

Joint threat assessments between health and security

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Why

Role

How

Challenges

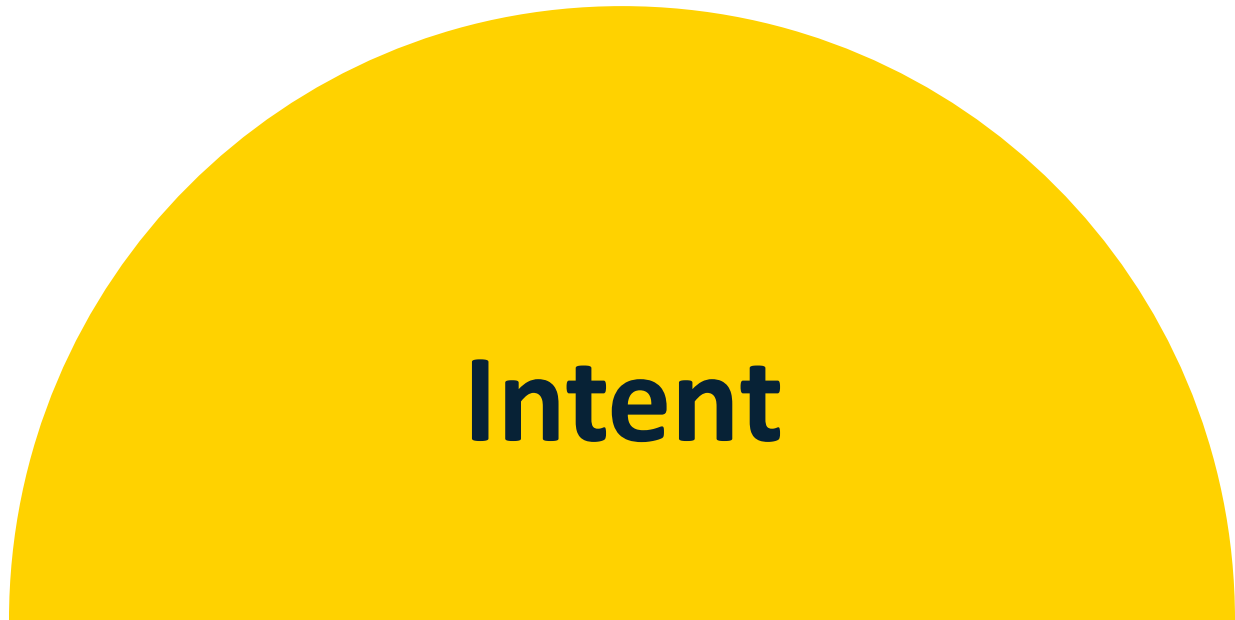
Why - The threat



Threat

Why - The threat

- Intent VS capabilities



Intent

- Motivation
- Explicit references

Threat



