

Secondments, study tours or internships to supranational organizations or other countries



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## Introduction

The Joint Action SHARP aims to strengthen preparedness in the EU and EEA against serious cross-border health threats and to support the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) and the decision 1082/2013/EU.

People development opportunities such as secondments, study tours or internships to supranational organizations, or other SHARP partner organisations are one way to contribute to this aim.

**Placements can ideally be either in person, or virtual.**

IPHS, Serbia is the lead for Work package 8 facilitating these useful learning experiences. **We urgently need**

- **opportunities to host a placement at SHARP partner organisations in [high GNI countries](#)**
- **expressions of interest from staff in SHARP partner organisations in [low GNI states](#).**

## Timing

Placements may last anything from hours to days or weeks; they can be on site or virtual - focusing on a specific area, activity or task that provides value.

We anticipate the most likely type of placement will be a *study tour* arrangement – this can be an opportunity to work within a functional team, or as simple as attending a workshop or expert meeting that would not normally be accessible.

The placements must be complete within the SHARP Joint Action timeframe, as of now ending 31 March 2023.

## Learning themes

The subject areas or departments for placements are not precisely defined.

The important consideration is that the learning experience relates to the International Health Regulations (IHR, 2005), or the Decision 1082/2013/EU; and enables professional exchange.

Potential areas/disciplines you could consider:

- General surveillance and Epidemic Intelligence
- Microbiology and Molecular surveillance
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Public Health Training

## Host organisations potentially offering cost-free learning experiences

- Public health institutions of [high GNI-partner countries](#) – see [SHARP JA partner organisations](#)
- WHO
- ECDC

## Covering the costs

Participating countries can use the allocated training budget for secondment/internships or study tours of staff distributed to their country under WP8 to cover the costs of any travel/accommodation relating to the placement.

Almost all partners have travel budget which can be used for possible study visits and trainings WP8 partners who have respective budget lines for this task in their SHARP JA budget:  
•SUJCHBO, Czechia •HB, Estonia •EODY, Greece •NNK, Hungary •SEMS, Latvia •NIJZ, Slovenia

## The benefits of learning experience placements

Benefits for	The benefit to the Organisation	What you gain
<a href="#">Low GNI countries partner organisations</a>	Develop EU or IHR required skills of your people with secondments to SHARP JA partner organisation or WHO, ECDC  Reward talented individuals	Valuable experiential learning for personnel that will support their personal and career development through hands-on learning experience and practical knowledge
<a href="#">High GNI countries - partner organisations</a>	Share your expertise to help close gaps in EU or IHR performance by hosting a secondment from a low GNI country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add expertise or insight not available in your organisation</li> <li>• Provide additional resource for specific projects</li> <li>• or add value by bringing in a fresh perspective</li> </ul>
Supra national stakeholder hosts WHO, ECDC	Share your expertise to help close gaps in EU or IHR performance by hosting a secondment from a low GNI country	Add value by bringing in a fresh perspective
Individuals within WHO, ECDC – potential secondees	Reward talented individuals and improve expertise by <b>working/shadowing</b> in another WHO/ECDC regional office or department	Improve expertise by spending some time working in another WHO/ECDC regional office or department

## What are the good prerequisites for a person being placed?

- A good command of English - the working language
- At least one-year relevant experience in public health
- Enthusiastic, committed and self-motivated and capable of adapting quickly to new situations and people.
- Prepared to keep an experience log, and submit an evaluation report at the end of the secondment

[Register your interest in a placement \(MS Office form\)](#)

[Express your interest in hosting a learning experience \(MS Office form\)](#)

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## Low GNI countries within SHARP Joint Action

Moldova	Greece	Slovenia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Latvia	Spain
Serbia	Lithuania	Malta
Croatia	Portugal	Italy
Hungary	Czech Republic	
Poland	Estonia	

## High GNI countries within SHARP Joint Action

France	Finland	Denmark
Austria	Sweden	Norway
Germany	Netherlands	Ireland

## Partner organisations in WP8

•IPHS•RKI, UMR, BNITM, BWIM, FLI, GUF•THL•INMI, MOH, ISS, IZSPB, IZLER•BMSGPK, AGES•MCA•CIPH, UHID•SUJCHBO•SSI•MSAE, HB•MOH-FR, MOD•NPHO/EODY, AUTH, NKUA, EKDY, UO THESSALY•NNK•SEMS•MOHLT, NVSPL•MFH•RIVM, EMC•HD, FHI•NIZP, NVRI•MS, INSA•NIJZ, UL-MF•ISCI, SERMAS, FIBHULP, •FOHM•DH•PHW•NAPH