

STATEMENT

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The European Centre of Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) was established in 2005. It is an EU agency with aim to strengthen Europe's defences against infectious diseases.

According to the Article 3 of the founding Regulation, ECDC's mission is to identify, assess and communicate current and emerging threats to human health posed by infectious diseases. In order to achieve this mission, ECDC works in partnership with national health protection bodies across Europe. By working with experts throughout Europe, ECDC pools Europe-wide surveillance data and develops scientific opinions about the risks posed by current and emerging infectious diseases.

Even though TBE is not included into the list of diseases to be reported at EU level, nevertheless the ECDC consider this topic of high relevance and is going to start a series of activities targeted at improving the knowledge on TBE burden of disease in the EU and at facilitating good practices in TBE vaccination strategies.