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# TropNetEurop 10

a proposed road map

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# *TropNetEurop 10: Three main strategies*

1. Communication among members
2. Research
3. Policy development



All Coordination Team Basel Members



## 1. *Communication among members*

Internet discussion of special cases: preventive, diagnostic and management issues

Structured short reporting of emerging and unexpected events and clinical cases, follow-up by coordination centre, i.e. Short, real-time, web-based reporting platform of unusual medical events and outbreaks observed in travellers (e.g. leprosy, WNF, typhoid fever, patients returning from tropical countries with unknown health problem), follow-up by coordination centre (e-mails & tel calls by coordination centre). Work-up & publication



# 1. *Communication among members ff*

Technical support and teaching

Provision of info material for travellers (and possibly for physicians), e.g. travel health brochure in major languages. (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese)

Course info

Offer *hands-on-training* in larger partner centres for smaller sites, **coordination platform**

- Practical syndromic differential diagnosis (e.g. fever, skin disorders, eosinophilia)



## 2. Research

Further develop and **coordinate** TropNet  
Europ into a research platform for **working  
groups on specific topics of travel medicine**

**Take up topics suggested by constituency**

Focus on topics relevant to pretravel, during  
travel and post-travel medicine issues,  
based on experience and needs of  
constituency



## 2. Research

TropNetEurop Research Strategy

**Goal: Evidence-based travel advice**

Network structures and expert-consultancy  
available at Swiss TPH and among members

Submission of protocols to major grants, e.g.  
FP7, National Reserach Foundations)



## 2. Research

Methodology: which intervention where? Risk based on endemicity in host country or among travellers?

Non-communicable problems

- Cardiovascular events, (Road) accidents,

Communicable diseases

- Prevention, diagnosis und management: e.g. **Leishmaniasis**, Giardia intestinalis, Vivax-malaria; post-marketing surveillance of vaccines/drugs

### 3. *Policy development*

#### Step-by-step approach

- Where do countries/centres agree already?
- Which topics need ‚the last push‘ for consensus
- **Interaction with EuroTravNet, WHO, CDC etc.**
- Malaria and other vector-borne diseases recommendations







### *3. Policy development*

„Expert Committee for Travel Medicine“ as possible nucleus for the „(European) Evidence-based Recommendation Initiative based on Common sense“ (ERIC)

=> Harmonisation of expert recommendations



### *3. Policy development*

Strengthening national and international relationships in research, teaching and services

Establishing and further developing relations with networks such as ENVID, FESTMIH, ISTM and Organizations ([WHO](#), [CDC](#), [NESTM](#), [EuroTravNet](#), [Faculty of Tropical Medicine](#))

Joint Preparation Course on Travel Medicine at different sites (‘European ISTM Prep Course’)



## *Output of the three main strategies in 2011*

1. ‚Active‘ internet platform. 10 Info Handouts on Travel Medicine issues available in at least 3 major languages
2. Two new research projects running
3. Minimal agreement on travel advice; Meeting on European Recommendations for Travel Medicine between TropNetEurop and EuroTravNet

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## Possible way forward

Transition phase: reporting continues

Constituency informed about proposed changes in TropNetEurop

Workshop called for members to discuss future aims

Constituency is informed about outcome of workshop and steering committee