



Welcome



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Surveillance and Prevention of
Vaccine Preventable **Hepatitis**



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Review of the
Programme

Objectives of
the meeting



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- Feasibility project
- Focus:
 - **surveillance and prevention of vaccine preventable hepatitis**
 - **In 15 EU countries and 12 Associated States + Israel**
- Concerted action (DG Research of EC)
 - **36 months, started September 2002**



EUROHEP.NET team

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EUROHEP.NET: aim

- Contribute to a better understanding of the diversity of the current surveillance and vaccination strategies;
- Identify potential hurdles towards standardisation and implementation;
- Study the feasibility of such a future network, integrating the expertise of different stakeholders.
- Facilitate the establishment of a European network for surveillance and prevention of viral hepatitis A and B within this region;



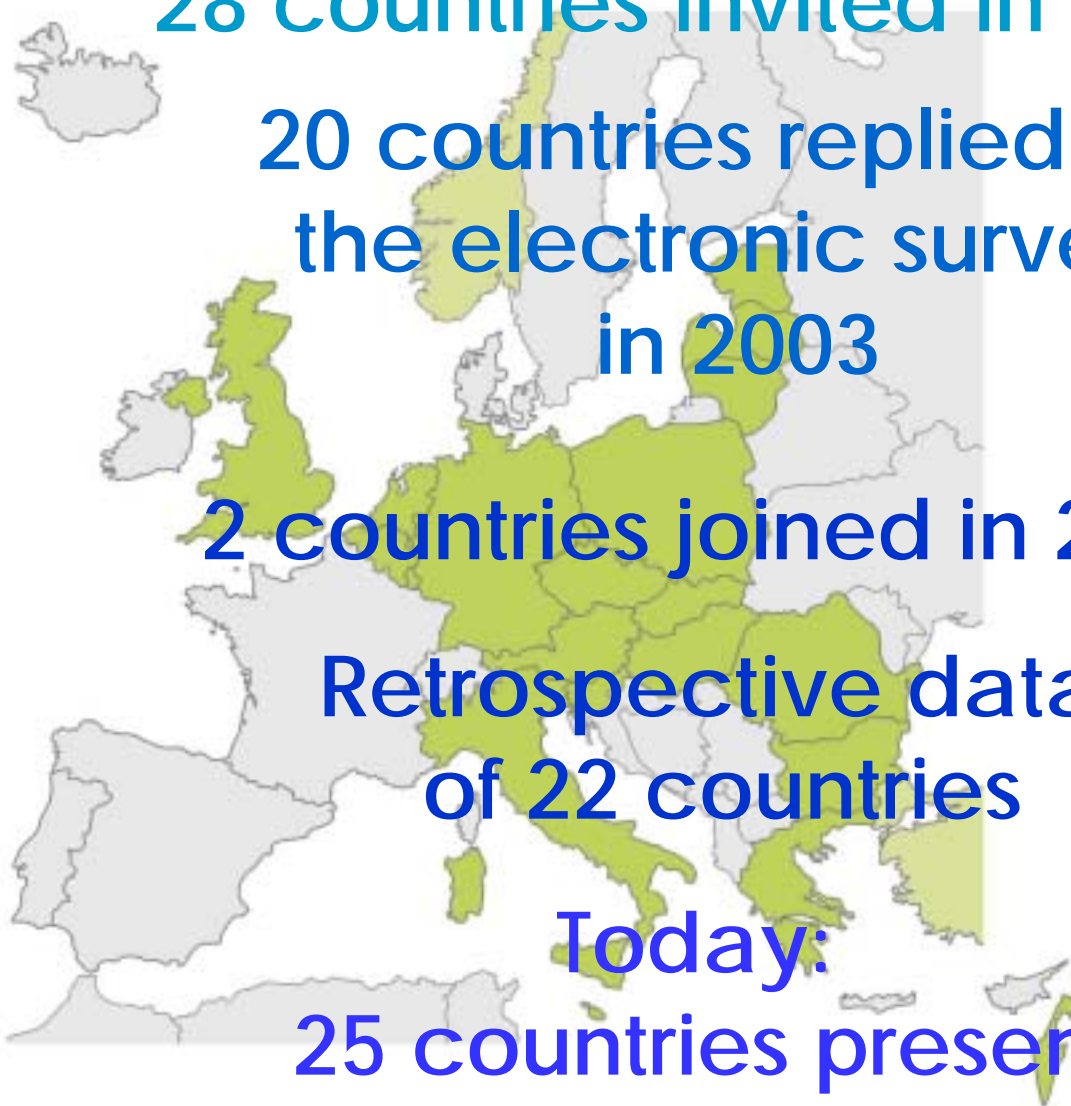
28 countries invited in 2002

**20 countries replied on
the electronic survey
in 2003**

2 countries joined in 2004

**Retrospective data
of 22 countries**

**Today:
25 countries present**



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Solna 15 March,

Dear Dr Leunidan,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the EUROHEP.NET meeting in Malma, which I appreciate very much.

However, we are right now in a very intense starting phase to have the new Centre operational by the end of May, and until that time our staff will be very limited. Regrettably, we therefore have very limited time to attend external meetings.

Even though, we will not have the opportunity to come this time, I am looking forward to a fruitful collaboration for the future.

With my best regards



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Objectives of the meeting

- **Present the results of the survey + work-packages:**
 - Surveillance and vaccination programmes in 22 countries
- **Discuss in workshops the feedback from**
- **the countries on the draft guidelines**
- **Discuss the acceptability and implementability of the guidelines**
- **Present 2 country situations**
- **Discuss the possibility of interaction with related ongoing EU projects and with WHO**
- **Conclude on the guidelines proposal and on the future of a potential network**