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|  | The European Surveillance System (TESSy) |

# Request for TESSY data for research purposes

In accordance with Regulation (EC) 851/2004[[1]](#footnote-1) (ECDC founding regulation) the EU Member States must provide ECDC in a timely manner with the available scientific and technical data relevant to its mission. The European Surveillance System (TESSy) managed and maintained by ECDC has the mandate to collect, analyse and disseminate surveillance data on infectious diseases in Europe.

In accordance with the “Policy on data submission, access, and use of data within TESSy”[[2]](#footnote-2) and in order to process a request for an extraction of case-based/aggregated data from TESSy for research purposes/tasks in the public interest, the following information shall be provided.

Please read the [**Note to Applicants**](#Note_To_App)**Note to the Applicants** at the end of this document carefully before completing the form.

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| **Applicant details** | |
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| **Researchers** |
| Please attach a recent CV of the applicant |
| Please enter the names of all individual researchers that will work on the project: |
| Click here to enter text. |

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| **Purpose of the use of TESSy data** |
| Describe briefly the outline of the research for which the data is requested: |
| Risk assessment of West Nile virus transmission in Europe. |
| Describe the data analysis plan. This will assist us to tailor the data extraction to the needs specified: |
| We conducted vector competence studies at different temperatures and want to check of these results corresponds to the real risk of WNV transmission by analysing the temperature data for the West Nile virus cases, which occurred in Europe over the last year. Therefore, we need the location (lowest administrative level possible, e.g. GPS coordinates or NUTS3) and year of detection for each human and equine West Nile virus case. |
| Provide details on planned end date of the research: |
| 31.12.2018 |
| Provide details of publication(s), article(s), thesis or others [[3]](#footnote-3) : |
| We aim to publish this analysis together with the results of the vector competence studies. |
| Please attach any relevant information that may be useful in the data extraction process: |
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| **Description of the requested data** | |
| Aggregated data | |
| Case-based data (explain the reason below)[[4]](#footnote-4) | |
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| Diseases | West Nile virus |
| Variables | Number of cases per human and horse, location (e.g. NUTS3 unit), |
| Period | 2011-2018 |
| Inclusion criteria | Click here to enter text. |
| Exclusion criteria | Click here to enter text. |
| Aggregation criteria | Aggregated on the lowest administrative level (NUTS3) per year. |
| Complementary information | Click here to enter text. |

In case of doubts about the availability of data, diseases and variables collected in TESSy please contact [data.access@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:data.access@ecdc.europa.eu).

A direct contact with us may speed up the procedure and result in receiving data more suitable for the purpose specified in the request.

I hereby declare that the above information is correct and complete. By submitting a request for TESSy data,

1. I declare that I understand that I am bound by the “Policy on data submission, access, and use of data within TESSy”2.
2. I acknowledge the ECDC Disclaimer specified in Annex I of this form.
3. I acknowledge that I am bound by the Conditions for Publishing as set out in Annex II of this form.

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| Name of applicant | Click here to enter text. |
| Place and date | Click here to enter text. |
| Signature |  |

# Annexes

## **Annex I: ECDC data disclaimer (for the recipient of data)**

The data and information in the data set provided here are intended for use by persons possessing technical skill and knowledge in epidemiology, surveillance and data management.

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## **Annex II****: Conditions for publishing note**

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## **Note to Applicants****.**

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Please be sure to have studied ECDC’s requirements for access to TESSy data, which you can find here:

<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/activities/surveillance/Pages/data-access.aspx>

Please send the completed and signed form both by email to [data.access@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:data.access@ecdc.europa.eu) and by post to:

DATA ACCESS REQUEST

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

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Sweden

Data access rights cannot be granted before the original signed form is received. However, to avoid delays to you, we will start work on your application as soon as the email form is received.

## **Privacy**

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<https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/european-surveillance-system-tessy>

1. <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/Key%20Documents/0404_KD_Regulation_establishing_ECDC.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The “Policy on data submission, access, and use of data within TESSy” is available from the ECDC’s website [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. ECDC considers reporting to parties other than the recipients which are named in the request or their contractors as publishing and the conditions for publishing has to be respected. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. When requesting case-based data, the recipient of the data and each individual researcher shall complete and submit to ECDC a signed Declaration of Commitment. This Declaration of Commitment is available from the ECDC’s website. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)