

Appendix A

European Working Group on Legionella Infection (EWGLI)

The surveillance scheme

The European Surveillance Scheme for Travel Associated Legionnaires' Disease (EWGLINET) is run by the European Working Group on Legionella Infections (EWGLI). The scheme was established in 1987 and since 1993 the scheme has been based at the HPA, Centre for Infections, London and is funded by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). ECDC will take over and operate this network in 2010. Currently 35 countries (24 EU and 11 non-EU) collaborate in the surveillance scheme.

Aims

- To reduce the incidence of travel-associated legionnaires' disease
- To prevent further cases through enhancing the identification and control of known sources of *Legionella*
- To provide an early warning system to all collaborators and other public health officials.

Objectives

- To continue to develop and maintain the European surveillance scheme for travel-associated legionnaires' disease (EWGLINET)
- To enhance the capability within the EU to detect common source outbreaks early, enabling member states to implement timely preventive action
- To inform all those who need to know about travel-associated legionnaires' disease to promote primary preventive action and collaborative investigations
- To provide a dedicated website for enhancing EWGLI's information resource.

Flow of Information in EWGLINET Surveillance System

