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## **Resolution**

### **Lessons learned from the implementation of Health 2020, the European policy framework for health and well-being**

The Regional Committee,

Recalling its resolution EUR/RC62/R4 by which it adopted Health 2020, the European policy framework for health and well-being;

Further recalling its resolution EUR/RC63/R3 by which it adopted the core Health 2020 indicators to be used by the WHO Regional Office for Europe to monitor regional progress towards the six adopted goals for Health 2020; resolution EUR/RC67/R3 by which it adopted the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; decision EUR/RC68(1) on joint monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Health 2020 and the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2020; resolution EUR/RC68/R3 by which it reaffirmed commitment to health systems strengthening for universal health coverage, better outcomes, and reduced health inequalities; and resolution EUR/RC68/R6 on advancing public health for sustainable development in the WHO European Region;

Mindful of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023, and WHO's transformation agenda that supports countries in reaching all the health-related SDG targets, and the role of Health 2020 in contributing to their achievement;

Acknowledging existing commitments made through global and regional policies, strategies and plans (as reflected in resolutions and other collective political statements) to address public health challenges at the global, regional and national levels;

Aware of the essential roles and impact of various sectors and all levels of government, and of subnational, national and international, intergovernmental, nongovernmental and governmental organizations and bodies, in efforts to address health, well-being and health equity in the Region;

Noting the findings and recommendations of the studies that have been undertaken to inform Health 2020 implementation, including *Qualitative indicators for monitoring Health 2020 policy targets*, published in 2014, document EUR/RC64/8 (Implementing Health 2020: 2012–2014), the European health reports of 2015 and 2018, and document EUR/RC66/16 (Midterm progress report on Health 2020 implementation 2012–2016);

1. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION the report on lessons learned from the implementation of Health 2020 (document EUR/RC69/15);
2. ACKNOWLEDGES the value of Health 2020, which:
  - (a) provides evidence-based guidance on preparing and updating national health policies, and on addressing the key public health challenges and opportunities to promote health and well-being in the Region;
  - (b) reflects the complex nature of health determinants and the leadership necessary to address these determinants;
  - (c) promotes whole-of-government approaches to health and supports Member States in moving towards universal health coverage; and
  - (d) promotes the mainstreaming of health across the economic, environmental and social domains in countries, along with policy integration across these domains, a universal rights-based approach, markets that work for society and the environment, and empowered participation;

3. ACKNOWLEDGES the efforts of the Regional Director in relation to Health 2020 implementation, and the achievement of the high-level aspirations across the Region, consistent with the values, goals, and objectives of Health 2020, including through:
- (a) inspiring, strong leadership to achieve transformation;
  - (b) strengthening the role and participation of the Regional Office in coordinating the Issue-based Coalition on Health and Well-being;
  - (c) advancing implementation of the SDGs in European Member States in line with the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
  - (d) addressing public health issues in the Region, including potentially challenging topics;
  - (e) focusing on country work and the reform of country offices, including strengthening of the capacities of WHO representatives and heads of offices;
  - (f) paying early attention to migrant health, and leading the development of the Strategy and Action Plan for Refugee and Migrant Health in the WHO European Region;
  - (g) introducing innovative approaches for health systems strengthening;
  - (h) introducing innovative approaches for advancing public health capacities and services;
  - (i) introducing in an early and effective manner the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors in the European Region;
  - (j) strengthening control of antimicrobial resistance; and
  - (k) supporting public health networks;
4. URGES Member States:<sup>1</sup>
- (a) to continue to strengthen leadership in health policy and practice;
  - (b) to continue to develop, update and align, as appropriate, their policies, strategies and plans towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking full account where relevant of the values and approaches of

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<sup>1</sup> And regional economic integration organizations, where applicable.

Health 2020 and the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, using integrated systems thinking, and matching ambition and commitments to resources and capacities;

- (c) to promote policy coherence and sustainability at all levels and across sectors to make a measurable and sustainable impact on health and well-being through policies that are all-inclusive and leave no one behind, underpinned by the coherent development of frameworks relating to management, responsibility, and monitoring and evaluation;
- (d) to promote transformative policy processes and dialogues to make a measurable policy impact on health and well-being;
- (e) to propose ethical and evidence-based policy options;
- (f) to conduct policy reviews and evaluations, as part of responsible decision-making in line with national priorities;
- (g) to strengthen the implementation of the Joint Monitoring Framework and incorporate, in line with national legislation and circumstances, the global health-related SDG monitoring framework and indicators into national frameworks and data platforms; and
- (h) to continue building partnerships (while ensuring appropriate management of conflicts of interest), especially through whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches, and by including nongovernmental organizations and other parts of civil society as well as sectors other than health;

5. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to support countries in strengthening leadership for health policy and practice;
- (b) to support Member States, where appropriate, in developing and updating their health policies in accordance with the values and approaches of Health 2020 and the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- (c) to advocate for leadership and political support for the WHO transformation agenda;

- (d) to facilitate policy convergence that will underpin the implementation of the global and regional policy frameworks and binding instruments at all levels and across sectors in countries;
- (e) to facilitate the development of tools and methods to advance policy coherence and sustainability at all levels and across sectors, in order to support countries in making a measurable and sustainable impact through policies that are all-inclusive and leave no one behind, underpinned by the coherent development of frameworks relating to management, responsibility, and monitoring and evaluation; and
- (f) to facilitate transformative policy processes and dialogues to support countries in making a measurable policy impact, articulating ethical and evidence-based policy options and conducting policy reviews and evaluations, as part of responsible decision-making.

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