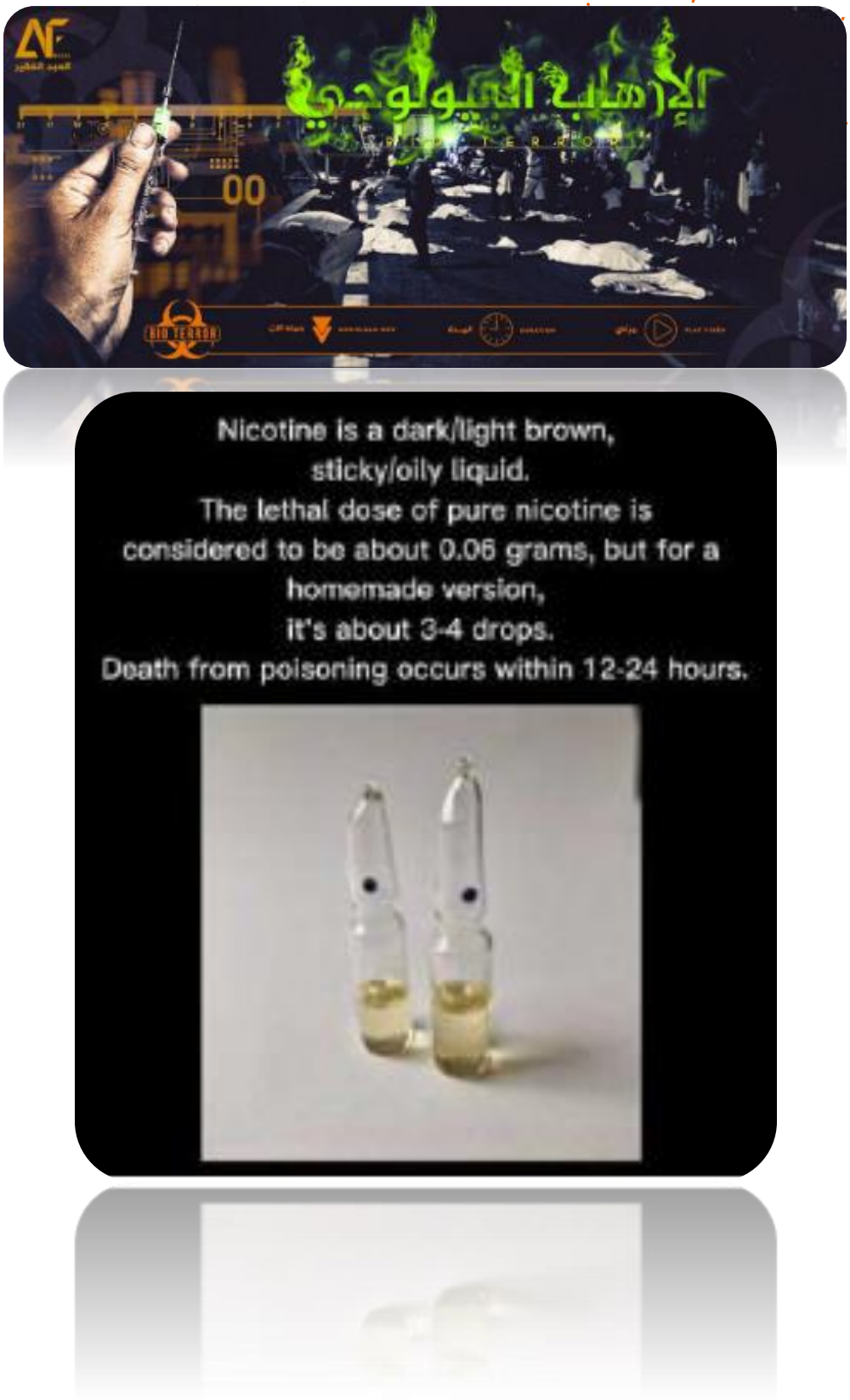
Capabilities

- Resources
- Skills and expertise
- Technology and equipment
- Logistic capabilities

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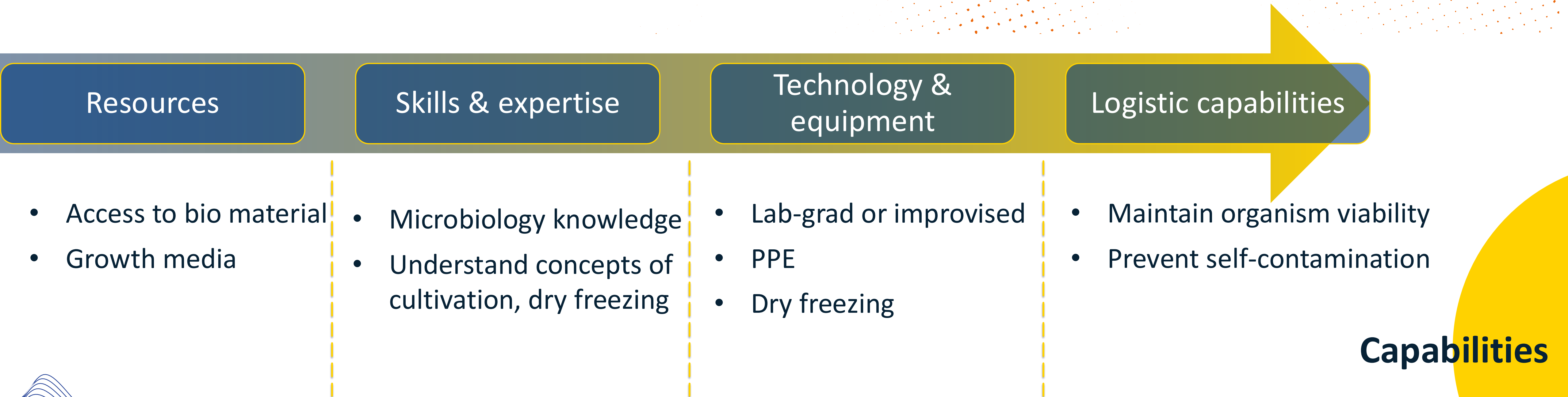
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Intent



