



Launching EpiPose, a new European project to study epidemiological characteristics, behavioural dynamics, public health issues and economic impact of COVID-19

ISI Foundation is among the members of EpiPose, a new European project that aims to provide urgently needed answers about the epidemiological characteristics of COVID-19, the behavioural dynamics of the outbreak, and the related public health preparedness and response to the ongoing epidemic, as well as to assess its economic impact.

Main objectives of the project are:

- (1) To collect and share epidemiological data of COVID-19 as widely as possible
- (2) To provide country-specific estimates of key epidemiological parameters
- (3) To model the expected impact of COVID-19 on morbidity and mortality
- (4) To monitor awareness and behavioural change during the COVID-19 epidemic
- (5) To provide health economic analyses for interventions within the EU
- (6) To foster the interaction between the scientific community, public health agencies and the public

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