EU POENET?

Members of the EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS consortium, advisory board and network of professionals already have access and do not need to register.

**New users should follow the below instructions:**

The registration form is public and activated, which can be found on the following link:

**<https://www.healthygateways.eu/User-Registration>**

The above registration form should be used for online application on the Registry and access to the Communication Platform (only for new users). Once a potential, new user applies via the registration form (e.g. personnel working at a point of entry) the registration will be reviewed and once approved will be granted access to the Network of Professionals for Points of Entry.

## 2. STRUCTURE AND SCREENSHOTS

- **Network of Professionals for Points of Entry**

The screenshot displays the website interface for 'EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS JOINT ACTION PREPAREDNESS AND ACTION AT POINTS OF ENTRY (PORTS, AIRPORTS, GROUND CROSSINGS)'. The main content area features a large article titled 'COVID-19: EU Healthy Gateways advice for cruise ships operations' with a 'Find out more' button. To the left is a sidebar with categories like 'Previous Websites', 'Resources', and 'Bibliography'. To the right is another sidebar with 'EU dPLF website', 'EU dPLF app', and 'COVID-19: Advice for cruise ships'. The footer contains contact information, social media links, and a 'Private Area' section with a highlighted 'Web-based network for PoE' link.

## User Registration

User Registration



Application for Registration on the EU POENET (activated while not logged in).

**\*Note:** Membership to this site is private. Once your account information has been submitted, the Site Administrator will be notified and your application will be subjected to a screening procedure. If your application is authorized, you will receive notification that you can access the site. All fields marked with a red asterisk are required. **(Note: Registration may take several seconds. Once you click the Register button please wait until the system responds.)**

Title \*

First Name \*

Last Name \*

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Name of Organisation/Authority \*

Area-s of Interest for participation to the Network of Points of Entry (POENET)

Interest General

Interest Ground crossings

Interest Air

Interest Maritime

Website:

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User Name: \*  User name is required.

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## EU POENET

### EU POENET

Network of Professionals for Points of Entry

- Expert communication platform for air, maritime and ground crossing transport health threats
- Registration form for Network of Professionals for PoE (Registry)

EU HG Bibliography tool

EU Common Ship Sanitation Database - 1) European database for storing and sharing data from positive Maritime Declarations of Health submitted to the NSW according to Directive 2010/65/EU, 2) inspection results according to the European Manual for hygiene standards and communicable disease surveillance on passenger ships, 3) European Ship Sanitation Inspection Database Information System for issuing/recording IHR SSCs based on WHO Handbook, 4) Communication Network

Web-based catalogues of best practices

Web-based training resources catalogue for Points of Entry

E-learning platform (training platform for PoE hosting e-learning synchronous and asynchronous courses)

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## Communication Network (Registry)

Under the framework of EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action (GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER: 801493), a **Network of Professionals for Points of Entry** has been developed including an **expert communication platform** for air, maritime and ground crossing transport health threats.

This web based network (EU POENET) includes **specific discussion forums** and could be used **by professionals for knowledge exchange and for facilitating competent authorities with information sharing that can be used to the risk assessment of public health events. Contact details will only be used as recipients of communications, updates and additional questions on this processing operation.**

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## Communication Network - Search

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### Bibliography Tool

Under the framework of the EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action, the existing AIRSAN Project Bibliography has been updated and expanded to develop a Point of Entry Bibliography Tool for the air and maritime transport sector.

This web-based tool compiles existing European and international guidance documents addressing all types of public health threats (biological, chemical, environmental, radiological, nuclear) including COVID-19, in the air and maritime sector. Publications from peer-reviewed journals related to public health transport in the maritime sector have also been included.

The Bibliography Tool allows users to identify key resource documents; each entry in the Tool is categorized and searchable by:

- General information (author/publisher, publication year, publication language)
- Transport sector type (air, maritime, ground crossings)
- Public health function
- Public health threat
- Specific disease
- Keywords associated with the content of the document

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The impact on maritime transport of health threats due to biological, chemical and radiological agents, including communicable diseases

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## EU SHIPSAN ACT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS)

The EU SHIPSAN ACT is a European Joint Action funded by the European Commission under the Health Programme (2006-2013) where 33 partners from 24 European countries participate.

The EU SHIPSAN ACT Joint Action deals with the impact on maritime transport of health threats due to biological, chemical and radiological agents, including communicable diseases and supports the implementation of International Health Regulations 2005.

**EU SHIPSAN ACT Information System (SIS)** consists of:

- a) Communication Network platform facilitating ship-to-port, port-to-port and port-to-national authority communication.
- b) Information system for recording and issuing Ship Sanitation Certificates under the International Health Regulations 2005 for all types of ships sailing in European Union.
- c) Database for recording inspections conducted according to the European Manual for Hygiene Standards and Communicable Disease Surveillance on Passenger Ships.

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## Best practice catalogues for PoE

Under the framework of the EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action (Grant Agreement: 801480), **web-based catalogues of best practices for points of entry** have been developed and address all types of health threats: zoonotic health emergency contingency planning, risk communication and advice for public health management at points of entry. These catalogues were intended for use by Member States' health authorities with implementation at operational level through agencies and stakeholders in the transport sector.

