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# Green Paper on Bio-Preparedness

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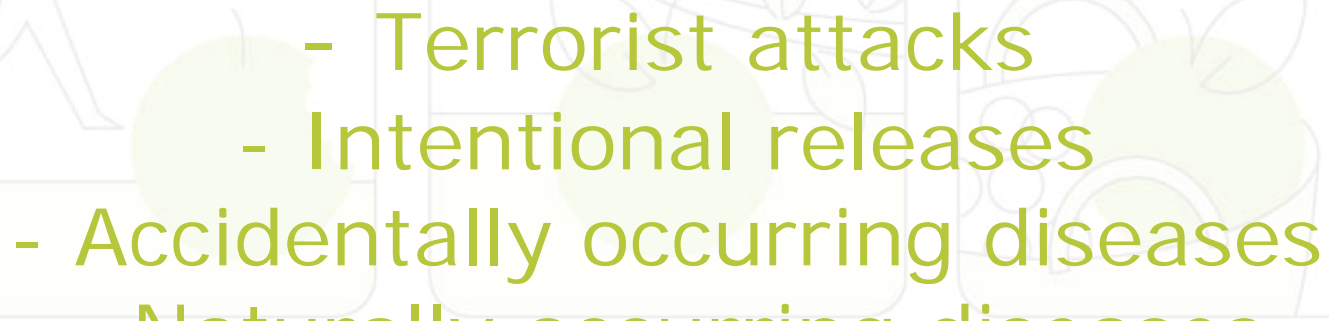




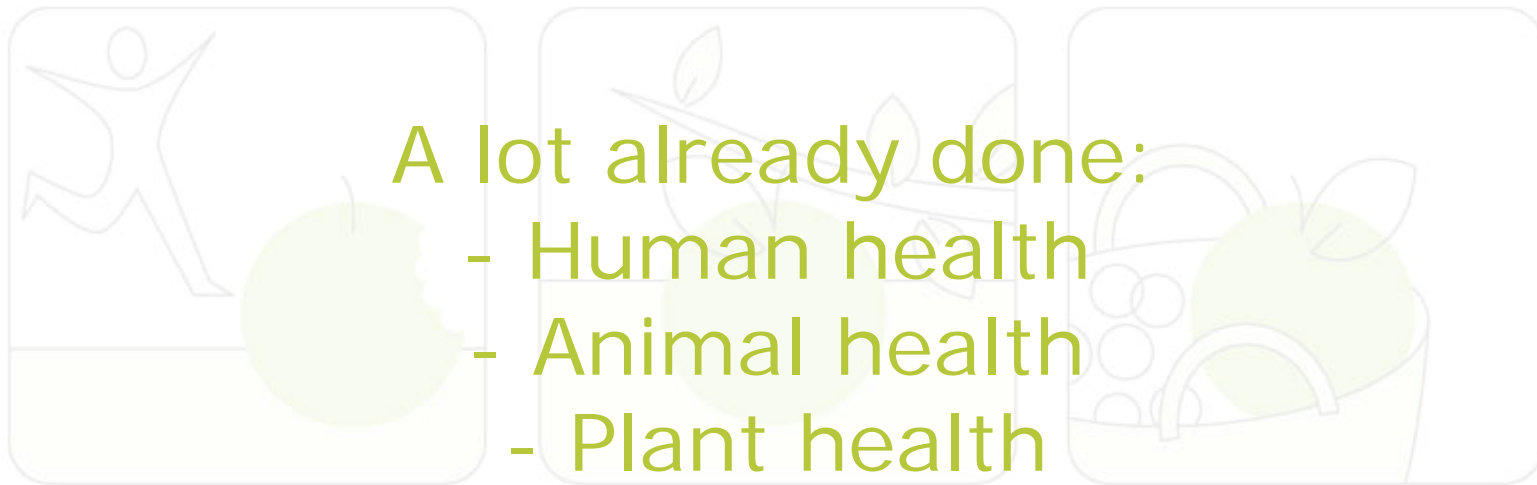
# I. Terrorism

From explosives to biological weapons, a change of scope

## II. All-hazards approach:

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- Terrorist attacks
  - Intentional releases
  - Accidentally occurring diseases
  - Naturally occurring diseases

## III. Existing Instruments



A lot already done:

- Human health
- Animal health
- Plant health
- Food safety




## IV. Experience in crisis management

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- A background illustration consisting of three rounded rectangular panels. The first panel on the left shows a white line-art figure of a person running. The middle panel shows a green apple with a bite taken out of it. The third panel on the right shows a green apple with a branch and leaves. The text is overlaid on these panels.
- Food crisis
  - Plant health crisis
  - Animal health crisis



## V. Bio-Preparedness

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- The background features three rounded rectangular boxes containing faint line-art icons: a person running, a plant with leaves, and a bowl of fruit. The text is overlaid on these graphics.
- Prepare for multiple outbreaks
    - Adapt existing tools
    - Coordinate response
  - Improve contingency plans
    - Increase coordination
  - Further develop international collaboration



## VI. Green Paper

Adopted by European Commission on  
11 July 2007

## VII. Objectives

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- Awareness
  - Safety & security standards
  - Research
  - Analytical capacity
  - Detection capabilities
  - Prevention and response



## VIII. Consultation

- Feedback from Stakeholders
- Support for all-hazards approach
- Enhanced international cooperation
- Increased coordination within the EU



## **IX. What is next?**

- Public synthesis of consultation
- Conclusions from EU Member States adopted on 7 December 2007
- Further developments



**Thank you for your attention!**

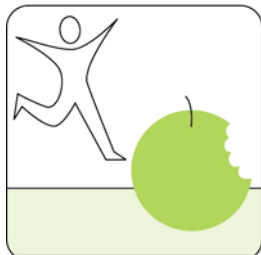
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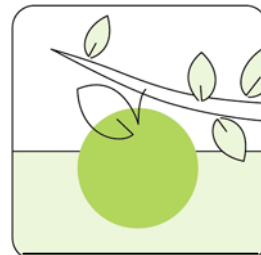
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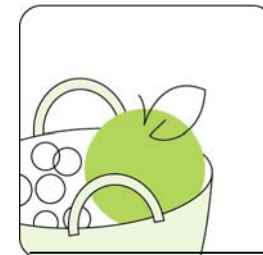
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Food safety



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