



XBM:TB

Cross-border management of tuberculosis between Poland and Germany

Context

The treatment of tuberculosis (TB) is complex and often requires patients to follow long and extensive treatment protocols. This is especially true of drug-resistant TB (DR-TB), which is one of the most urgent problems facing TB control in Eastern Europe. As any interruption of treatment can jeopardise effective (DR-) TB control, cross-border TB control is crucial. Addressing the cross-border exchange of information, the project now aims to lay the groundwork for sustainable systematic communication of TB patient data between Poland and Germany. It will assess the current situation, pinpoint any gaps and needs, identify relevant stakeholders and contribute to systematic cross-border TB management.

Objective

Preparation of a project to enhance the exchange of information on continuity of treatment of tuberculosis patients who regularly cross borders and the exchange of information on contact persons.

Key facts

Duration

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Budget

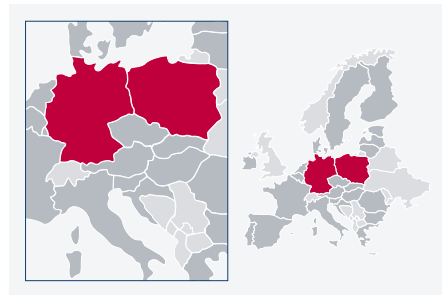
~ EUR 73,000

Partner countries

Germany, Poland

Region

Europe

**Implemented by**

Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

Commissioning party

German Federal Ministry of Health
(BMG)

Thematic focus

Strengthening of public health systems

Surveillance and reporting

Infection prevention and control

Resolutions and international agreements

Activities



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Developing tools to facilitate and standardise the exchange of information on tuberculosis cases; developing a strategic plan for a follow-up project on a larger scale, including precise assessments of the requirements for its implementation



RESEARCH AND PROVISION OF EVIDENCE

Assessing gaps and needs for systematic cross-border TB management between both partner countries



NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

Identifying stakeholders for multisectoral cooperation within the follow-up project

In cooperation with

- National Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases Research Institute (IGiChP), Poland

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