



Executive summary

1. Background and overview

This meeting of the Steering Committee of HEPA Europe was convened to review progress with implementation of the new work programme and to update on relevant international developments. Applications for membership were also discussed. An update on initial steps of preparation of the 13th annual meeting and 8th conference in November 2017 in Zagreb and on exchange on the events in 2018 were also given and participants selected the host for 2019.

The meeting was kindly arranged by the UKK Institute for Health Promotion Research to take place in Helsinki, Finland. It was chaired by Francesca Racioppi, WHO Regional Office for Europe, and attended by 6 members of the Steering Committee in person and 4 members via phone conference connection. The meeting was kindly prepared and assisted by the Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute (EBPI), University of Zurich, Switzerland.

2. Evaluation of applications for membership

Two new applications received since the last meeting were assessed. On both, further information will be sought from the applicant institutions. The decision on two pending applications had to be deferred.

3. Update on recent, relevant activities and developments

Updates were given on the ongoing activities at the international level, including:

- activities of the WHO
- activities of the EU
- other international activities

4. Work programme 2017/2018 and funding

Participants took note of the update on the state of affairs on the implementation of the work programme. They also agreed next steps regarding the funding for HEPA Europe.

5. Annual meetings of HEPA Europe

An update on preparations of the 13th annual meeting and 8th conference to take place on 15-17 November 2017 in Zagreb, Croatia, was given. The meeting will be hosted by the University of

Zagreb. Co-sponsorship of the conference by the WHO Regional Office for Europe has been requested. The dates for the 2018 annual meeting and conference were also confirmed (15-17 October 2018) and initial options for arrangements of this event were discussed, to take place in association with the International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health (ICPAPH) in London, United Kingdom.

6. Other business and next meetings of the Steering Committee

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place on 27 June 2017, hosted by the WHO Regional Office for Europe. A brief informal meeting of the Steering Committee will take place within the framework of the conference in November in Zagreb. The Steering Committee will also hold a phone conference after the summer break; a date survey will be provided. Dates for the 2018 meeting will be set at the next meeting of the committee in June.

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