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Executive summary

1. Background

The 19th meeting of the Steering Committee of HEPA Europe was convened to review further progress with implementation of the 2012/2013 work programme and to update on relevant international developments. In addition, the applications for membership received since the last meeting were assessed and three pending applications were further discussed, in connection with WHO's ongoing assessment of partnership initiatives such as HEPA Europe. An update on preparations of the 9th annual meeting and 4th conference in October 2013 in Helsinki was also given. In addition, strategies with regard to the short- and medium-term funding were discussed, and the development of a communication strategy for HEPA Europe was continued.

The meeting was attended by 11 members of the Steering Committee and one WHO staff from the Regional Office for Europe. The meeting was kindly hosted and supported by Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland. It was chaired by Willem van Mechelen from the VU Medical Center and assisted by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, Governance and Multisectoral Partnerships.

2. Evaluation of applications for membership

The 3 new applications received since the last meeting were supported by the participants. These applicants will become temporary members and will be proposed to the network for confirmation at the 9th annual meeting on 24 October 2013 in Helsinki, Finland. The final decision on two pending applications was deferred to the next meeting while one incomplete application of 2012 was concluded.

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 2012/2013 and funding

Participants took note of the update on the state of affairs on the implementation of the work programme. They also developed ideas regarding the short- and medium-term funding for HEPA Europe.

5. Annual meetings of HEPA Europe

An update on preparations of the 9th annual meeting and 4th conference in October 2013 was given. The meeting will be hosted by the Fit for Life Program and the UKK Institute for Health Promotion Research. A second call for hosts for the annual meeting in 2014 was disseminated with deadline of 15 May 2013.

6. Other business and next meetings of the Steering Committee

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place on 19 June 2013, kindly hosted by the WHO Regional Office for Europe in Copenhagen. On 18 June 2013, a brief meeting will be arranged in the late afternoon with Governance and Multisectoral Partnerships to discuss conclusions from the WHO's assessment of partnerships and regarding private funding as well as the pending applications.

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