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European Environment and Health Task Force (EHTF)
High-level Mid-term Review Meeting

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Haifa, Israel, 28-30 April 2015

Provisional programme

Tuesday, 28 April 2015

08:00 – 18:00   Study tour

20:00   Welcome reception

Wednesday, 29 April 2015

08:00 – 09:00   *Registration*

09:00 - 10:00   **Opening session (Agenda item 1a, 1b and 1c):**

The MTR meeting will be opened and participants welcomed. Meeting officers will be elected. The agenda of the meeting and the programme will be adopted. Introductory statements will set the stage for the MTR.

Relevant documents:

1. List of documents

2. Scope and purpose

3. Provisional Agenda

4. Provisional Programme

5. Provisional list of participants

10:00 – 10:30   *Coffee/Tea Break*

10:30 – 12:30   **Report on progress in the implementation of the Parma Declaration on Environment and Health – What has been achieved? (Agenda item 2)**

The session will highlight key activities and progress achieved by Member States and EHP stakeholders at the national and international level in implementing the commitments taken through the Parma Declaration on Environment and Health. The expected outcome of the session will be the identification of key messages on such progress.

Relevant documents:

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6. *Improving environment and health in Europe: How far did we get? - Mid Term Review Report*

10. *Health Economics and Air Pollution*

11. *Implementing the European Regional Framework for Action to protect health from climate change – A status report*

12. *The school environment: policies and current status*

13. *Human bio-monitoring: facts and figures*

14. *Towards the elimination of asbestos-related diseases in the WHO European Region*

12:30 – 14:00   ***Lunch break with poster session***

14:00 – 16:00   Challenges and lessons learned – What were the challenges? What are the lessons learned? (Agenda item 3)

The session will highlight challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of the Parma Declaration on Environment and Health, based on examples drawn from the Mid Term Review Report.

Relevant documents:

6. *Improving environment and health in Europe: How far did we get? - Mid Term Review Report*

16:00 – 16:30   ***Coffee/Tea break***

16:30 – 18:00   Governance of the European Environment and Health Process: past and future – How was it governed? (Agenda item 4)

This session will reflect on challenges and take stock of lessons learned from the implementation of the new EHP governance mechanism since the Parma Conference, including its relations to other regional governance mechanisms, such as notably the European Union. It will also discuss a working document, which includes proposals to strengthen the institutional framework for the EHP until the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health. Finally, it will review and adopt amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the EHTF.

Relevant documents:

7. *Governing the European Environment and Health Process: lessons learned and way forward*

9. *Proposed revisions to the EHTF Rules of Procedure*

20:00   ***Dinner***

Thursday, 30 April 2015

08:00 – 09:00   *Registration*

09:00 –10:30   **Implementation priorities until the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health – What needs to be done? (Agenda item 5)**

This session will identify and discuss current shortcomings and gaps in implementation, particularly with regard to the achievements of the five time-limited targets set by the Parma Declaration on Environment and Health and of the objectives of the European Regional Framework for Action on climate change. It will also identify the areas on which work needs to concentrate until the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health and which concrete actions are required from Member States and EHP stakeholders.

Relevant documents:

6. *Improving environment and health in Europe: How far did we get? - Mid Term Review Report*

11. *Implementing the European Regional Framework for Action to protect health from climate change – A status report*

10:30 – 11:00   *Coffee/tea break*

11:00 – 12:30   **Strategic partnerships for the European Environment and Health Process** (**Agenda item 6**)

This session will focus on the challenges and opportunities for fostering strategic partnerships in the area of environment and health in the region. In particular, it will discuss the integration and synergy with relevant regional and global processes, such as the post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda, Health 2020, regional Multilateral Environmental Agreements, and global commitments on climate change. It will also analyse how effective have the present partnerships been in supporting the attainment of the Parma Declaration on Environment and Health; identify possible gaps in present partnerships and propose additional possible partnerships.

12:30 – 14:00   *Lunch break with poster session*

14:00 – 15:45   **Future themes and priorities: Road map towards the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health - Where are we going? (Agenda item 7)**

This session will open the preparatory process for the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, scheduled for 2017. It will provide a forum for a discussion about the main environment and health issues of relevance for Europe in the 21st century and consider the main policy issues and frameworks relevant for the EHP in the future. Finally, the EHTF will be invited to endorse the concept for the preparatory process for the Sixth Ministerial Conference and the approaches outlined in the road map.

Relevant documents:

> 8. *Road map towards the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (2017)*

15:45 – 16:15   ***Coffee/Tea break***

16:15 – 17:00   Closing session (Agenda item 8a and 9)

This session will draw the main conclusions and key messages from the MTR meeting, make concluding remarks, address any other business and close the meeting.