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Mapping and strategy

To gather the relevant information on funding and infrastructures related to infectious diseases, at national and international levels. Combined with the input of researchers and stakeholders a long-term sustainable research agenda will be developed. All information gathered from projects funded at national level as well as the existing infrastructures at the national, European and International level will be shared with the scientific community and beyond.

Joint funding activities

To support European scientific research through transnational calls. The goal is (1) to provide a regular, integrated funding opportunity to the scientific community working on infectious diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, fungi and uni-cellular protozoa and (2) to foster international collaborations between research teams (i.e by creating a partnering website)

Young Scientists Support

To ensure that researchers reach their full potential. It is essential that the younger generation of microbiologists, clinicians and biotechnologists have access to the best possible training and career development opportunities at all stages of their professional life. This programme will develop specific support measures including transnational mobility, short term training in collaboration with companies, targeted transnational funding measures, and networking activities.

Monitoring and impact measurement

To monitor the funded projects and the various activities of Infect-ERA.

Dissemination and communication

To strengthen the information bridge between research and society. The results of Infect-ERA activities and accomplishments will be communicated to the scientific community, programme owners and policy makers on national and European levels through Internet-based tool, press releases, newsletters and delegated brochures. Information will also be disseminated to

increase public awareness to the importance of research and to report to the public on the outcome of their tax-payer investment.

Design of a long term sustainable research cooperation framework

To profit from the acquired experience. The research activities, societal and clinical challenges will remain after the end of Infect-ERA activities. Consequently, there is a need to explore ways for the network of Infect-ERA partners to further cooperate on a self-sustained basis.

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