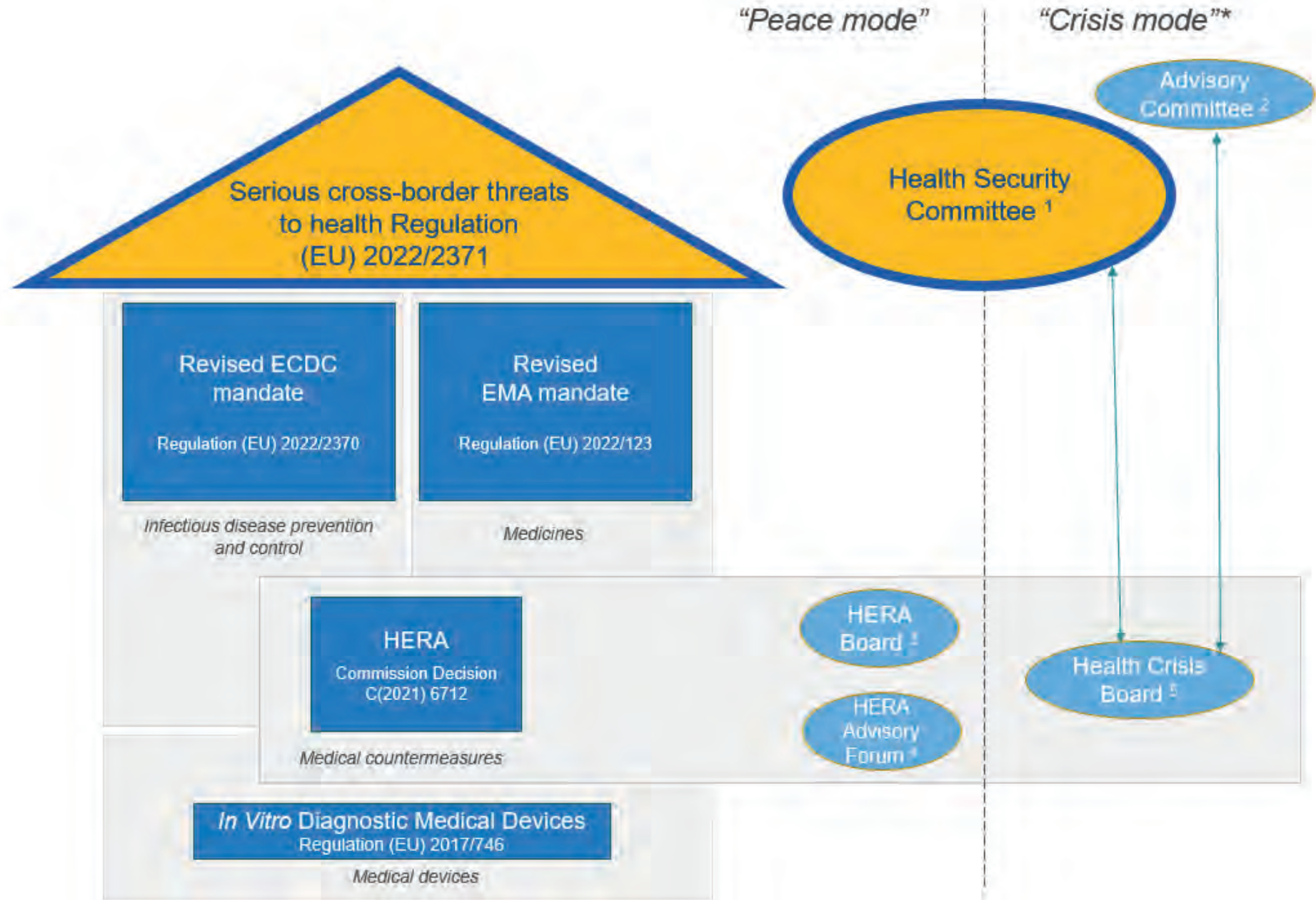




Information from the Commission on the Opinion of the Health Security Committee on zoonotic avian influenza

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Health Security Committee – structure

SENIOR LEVEL WORKING GROUP

**TECHNICAL
WORKING
GROUPS**

Liaison
officers

HSC
Secretariat
Commission

Observers

- May participate in plenary meetings of the SLG (no right to vote):

- Representatives of the EEA countries



- A technical representative of the European Parliament



- A representative of the WHO



- Relevant Union agencies and bodies



- Chair of the SLG may give observer status to candidate countries and other third countries depending on the Union interest (MS have a right of objection)



Working groups

- **General Working Group**

- ensure discussion/coordination of work on ongoing health threats

- **Technical Working Group on Preparedness**

- work on prevention, preparedness and response planning of the SCBHT Regulation

- **Technical Working Group on threat detection and the EWRS**

- early warning and response

- support implementation of the Regulation regarding EWRS

- **Technical Working Group on Antimicrobial resistance,**

- support the development of AMR-relevant parts of implementing/delegated acts under the Regulation

Health Security Committee's tasks

- enabling **coordinated action** by the Commission and the Member States for the implementation of this Regulation
- coordinating in liaison with the Commission **prevention, preparedness and response planning** in accordance with Article 10
- coordinating in liaison with the Commission **the risk and crisis communication and responses** of the Member States to serious cross-border threats to health, in accordance with Article 21
- adopting **opinions and guidance**, including on specific response measures, for the Member States for the prevention and control of serious cross-border threats to health, based on the expert opinion of relevant technical Union agencies or bodies; and
- adopting, on an annual basis, a **work programme** setting its priorities and objectives

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1. Background: avian influenza in the EU/EEA
2. Rationale for the preparation of this opinion
3. Call for action
 1. One health approach
 2. Human health sector actions
 3. Animal health sector actions

Human health sector actions

- Reporting of avian influenza in humans
- Strengthening respiratory infections surveillance
- Monitoring humans exposed to infected animals: follow up and testing
- Preventing human exposure and infection
- Ensuring availability for and use of personal protective equipment by healthcare professionals

Animal health sector actions

- Surveillance and response in animal populations
- Reinforcing HPAI awareness
- Continuing preparedness measures
- Participating in active surveillance project for wild birds

Thank you