The web-based catalogues developed include the following:

- Best practices on core capabilities implementation at airports for event detection, surveillance, management and contingency planning
- Best practices on core capabilities implementation at airports for event detection, surveillance, management and contingency planning
- Best practices on core capabilities implementation at airports (airports) for event detection, surveillance, management and contingency planning

**Purpose and structure of the EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS catalogues of best practices**

As a deliverable of the EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS General Assembly, the primary aim of these catalogues is to facilitate the promotion and sharing of practices that Member States identify as working well (best practice) in their country. The practices identified and included in the catalogues are not meant to be considered a good practice or a practice that serves best for one Member State, but may be applicable in another Member State. However, many of the practices collected are evidence based and JPH specific evaluation criteria is developed to determine what are considered "best practices". The "grades" of evidence related to each practice is identified based on the following four criteria:

- Practice is implemented according to international health Regulations (IHR, 2005) requirements for core capacities
- Practice is documented and regulated/formalised, e.g. through Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Staff have been trained in implementing the documented practice (e.g. SOPs or SOPs)
- Practices have been tested with scenarios (e.g. tabletop exercises) or have been applied during real life events

Criteria	Criteria 1, 2, 3 fulfilled
Grade 1	Criteria 1, 2, 3 and 4 fulfilled
Grade 2	Not applicable criteria do not apply to the practice

Some practices included in the catalogue relate to more than one point of entry type. The catalogue is searchable through keywords associated with each practice. Moreover, practices are categorized based on the area they relate to under the International Health Regulations (IHR, 2005).

The structure of the catalogue template provided allows countries to preserve and describe their "best practices" in a way that is useful to other Member States.

The following information can be found for practices reported in the web-based catalogue:

- Title of practice
- Area addressed under International Health Regulations (IHR, 2005)
- Specific aspects related to practice
- Country implementing the practice
- Competing/ly implementing the practice (if applicable)
- Local point of entry implementing the practice (if applicable)
- English abstract describing the practice
- Level/grade of evidence behind the practice
- Contact details to request more information about the practice (if available)
- Additional documents associated with the practice (if applicable)

Points of Entry types that the "best practice" relates to:

All

"Best practice" implemented at points of entry airports

"Best practice" implemented at points of entry ports

"Best practice" implemented at points of entry ground crossings

Country implementing the practice:

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EPB View

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• **Web-based training resources catalogue for Points of Entry**

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- **E-learning platform (training platform for points of entry hosting e-learning synchronous and asynchronous courses)**

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### Who we are

**EU HEALTHY GATEWAYS**

The Joint Action Preparedness and action at points of entry (ports, airports, and ground crossings) with acronym HEALTHY GATEWAYS was prepared under the framework of the 2017 Annual Work Programme and has received funding from the European Union, in the framework of the [Third Health Programme](#), (2014-2020). A total of 38 authorities (17 partners, 3 affiliated entities, 18 collaborating stakeholders) from 28 European countries and Taiwan CDC participate in the HEALTHY GATEWAYS Joint Action consortium. [More...](#)

**EU SHIPSAN ACT**

The SHIPSAN ACT was a European Joint Action funded by the European Commission under the Health Programme (2008-2013) where 33 partners from 24 European countries participated. The duration of the EU SHIPSAN ACT Joint Action was 45 months (February 2013-October 2016). The EU SHIPSAN ACT Joint Action dealt with the impact on maritime transport of health threats due to biological, chemical and radiological agents, including communicable diseases. [More...](#)

### Course Categories:

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**Health and Hygiene on ships**



**EUdPLF**



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### User manual

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### TRAVELLING PROTOCOLS

This section provides information about the travelling protocols of each country. Please click on the country you are travelling to in order to read its protocol.

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Malta	▼
Slovenia	▼

### EUROPEAN DIGITAL PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM (dPLF)

Welcome to the web-based application for the **European Digital Passenger Locator Form (dPLF)**.

#### The European Digital Passenger Locator Form (dPLF)

Passenger Locator Forms (PLFs) are used by public health authorities to facilitate contact tracing in case travellers are exposed to an infectious disease during their travel by plane, ship (cruise/ferry), rail, bus or automobile. Information that travellers provide in PLFs can be used by public health authorities in destination countries to rapidly contact travellers, with the goal of protecting the health of travellers' and their contacts, as well as preventing further disease spread.

Countries that require completion of PLF are currently using paper-based passenger locator forms or have developed national online systems. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, a web application for a **European Digital Passenger Locator Form (dPLF)** was developed to facilitate the use of PLFs during cross-border health threats. This digital format will allow for easier and more rapid data collection and exchange between stakeholders, making contact tracing more effective and efficient.

In the future, travelers entering a country that choose to use the European dPLF web application through air, maritime (cruise or ferry), or land (train, bus, car) transport means may be asked to complete a digital Passenger Locator Form for their travel using the European dPLF web application.

#### Who has to complete the digital Passenger Locator Form?

Passengers travelling to one of the below countries (as their final destination) should complete a passenger locator form via the European Digital Passenger Locator Form (dPLF)

- France
- Italy
- Malta
- Slovenia

Each country has its own policy regarding who must complete the PLF (some countries choose in case a family is travelling together, only one member of the family must complete the PLF and other countries require that each adult person completes an individual PLF).

For specific requirements about completion of the form please see section TRAVELLING PROTOCOLS above, and select the country you are travelling to in order to read its protocol.

If you are travelling to another destination and/or you wish to check if any travel restrictions apply, please check the European Union tool titled Re-open EU by clicking [here](#).

#### Processing of personal data

Before you fill in your PLF, you will be asked to read the Destination's Country Privacy Policy for you to be informed about the collection and processing of your personal data for the purposes related to the European dPLF.

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