



Coordinated action in the aviation sector to control public health threats

► General project information

The AIRSAN Project has been funded by the Health Programme of the European Union between April 2013 and December 2015.

► Background

The rapid increase of air transport results in a growing risk of cross-border public health threats in the EU. There is an urgent need to facilitate a coordinated response to possible public health threats in air transport among EU Member States.

► Objective

The objective of the AIRSAN Project is to support EU Member States to ensure a well-organized and coherent response to public health threats in air transport.

► Target groups

The AIRSAN Project involves companies, such as airports and airlines, and authorities, such as public health authorities and civil aviation authorities.

Achievements of the AIRSAN Project

► AIRSAN Bibliography

The AIRSAN Bibliography comprises a list of guidance documents that cover public health threats in air transport on international level. These documents were reviewed and systematized in form of an annotated bibliography.

► AIRSAN Guidance Documents

The AIRSAN Project has developed AIRSAN Guidance Documents for the response to public health threats in air transport. One AIRSAN Guidance Document covers remote risk assessment and management of communicable disease events on board an aircraft. The other targets the issue of contact tracing, with a focus on the collaboration between the public health and the aviation sector.

► AIRSAN Training Tool

The AIRSAN Training Tool supports authorities and companies with the implementation of the AIRSAN Guidance Documents. It is designed as a table-top exercise, using different scenarios in the context of cross-border public health threats. It was tested in pilot exercises at different airports.

► AIRSAN Network

The AIRSAN Network brings together national public health and civil aviation authorities, local public health authorities, airport management and airlines across EU Member States to facilitate greater mutual understanding of the management of public health threats in air transport.

► AIRSAN Website

The AIRSAN Website serves for dissemination of information amongst a wider audience and amongst AIRSAN Network Members. The sites with project information are freely accessible. On some password-protected sites, AIRSAN Network Members can exchange information, e.g. on airport exercises or developed material.

► AIRSAN Communication Platform

The password-protected part of the AIRSAN Website is linked to the AIRSAN Communication Platform. Registered AIRSAN Network Members can use the AIRSAN Communication Platform to discuss topics concerning public health in the aviation sector.

AIRSAN Partnership

AIRSAN Associated Partners

- Department for Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Robert Koch Institute, Germany
- Preparedness and Response Unit, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Netherlands
- Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology, University of Thessaly, Greece
- Department of Epidemiology, National Institute of Public Health, National Institute of Hygiene, Poland
- Port Health Authority, Federal Public Service Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium
- KLM, Royal Dutch Airlines, Netherlands
- Medical Services, FRAPORT AG, Germany
- Subcontractor: International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

AIRSAN Collaborating Partners

- Swiss Federal Department of Home Affairs, Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, Switzerland
- Deutsche Lufthansa AG, Medical Services, Germany
- Air France, Medical Services, France
- Atatürk Airport Health Control Center, Turkey
- Public Health Services of the Ministry of Health, Israel
- Varna and Burgas Airport Medical Service, Bulgaria
- EUROCONTROL, Belgium
- Airport Health Control Office, Environmental Health Directorate, Malta

AIRSAN Scientific Advisory Board

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI), Germany
- Office for Nuclear Regulation, an agency of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), United Kingdom
- European Commission, DG MOVE
- European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)

AIRSAN Executive Agency

- Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Chafea)

Coordinating Institute

- Robert Koch Institute, Germany

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