



# **Health Crisis Prevention, Preparedness and Response**

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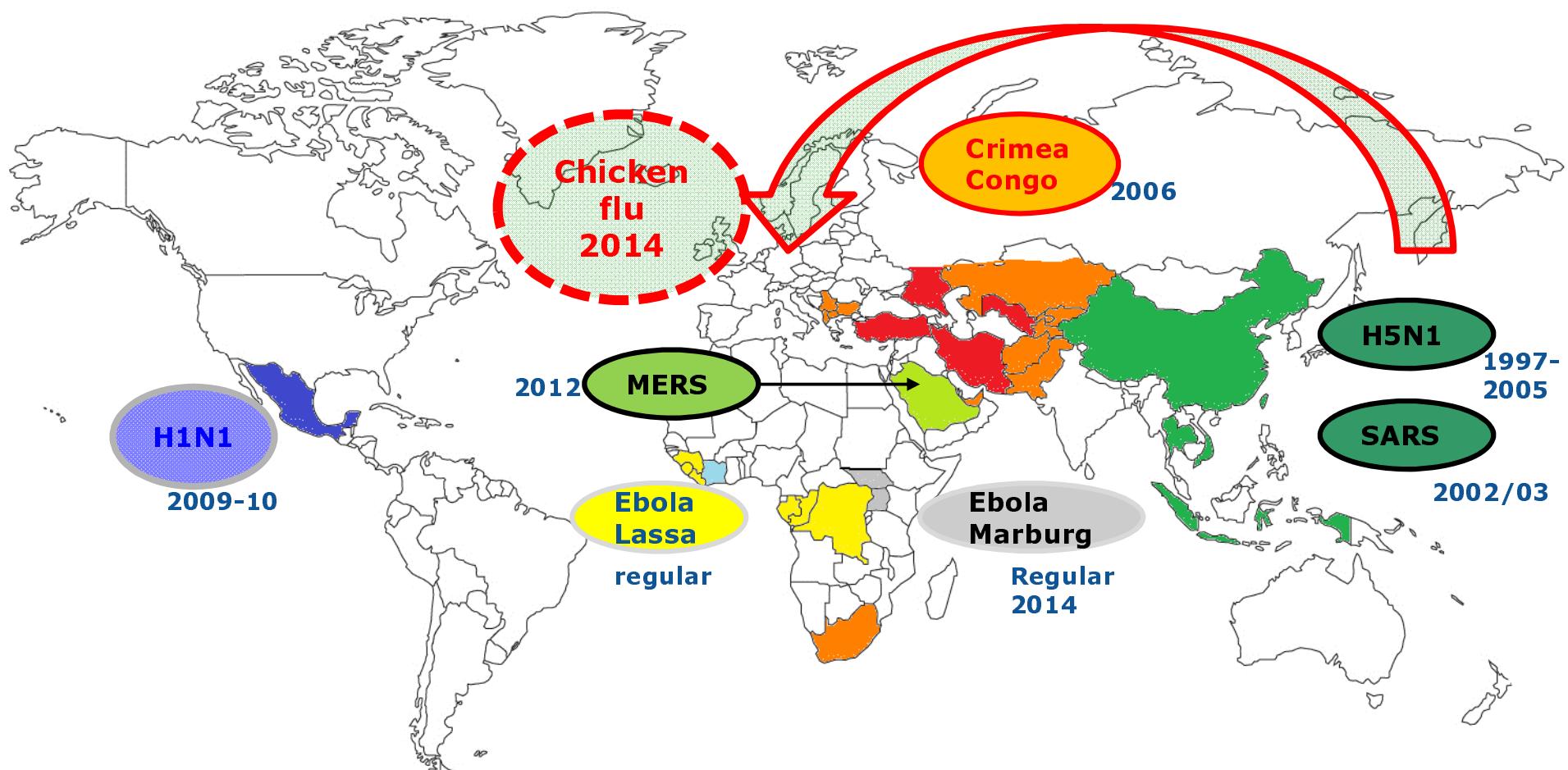




# **What is the strategy for Health crisis prevention, preparedness and response**

**outside the EU?**

**Instrument contributing to Stability and  
Peace**



MERS: Middle-East Respiratory Syndrome  
SARS: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome



