



# Risk Communication for Public Health Emergencies in Slovakia

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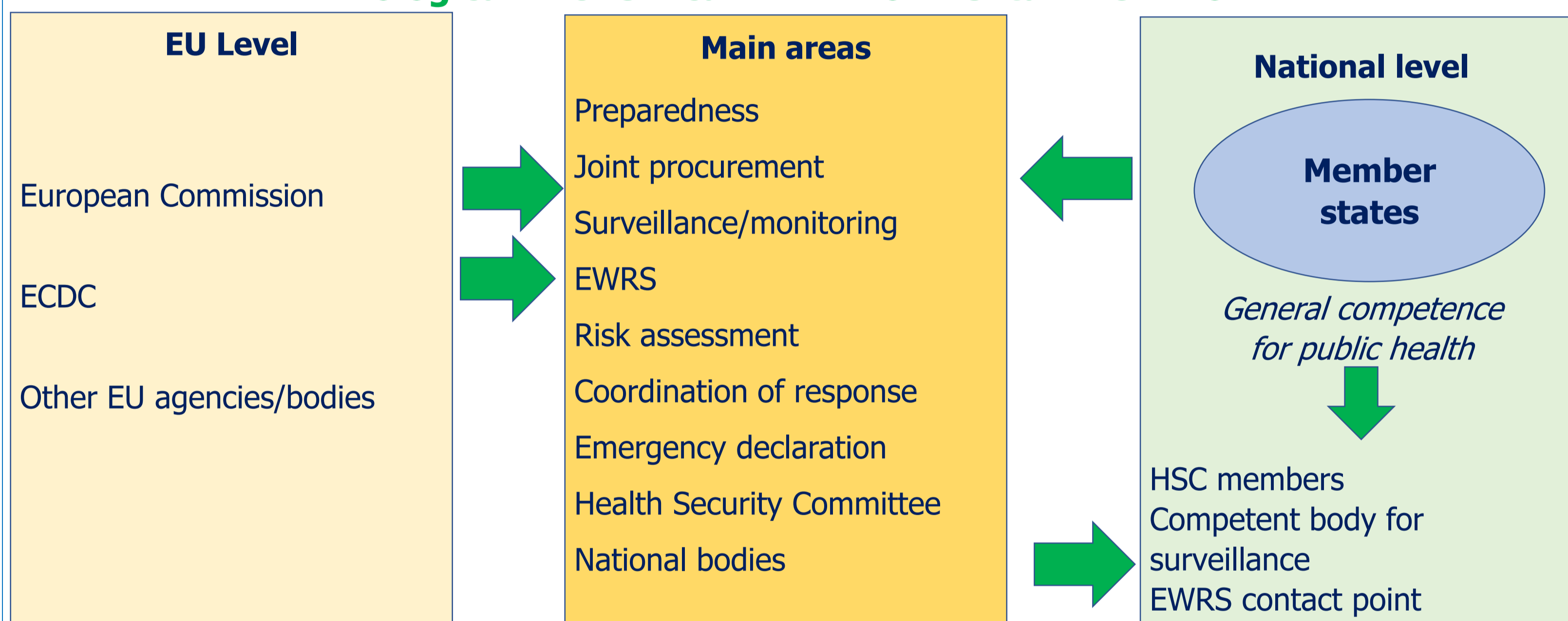
Coordinated activity of the European Union in the area of monitoring, early warning and subsequent response to public health threats is the added value in protection and improving of human health. During the past decade, development in the European Union in many areas showed that not only infectious diseases endanger public health. There are many other sources of endangering the health which are related mainly to other biological, chemical, radiation or environmental events which includes risks connected with climate change. They can endanger the health of the European Union citizens, cause malfunction of critical sectors of society and economy and endanger the ability of individual member states to adequately react to them.



## Decision 1082/2013/EU, Serious cross border threats to health

### Origins of threats

Biological Chemical Environmental Unknown



**EWRS – the Early Warning and Response System** at the European level allows the European Commission and Member States permanent communication for the purpose of warning, risks assessment on human health and determination of measures which may be needful for the protection of public health.

