

# Report CERIM workshop on the Health-Security Nexus in the European Union

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On 21-22 November 2016, CERiM facilitated a research-intensive workshop on the health-security nexus in the European Union at the UM Brussels Campus. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss how public health and external/internal security are increasingly connected and how they affect one another.

The workshop included six papers by Mark Flear (Queens University Belfast), Caitrioni McLeish (Sussex), Marco Rizzi (EUI/Seychelles), James Revill (Sussex), VigiJilencA Abazi (UM/Law) on topics ranging from the use of chemical and biological weapons to the threat of pandemics as well as more normative papers on transparency and the participation of civil society/stakeholders. Hylke Dijkstra (UM/FASoS) and Anniek de Ruijter (UM/Law) presented a scoping paper setting out the relevance of the topic. The project group furthermore includes Stefania Negri (Salerno), who has a paper on health threats resulting from migration, and Francesca Galli (UM/Law) writing about critical infrastructures.

The discussions of the papers touched upon the interaction between legal/politics/policy/practice as well as the security/health implications. Given the innovative nature of the topic, a strong effort was made to have lawyers talk to political scientists and scholars focusing on public health to those working on security issues. Because the number of papers was limited, time could be spent on exploring those interactions and having informal discussions about how to match the different perspectives.

The work of this event will be brought forward in the form of a special issue. The *European Journal of Risk Regulation* (Cambridge University Press) has offered us their 8(4) slot in December 2017, which is a great opportunity. Papers presented at the workshop will now be revised for submission in March.