## ORIGIN OF OUR RESPONSE

### In view of the threats :

- **The European Commission and the Member States started to evaluate their level of risk, their capacity to respond, their ability to share and cooperate.**
- **Conclusion: coordination and harmonisation **IS MANDATORY****
- **Action: the EC through DG SANCO and ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control) set up an internal response with the MS and their agencies and services**
- **CONCLUSION: It is necessary **TO DEVELOP ALSO A STRATEGY OUTSIDE EU****



## STRATEGY and SCOPE

**FIRST:** **WE ORGANIZED AND HARMONIZED OURSELVES WITHIN THE EU**

**AIM:** **TO MIRROR INSIDE WITH OUTSIDE EU**

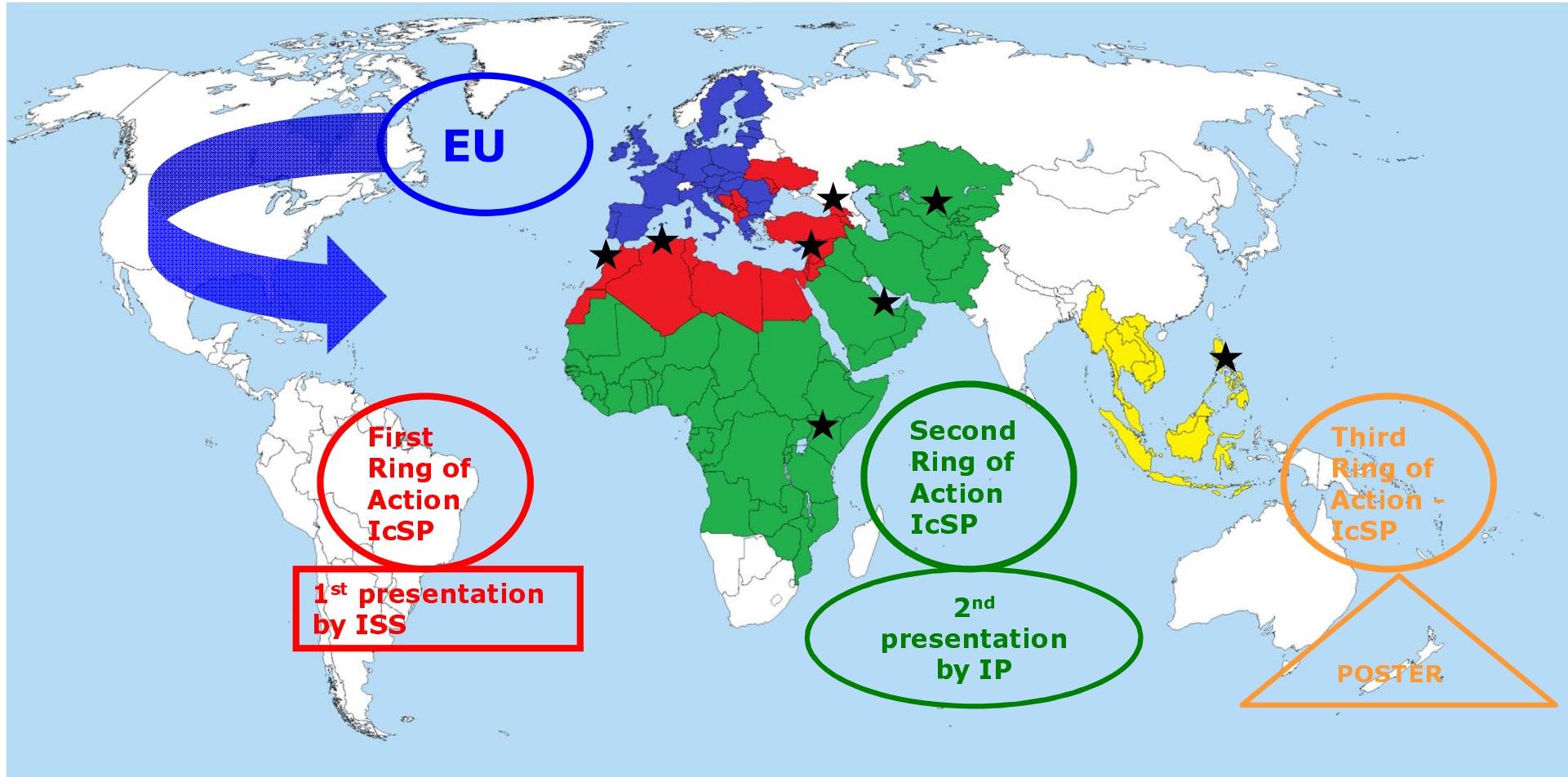
**How:** **TO TRANSFER OUR EXPERIENCE IN FIGHTING HEALTH CRISES**

- Common approach – best practices**
- Intra agency and international coordination**
- Capacity building**
- Mobilise available expertise  
(EU, International Organisations, Others)**
- Humans, Animals, Plants**
- Enhance, improve reaction capacity – Systemic approach**



## STRATEGY AND SPECIFIC ACTIONS

- 1. Setting-up of a Regional Reference Laboratory Network**