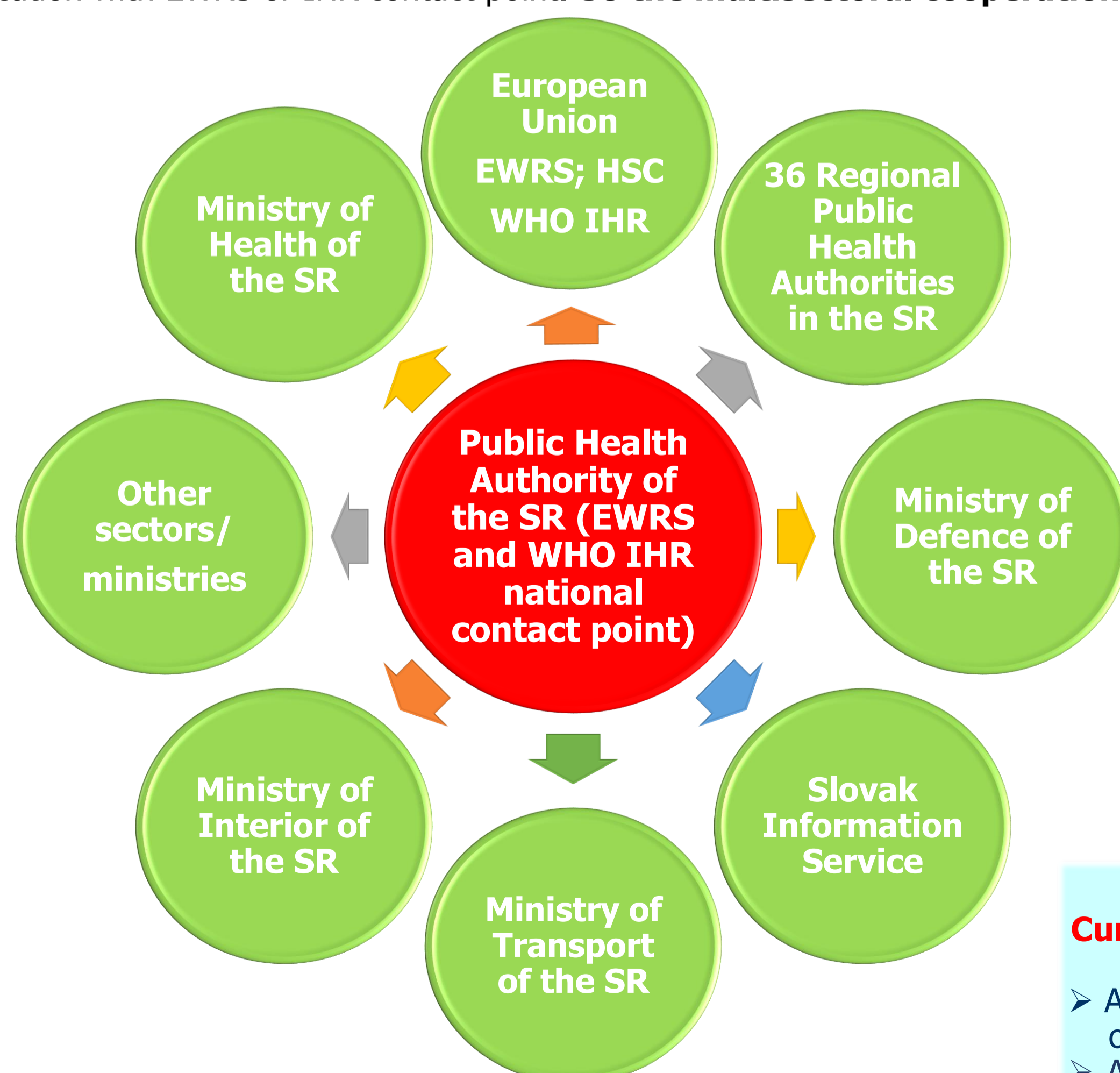
**The effectiveness of measures adopted to reduce the impact of threats depends on the speed of their adoption, their coordination between all responsible parts and mutual communication, including the media and the public.**

