



CONCEPT NOTE

Preparing Together for Tomorrow's Crises

19 February 2026 • 9:00-17:30 h

With the support of:



"la Caixa" Foundation

1. Introduction

The purpose of this concept note is the organisation of the second major event organized within the framework of the P3R3 Global platform, following the first

meeting held in January 2025 in Barcelona, Spain. This second event will be held in Barcelona on Thursday, February 19th, 2026.

2. Background: The P3R3 Global Platform

In recent years, preparedness and resilience have become central in European and global health agendas. Notably, the European Union established the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) in 2021. Furthermore, on 20 May 2025, the world's first Pandemic Agreement was formally adopted by the World Health Assembly. The growing focus on resilience in EU research and health agendas (e.g., Horizon Europe, EU4Health) reflect a shift toward more structured and coordinated action. These milestones reflect a

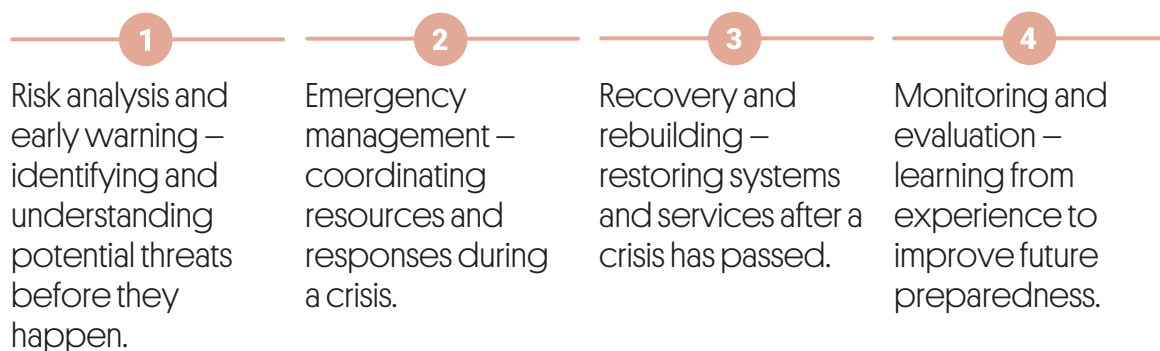
distinctly favourable moment for the P3R3 platform to engage with other emerging networks and contribute to a coordinated global agenda.

The Research and Translation Platform for Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Resilience ([P3R3 Global](#)) is a project led by ISGlobal Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Resilience (PR3) hub and funded by Fundació “la Caixa”. This initiative brings together people and institutions from science, healthcare, public policy,

and civil society to strengthen the capacity of health and social care systems to face global health crises, such as pandemics, natural disasters, or climate-related emergencies following an "all-hazards" approach. The platform promotes open collaboration and the co-creation of solutions that improve how systems prevent,

prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. P3R3 Global is based on the principles of equity and inclusion and adopts a One Health/Planetary Health perspective that recognises the close connection between human, environmental, and animal health.

P3R3 Global structures its work around the four key stages of an emergency



P3R3 Global works to:



By working together across sectors and disciplines, P3R3 Global contributes to creating stronger, fairer, and more

resilient systems during “times of peace”, so that societies are better prepared for the challenges of tomorrow.

The activities have initially focused on a local and regional level in Catalonia and Spain, with the aim of expanding and

including a European dimension by seeking collaborations and creating synergies.

3. Purpose of the event

In January 2025, the first P3R3 workshop brought together representatives from science, policy, and healthcare practice at local (Barcelona), regional

(Catalonia), and national (Spain) levels, committed to collaborating to improve the preparedness and response of health systems to global health crises.

Key conclusions from this first event included the importance of:

- 1 Preparing in “times of peace” to prevent and better respond to upcoming health emergencies.
- 2 Strengthening interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration to enhance health system resilience.
- 3 Promoting evidence-informed decision-making through better integration of scientific research and policy processes.
- 4 Prioritizing impact, equity and inclusivity in preparedness planning, ensuring that vulnerable populations are adequately protected.

The purpose of this second event is to:

- 1 Present key advances and lessons learned during the first year of the P3R3 platform as a basis for dialogue with external actors.
- 2 Foster synergies and structured collaboration with other networks and initiatives at European and other international levels.
- 3 Broaden the platform’s scope by incorporating perspectives from other regions and sectors, with particular attention to civil society voices and community engagement.
- 4 Strengthen the platform’s international positioning to support future joint actions and cross-regional learning.

4. Participants

Participants will include:

- International public health experts, policymakers, and decision-makers.
- Researchers and scientists focused on health system resilience and health crisis preparedness and response.
- Representatives from health-care practice and frontline responders.
- Civil society representatives.
- Members of international networks or consortia working on preparedness, response, and resilience, particularly with an intersectoral perspective.

5. Format of the event

The event will be held in person at the PRBB Auditorium in Barcelona, Spain. The event will be organised on February 19th, 2026, with two round tables in which the guest speakers will present their visions with a

moderator to guide the discussion. At the end of each table there will be a question and answer session by the moderator and the audience. Thematic workshops will be organized following the two roundtables.

