

## EAP Vaccination Working Group

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The EAP Vaccination Working Group (VWG) consists of representatives from all European regions, who are involved in their national immunisation programmes, with the intention to build an effective and interactive network.

The major goal of the EAP VWG is to support activities leading to better **Harmonisation** of vaccination programmes within the European region and to optimal **Coverage** with recommended vaccines.

The EAP VWG meets twice a year for discussion of the current situation of immunisation in Europe. Data are collected mainly by means of surveys. **Major topics** comprise implementation of recommended vaccines, national monitoring of vaccination coverage, measures to increase vaccination coverage ensuring an equitable access to immunization policies also to the migrant population, approach to vaccine refusal / “individualization”, shortages in vaccine supply, and others.

The EAP VWG seeks **collaboration with WHO, ECDC and other European organizations, coalitions, alliances and networks** interested in the field of vaccinology, in order to optimize its efforts for achieving the goals mentioned above.

The EAP VWG supports the ambitious **WHO European Vaccine Action Plan 2015-2020** ([http://www.euro.who.int/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/276659/EVAP-factsheet.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/276659/EVAP-factsheet.pdf)) with its vision: A European Region free of vaccine-preventable diseases, where all countries provide equitable access to high-quality, safe, affordable vaccines and immunization services throughout the life course.