## Risk communication within the multi-sectorial cooperation in Slovakia

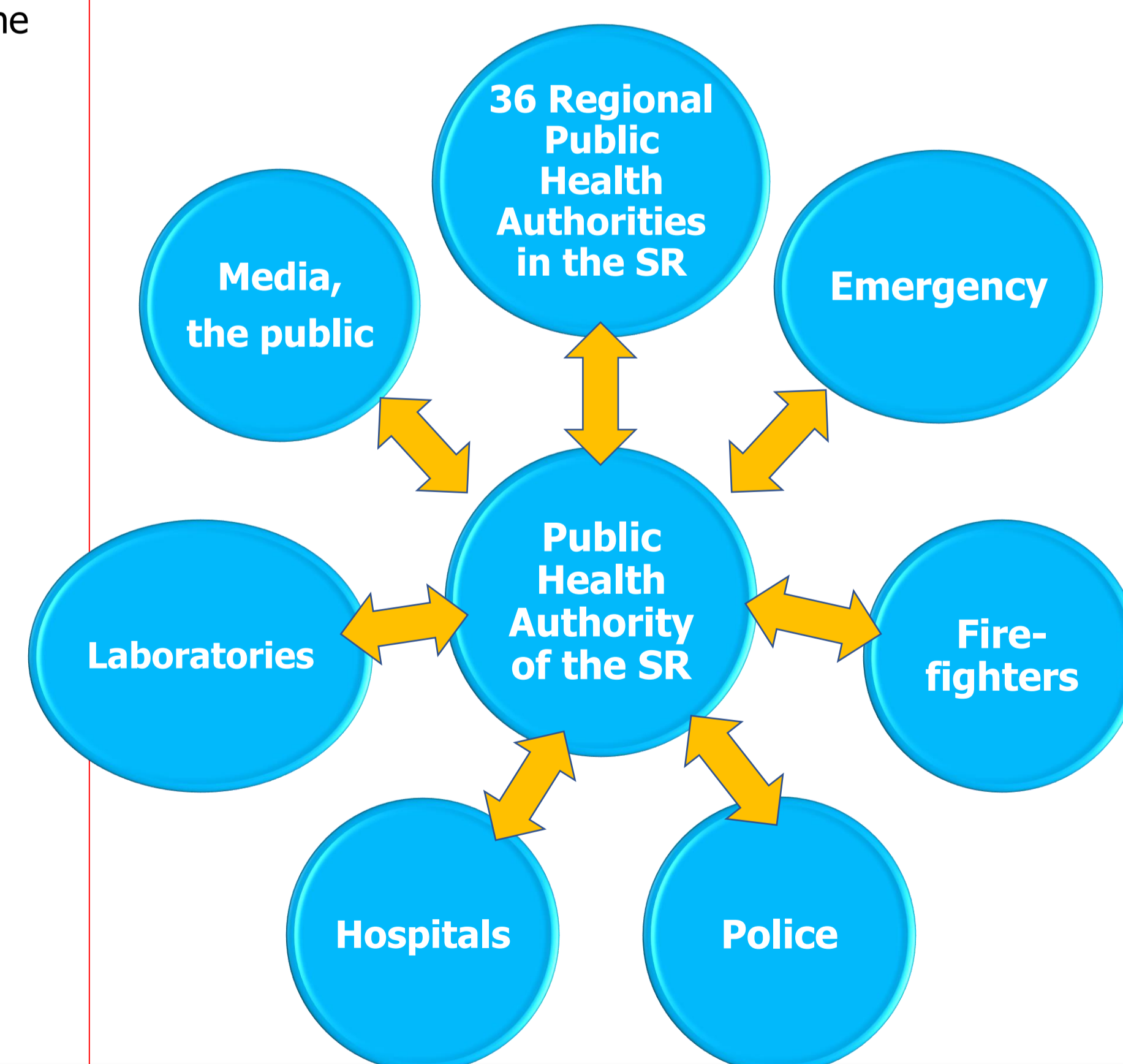
The most serious event with the potential of crossing the borders are reported through the EWRS or WHO IHR systems.

**National Contact Point for EWRS and WHO IHR is the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic.**

The government of the SR approved the document where all the sectors should define the contact point for the communication with EWRS or IHR contact point. **So the multisectoral cooperation is needed.**



## Cooperation in disease outbreak/public health threats in Slovakia



## Current national legislation for threats and exceptional occurrence addressing in the Slovak Republic

- Act No. 355/2007 Coll. of Laws on protection, support and development of public health
- Act. No. 42/1994 as amended, on civil protection of the population
- Ordinance No. 585/2008 setting up the details on the control and prevention of infectious diseases
- other legislation-legal regulations