

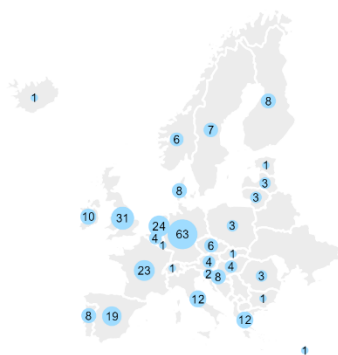
## Supplementary materials.

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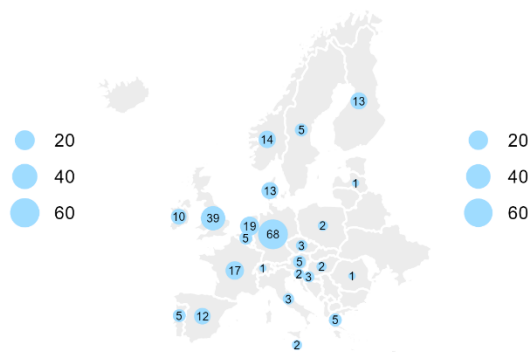
### Supplementary Figure S1.

Maps showing the number of respondents per country of citizenship, fellowship and 2021-residence (N=246).

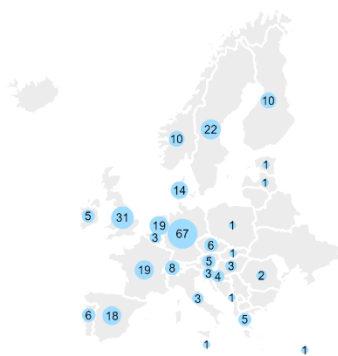
Citizenship



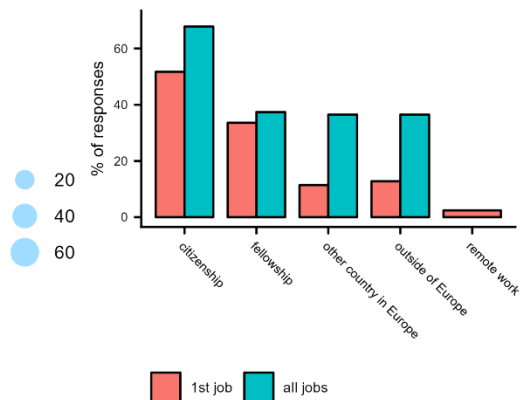
Fellowship



Residence



Country where members worked

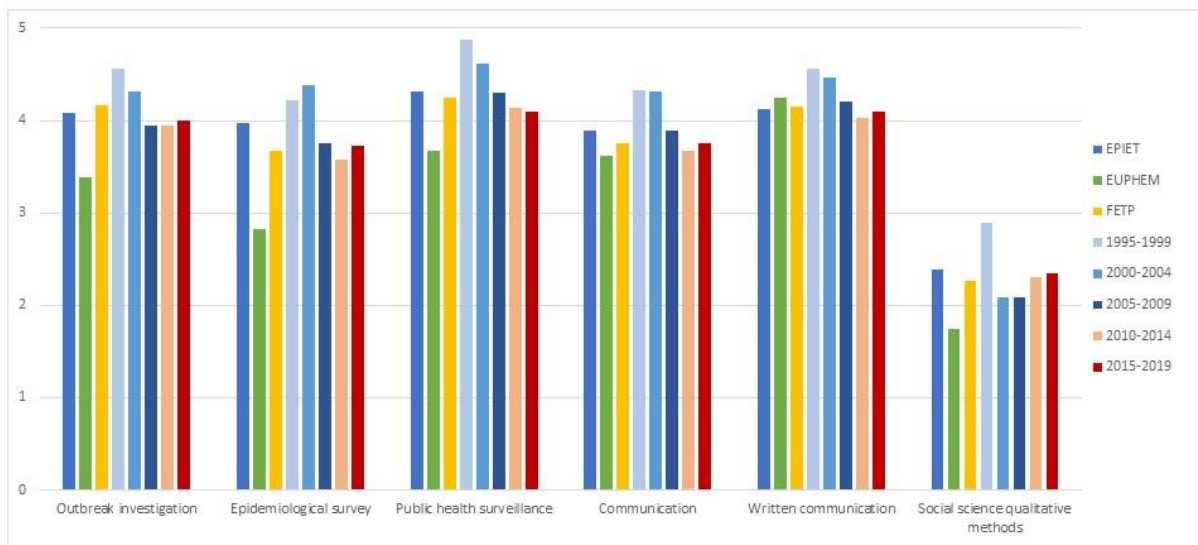


### Supplement Figure S2.

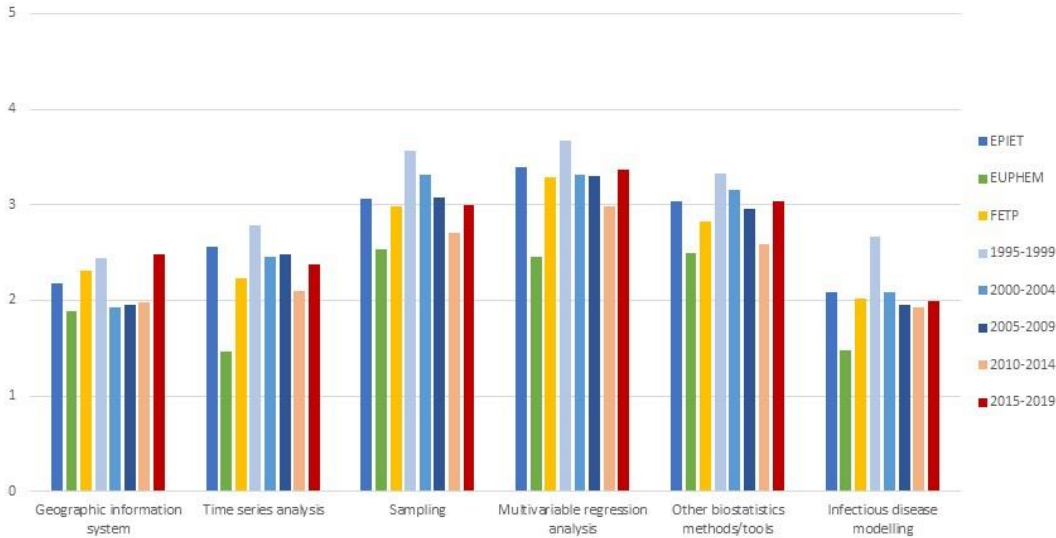
Mean scores (scale 1-5) on the self-reported competencies (A and B), software skills (C), and technical and microbiological skills (D) stratified by fellowship track (EPIET, EUPHEM or FETP) and year of starting the fellowship (N=195).