Sessions

1

The State of the P3R3 Platform One Year After the First Workshop

TIME: 9:30–10:45 h

TOPICS:

- Overview of the platform's progress, including key achievements, challenges, and next steps from an overall perspective.
- Perspectives from each working group (Community Preparedness & Translation of Evidence to Policy and Practice) to highlight the impact of the platform's work and ongoing collaborations.

SPEAKERS: **Denise Naniche** (Former Scientific Director and Research Professor, ISGlobal), **Elizabeth Diago Navarro** (Preparedness and Response Hub Coordinator, ISGlobal), **Josep Lobera** (Director, Spanish National Scientific Advisory Office – ONAC), **Josep Maria Jansa** (Former Director of Public Health Surveillance and Promotion, Barcelona Public Health Agency – ASPB).

2

Intersectoral Collaborations for Better Preparedness and Response to Global Health Crises - Best Practices and Lessons Learnt from Other Contexts

TIME: 11:15–14:00 h

TOPICS:

- International experts will present successful examples of intersectoral collaboration from other countries followed by discussion.

SPEAKERS: **Tamara Giles-Vernick** (Coordinator, Sonar-Cities Project, Institut Pasteur), **Natalia Martin** (Head of EU Affairs and Member of the Coordination Team, BE READY Partnership – ANRS | Inserm), **Carthage Smith** (Lead Coordinator, OECD Global Science Forum), **Berta Suárez Rodríguez** (Head of Division, Coordination Centre for Health Alerts and Emergencies – CCAES, Spanish Ministry of Health).



Thematic working group sessions

Thematic workshops to discuss specific challenges and opportunities within the P3R3 framework, organized by thematic focus:

- Community preparedness
- Translation of evidence to policy and practice

TIME: 15:15–17:30 h



6. Dissemination plan

The event will be disseminated through ISGlobal's PR3 hub to P3R3 members and selected international speakers. It is not a

public event, and participation will be by invitation only to ensure focused and high-impact discussions.

7. Post-Event Actions

Following the event, a report will be drafted summarizing the discussions, key takeaways, and recommendations for the future of the P3R3 platform, with a particular focus on strengthening national and international collaborations. This report will be agreed upon by the participants and shared with relevant actors in the preparedness, response, recovery and resilience area at local, regional, national, and international levels. It will also be published on the P3R3 project website.

In addition, efforts will be made to connect with existing international platforms and networks to establish long-term collaboration mechanisms, including joint events, shared learning agendas, and knowledge exchange.

We will support the creation of a Community of Practice that includes several voices from the different sectors to improve intersectoral collaborations to improve preparedness and response activities.

Agenda

09:00 – 09:15 **Registration**

09:15 – 09:30 **Institutional Welcome**

SPEAKERS:

- **Pedro Gullón Tosio** (Director General for Public Health and Health Equity, Spanish Ministry of Health)
- **Esteve Fernández** (Secretary of Public Health, Catalan Health Department)

- **Mireia Castanys** (Director of the Research Centres Department, Fundació “la Caixa”)
- **Rafael Vilasanjuan** (Director of Translation & Societal Impact, ISGlobal)

09:30 – 10:45 **Session 1 – The State of the P3R3 Platform One Year After the First Workshop**

TOPICS:

- Overview of the platform’s progress, including key achievements, challenges, and next steps from an overall perspective.
- Perspectives from each working group (Community Preparedness & Translation of Evidence to Policy and Practice) to highlight the impact of the platform’s work and ongoing collaborations.

SPEAKERS:

- **Denise Naniche** (Former Scientific Director and Research Professor, ISGlobal)
- **Elizabeth Diago Navarro** (Preparedness and Response Hub Coordinator, ISGlobal)
- **Josep Lobera** (Director, Spanish National Scientific Advisory Office – ONAC)
- **Josep Maria Jansa** (Former Director of Public Health Surveillance and Promotion, Barcelona Public Health Agency – ASPB)

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 14:00 **Session 2 – Roundtable: Intersectoral Collaborations for Better Preparedness and Response to Global Health Crises - Best Practices and Lessons Learnt from Other Contexts**

TOPICS:

- International experts will present successful examples of intersectoral collaboration from other countries followed by discussion.

SPEAKERS:

- **Tamara Giles-Vernick** (Coordinator, Sonar-Cities Project, Institut Pasteur)
- **Natalia Martin** (Head of EU Affairs and Member of the Coordination Team, BE READY Partnership – ANRS | Inserm)
- **Carthage Smith** (Lead Coordinator, OECD Global Science Forum)
- **Berta Suárez Rodríguez** (Head of Division, Coordination Centre for Health Alerts and Emergencies – CCAES, Spanish Ministry of Health).

14:00 – 15:00 **Networking Lunch**

15:00 – 16:45 **Thematic Workshops**

DESCRIPTION:

Thematic workshops to discuss specific challenges and opportunities within the

P3R3 framework, organized by thematic focus:

- Community preparedness
- Translation of evidence to policy and practice

16:45 – 17:30 **Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks**

SPEAKERS:

- **Gonzalo Fanjul** (Director of Policy and Development, ISGlobal)

- **Antoni Plasència Taradach** (Director General for Health Research and Innovation, Department of Health of Catalonia)

ISGlobal **Barcelona** Institute for Global Health

A partnership of:

