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AIMCOST ACTION, CA17108. QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT *Aedes* MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL GUIDELINES

As invited participants at the first AIMCOST Annual meeting, you are hopefully already aware that a major objective of the project is to work out how best to rationalise and harmonise the existing guidelines that apply to the monitoring, surveillance and control of *Aedes* invasive mosquitoes. At the moment it is not clear which of the currently available national and international guidelines apply to a particular situation.

In order to do that **we first need to find out** what **monitoring, surveillance and control** is going on where, who is actually doing the **work in the field**, who is responsible for **planning and funding**, and which, if any, of the **existing guidelines** are being used, and by whom. We also want to find out what the people involved think should be done to **improve things**.

We think the best way to do this is to get the information we need directly from the people best qualified to judge: you the experts in this field. To do this we ask you to fill in a questionnaire.

Rather than just sending you the questionnaire, and hoping you will respond, **we are dedicating a session of the project annual meeting to getting your answers**. During the session we will explain each of the questions, and ask you to fill in your answers at the time.

Since we are aware this questionnaire is quite complex we are sending you a word document version of questionnaire before the meeting. We hope this will give you time to think about your answers, and to find any information you not have immediately to hand.

We will, however, ask you **to fill in the questionnaire as an online survey at the meeting session** on afternoon of Thursday 14th February. **Please remember to bring your phone, tablet or laptop** to the session so you can complete the questions there and then. The link to the survey is: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/AIMCOSTSURVEYFEB19>.

The online survey will be open from February 6th. It will be possible to save drafts of your answers, so you don't have to fill in all of them at once. . If you wish to answer some questions before the meeting, you will need to save a draft. To access it again at the meeting **you will need to use the link you are shown when you save draft – there is a button provided to email it to yourself**. We encourage you to do what you can in advance, but to leave any questions you are not sure about until the session itself.

Please use the online survey rather than the word document, as it is much less prone to transcription errors, and provides more room for comments. If, however, you are unable to use the online survey at the meeting session, you could download the word document and either fill out the digital file or print the document and bring it with you to complete at the session. We will ask you to transcribe the completed answers to the online version when you get back to your office. **The online survey will remain open after the meeting**, to give you time to add information after the meeting, but we ask you to **finalise your answers by the end of February**.

Finally, the analysis will involve sending the summarised results to all respondents who have given us permission to contact them. They will then be given the opportunity to amend their answers in the light of the results. We will provide guidance on how to edit your replies at the time.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND INPUT.