*Legend for panel A, B, C and D: the years of starting the fellowship are grouped as follows: 1995-1999, 2000-2004, 2005-2009, 2010-2014, 2015-2019. Mean scores were calculated for the answers with the following labels: 1. Basic knowledge/No practical experience, 2. Some/ limited experience, 3. Intermediate confidence in practice, 4. Confident (Independent professional), 5. Expert-can teach.*

**Figure S2-A: Mean scores (1-5) for key competencies in field epidemiology and public health microbiology**



**Figure S2-B: Mean scores (1-5) for competencies in epidemiology and data analysis**



**Figure S2-C: Mean scores (1-5) for competencies in statistical software packages**

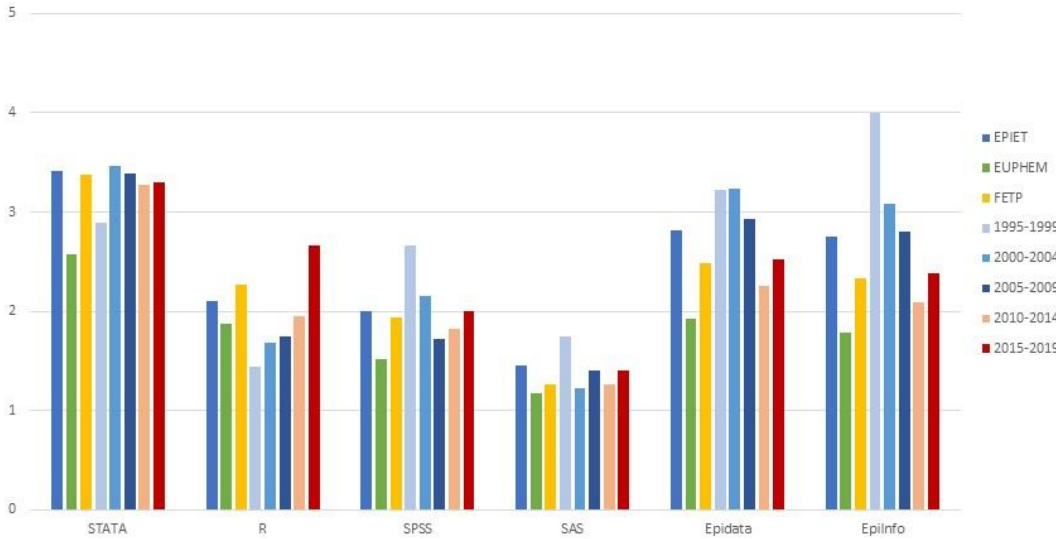


Figure S2-D: Mean scores (1-5) for microbiological and technical skills and competencies