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Role – law enforcement

1. Monitor
2. Identify
3. Intelligence

Detection phase

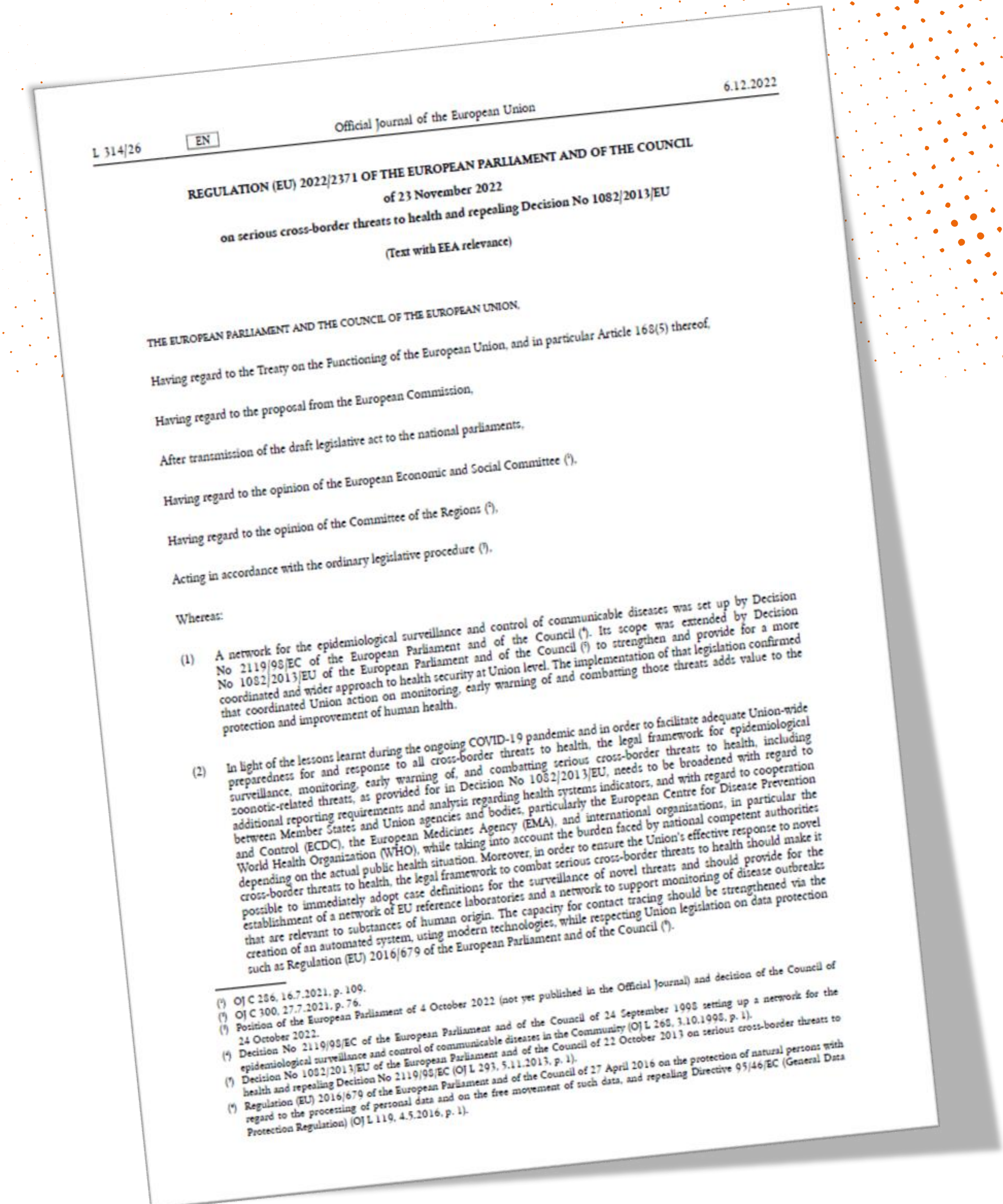
Response and coordination

4. Information exchange
5. Connect
6. Operational support
7. Collect evidence for prosecution