- 2. Training in Field Epidemiology, bacteriology, virology, entomology**
- 3. Protection of Ports of Entry (land, air and sea/rivers)**
- 4. Setting-up a Mediterranean Early Warning System and cross-border Epidemic Intelligence**
- 5. Ensure Interoperability with EU Early Warning platforms**
- 6. Facilitating the Implementation of the International Health Regulations of WHO**





## DATES AND TIMING OF THE APPROACH

- **First ring: Biosafety-Biosecurity projects starting 2009**
  - Neighbourhood South
- **Second ring: EU mobile Laboratories starting 2011**
  - West Africa
- **Second ring: Modernisation of laboratories and capacity building starting 2009**
  - Central Asia
- **Establishment of the EU CBRN Centre of Excellence Network starting 2010**
  - Worldwide



## EXAMPLE OF SAFETY UPGRADE OF A SENSITIVE INSTALLATION (anti-plague Station in Central Asia)

**Before**



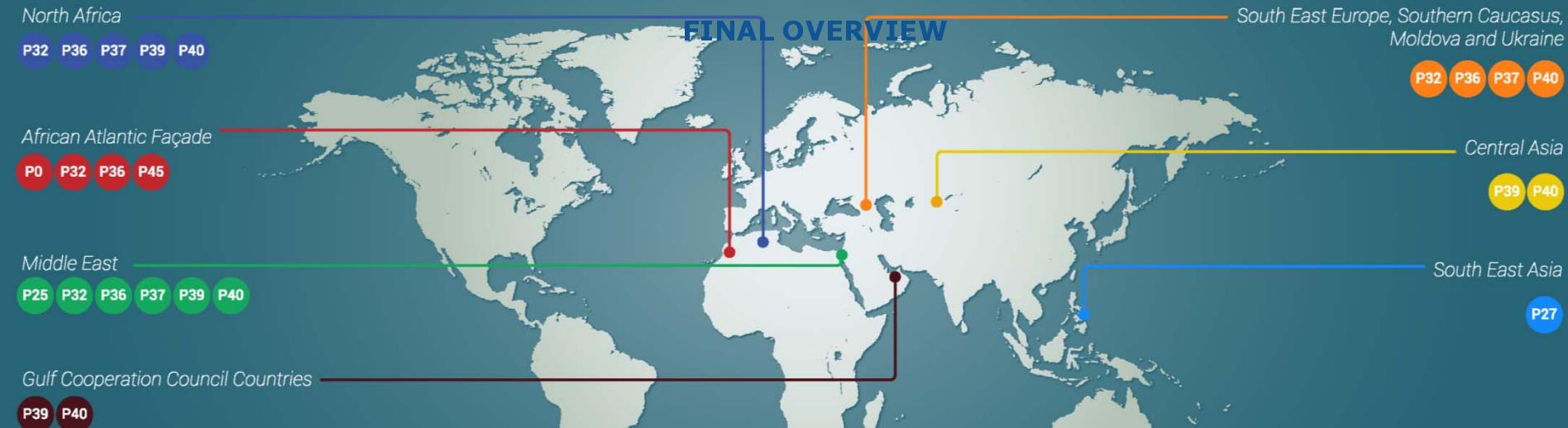
**After**





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# Today's Agenda

- **Brief individual presentations**
- **Panel discussion with view of the past and the future of new actions**

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