EWRS: "Master class" on Technology layer and Governance layer

10/04/2020 – 10:30 to 11:30 CEST

Meeting Summary

Agenda and purpose of the meeting: To learn more about the technical and governance aspects of the Emergency Warning Response System (EWRS) managed by SANTE.C3 and ECDC with a view to using it for cross-border communication between backend solutions.

a) Technical layer
   1. Overall technical architecture
   2. Key actors (users)
   3. Functionalities (per user)
   4. Interfaces with external systems (APIs incoming and outgoing information)
   5. Data (datasets, storage, exchange formats)

b) Governance layer
   1. Bodies (WHO) – Decision 1082
   2. Processes/Services (HOW)
   3. Information (WHAT DATA)

c) How can the Toolbox take advantage of EWRS

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1 It should be noted that Apple and Google have released a joint statement on April 4 2020 at 19:00 explaining their developments to facilitate contact tracing through apps. The approach taken is slightly different: only the positives are shared with the backend, and they are broadcast to all devices. An evaluation is pending for what the future
developments by these mobile operating system providers will mean for the interoperability challenges on the backend and frontend.
Therefore, there is a need to clarify the use of the EWRS between the eHealth Network and the Health Security Committee. A discussion should be planned between the eHealth Network and the Health Security Committee (most likely not before the first release of the toolbox).