Role - SCBTH

- Europol role

Regulation (EU) 2022/2371 on serious cross-border threats to health



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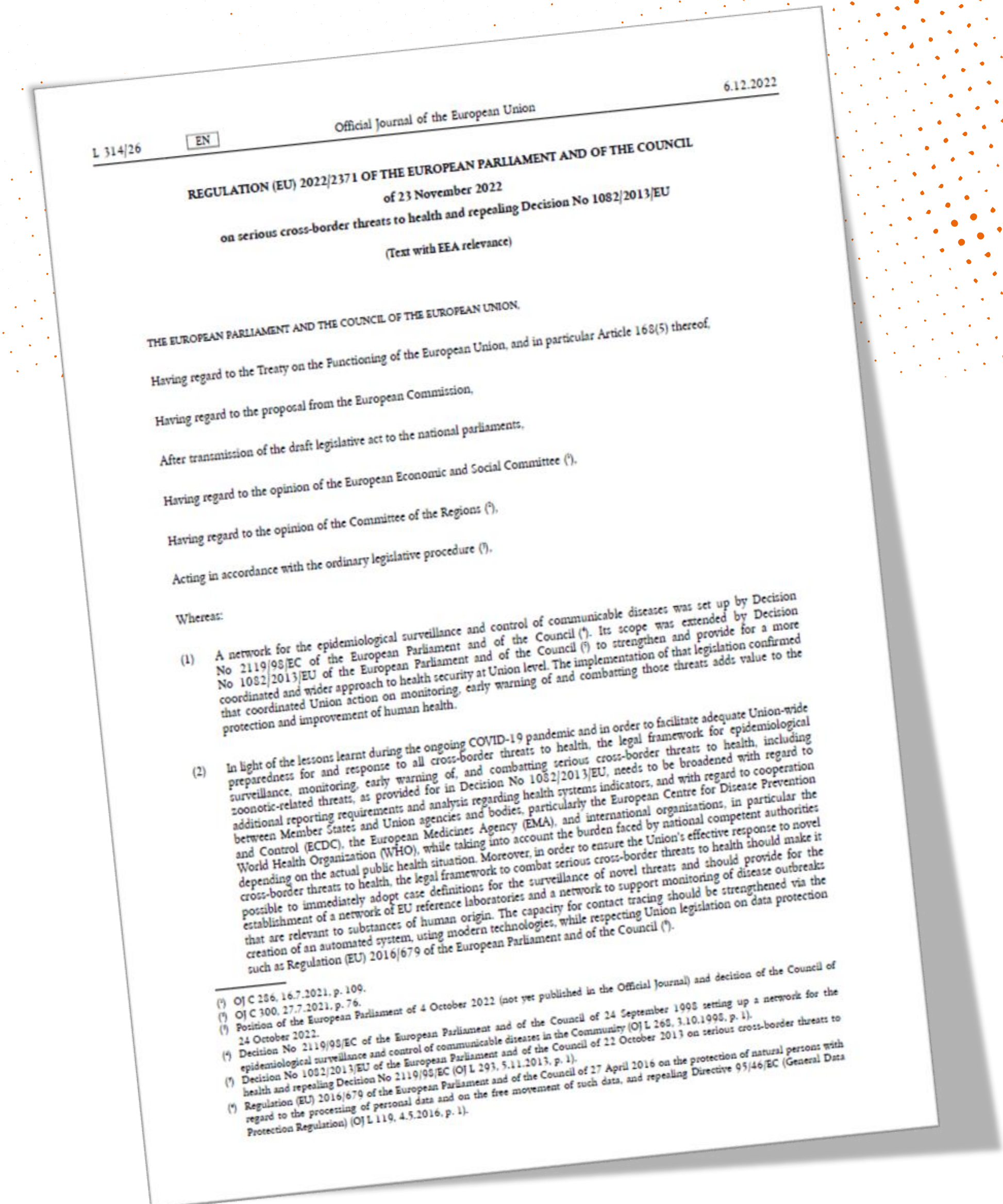
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Article 18 - Early Warning and Response System

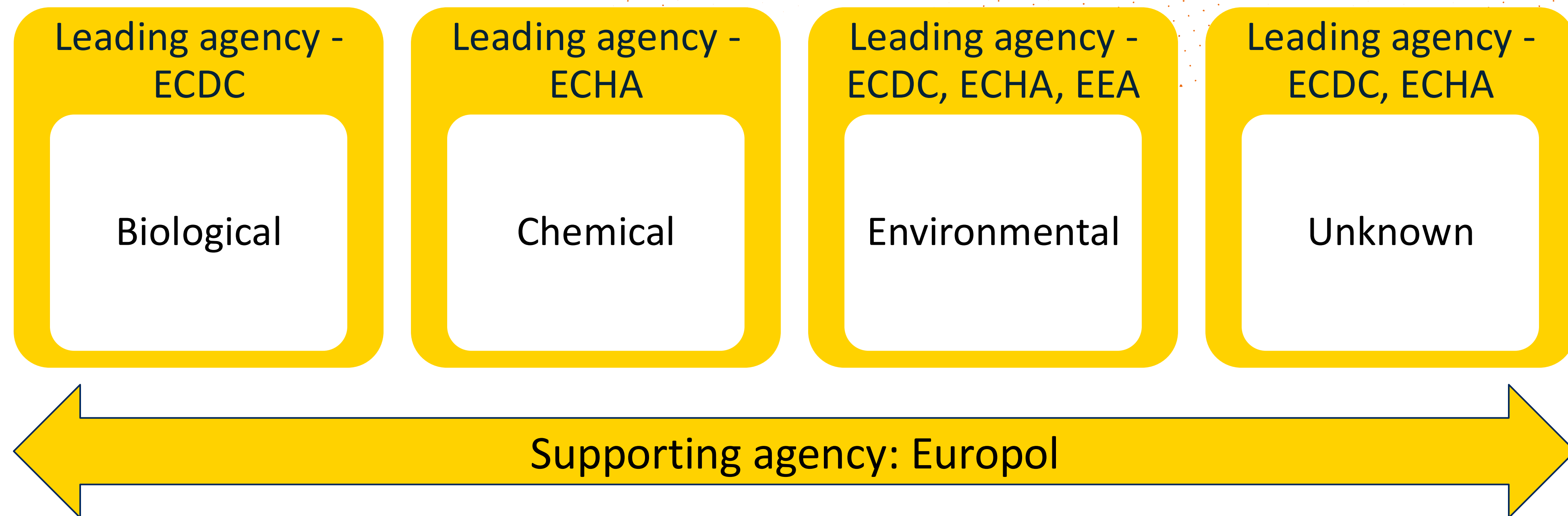
Article 19 - Alert notification

Article 20 - Public health risk assessment



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Art 20 – (...) where the serious cross-border threat to health emanates from terrorist or criminal activity (...)

