

WP 7: Supporting national TB control programmes

The aim of E-DETECT TB Work Package 7 is to support the development of action plans in EU/EEA member states by surveying TB control plans and strategies, and reviewing evidence for actions to control and prevent TB. Information from the survey and reviews will inform an expert meeting to develop a TB Strategy toolkit.

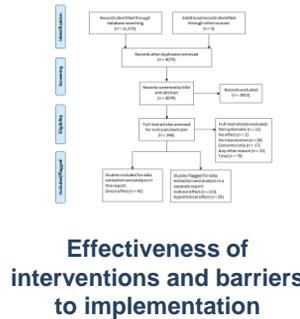
Survey of plans and strategies

Evidence review

Expert meeting

TB strategy toolkit

Online survey of 31 EU/EEA member states



National TB programme leads and other TB experts



Toolkit to develop a National Strategic Plan for TB prevention, care and control
Methodology on how to develop a national strategic plan



Based on evidence, expert views and experience in EU/EEA countries

Key achievements to date

- 1. We have obtained up-to-date information on the development and implementation of national TB action plans and strategies across the EU/EEA by means of a web-based survey, with a 100% response rate from the 31 EU/EEA member states. This work was published in the European Respiratory Journal <https://erj.ersjournals.com/content/early/2018/10/04/13993003.01449-2018>
- 2. We have completed a systematic review of reviews of interventions for TB control and prevention in countries with low to medium TB incidence. A manuscript has been submitted for publication
- 3. We hosted an Expert Stakeholder meeting on 24th October in Leiden, The Netherlands and brought together national TB programme representatives from EU/EEA member states, academics and civil society, WHO Europe, ECDC and the European Commission / CHAFAEA. Participants reflected on latest evidence and agreed priorities and contents of TB Strategy Toolkit.

Current work

- 1. We have completed a systematic review evidence of barriers and facilitators to the implementation of TB control programmes in EU/EEA countries. A manuscript is being prepared for journal submission
- 2. A TB Strategy Toolkit has been prepared and utilises the synthesised evidence on core components of a TB Action Plan or TB Strategy, providing steps for implementation. We will engage with our WP7 partners, ECDC, WHO Europe and the European Commission to finalise its contents.

Next steps

- 1. We plan to launch and disseminate the TB Strategy Toolkit early in 2019.