

**Statement by the Republic of Moldova
to EUR/RC70/8(F) Progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan to
Strengthen the Use of Evidence, Information and Research for Policy-making in
the WHO European Region**

The Action Plan to Strengthen the Use of Evidence, Information and Research for Policy-making in the WHO European Region (EUR / RC66 / R12) has been endorsed to ensure that the best available data, information and research evidence are used to formulate policies intended to improve the health of individuals and populations. This is especially important for low- and middle-income countries, where the culture of using evidence, information and research results in policy making rewired support to be developed and the needs for capacity building in this area are high.

The presented report provides evidence on the results obtained during the implementation of the Action Plan to Strengthen the Use of Evidence, Information and Research for Policy-making in the WHO European Region, as following:

- increased use of health data in policymaking, through the creation of the European Health Information Gateway and training within Autumn School and the Advanced Course on Health Information and Policy-making;
- it has become possible faster to exchange knowledge and experience between different parts of the Region, including for/from LMICs through Public Health Panorama.

Significant results have been produced by Member States on capacity building in evidence informed policy making through Evidence-informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) Europe, which currently includes 23 countries. EVIPNet Europe members have developed a number of the Evidence Briefs for Policy (EBP) on various national high-priority topics, including alcohol control legislation, sugar-sweetened beverages, primary health care and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) that play a very important role in policy and decision making in European countries. This is facilitated by an easy understandable language in which EBPs are written; EBPs been developed to respond the public health policy needs, using the best available evidence in transparent manner.

The Republic of Moldova supports and appreciates that the Regional Office and with WHO country offices will continue to implement the Action Plan to Strengthen the Use of Evidence, Information and Research for Policy-making in the WHO European. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of having evidence, information and research in a timely manner to decision-makers, proper as well to countries contexts.