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SCBTH Agencies Meeting on PH Risk Assessment European Union Drugs Agency, Lisbon

24-25 March 2026
DRAFT AGENDA v.04

Day 1 — Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Chairs: SANTE-EUDA

09:00 – 09:20 | Welcome and opening

Welcome remarks: EUDA Director

Scene-setting and objectives: European Commission (DG SANTE / Health Security)

Practicalities: venue, housekeeping, and logistics (EUDA)

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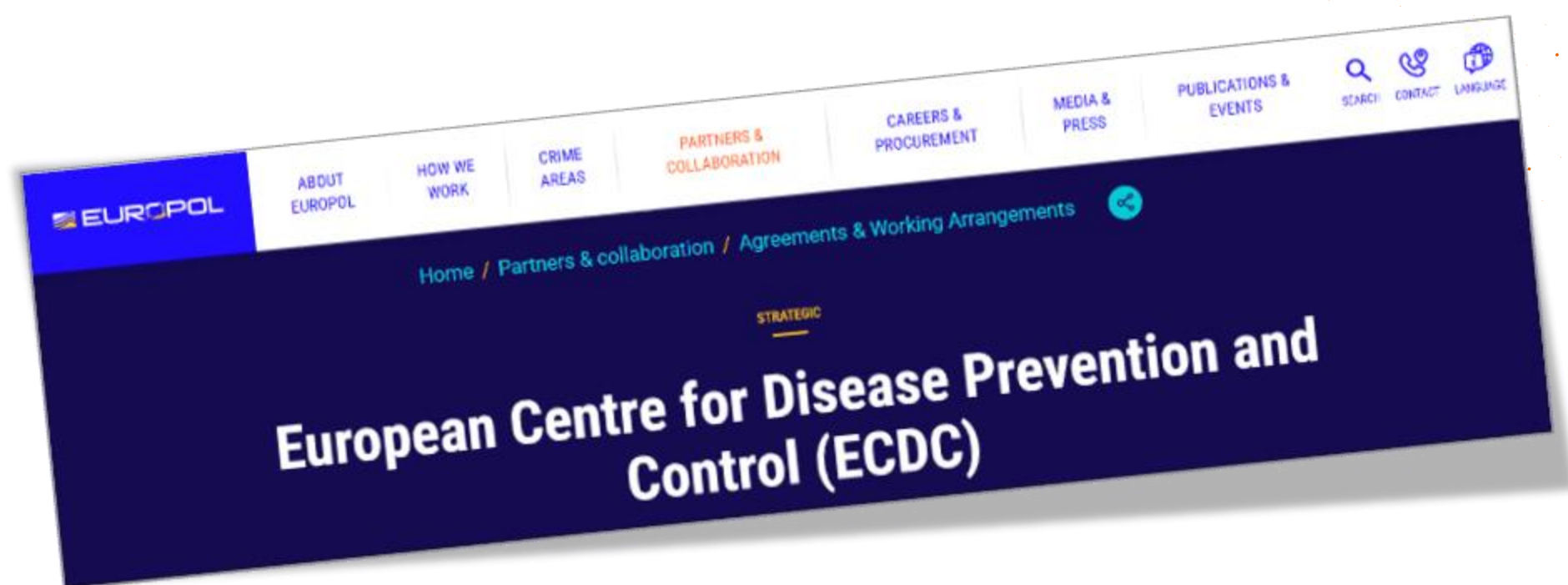
Barriers

1. Classified information
2. Channels for information exchange
3. Different roles
4. Trust

Solutions

1. Agreements
2. Joint trainings
3. Joint reporting

Cooperation – examples



Cooperation agreements

Joint reporting



Cross-sectoral Biorisk Awareness and Mitigation Training

- 2017 – Hungary
- 2018 – Portugal
- 2019 – Hungary
- 2022 – Spain
- 2024 – Greece
- 2026 – Malta (21-23 April)



Joint trainings

Joint exercises





Thank you!

Any questions?

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