



**European Tuberculosis Research Initiative (ERI–TB): first meeting of the Core Group
15 November 2016**

Venue: UN City, Marmorvej 51, 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark

Scope and purpose

Background

The goal of ending the global tuberculosis (TB) epidemic by 2035 was set by the WHO End TB Strategy and endorsed by the World Health Assembly in May 2014. To achieve this goal, the development and implementation of innovative tools (such as new vaccine(s), diagnostics, medicines, preventive and treatment regimens, and innovative service deliveries) is essential. A global action framework for TB research was developed in support of the third pillar of WHO's end TB strategy.ⁱⁱⁱ

Effective and timely development and implementation of the new tools should be supported by intensified efforts across the continuum of basic science to applied research and development and operational research. This important task is included as the third pillar in the End TB Strategy and TB action plan for the WHO European Region 2016–2020.ⁱⁱⁱ

The establishment of ERI-TB is one of the key milestones of the TB action plan for the WHO European Region 2016–2020 and its accompanying resolution, which were endorsed by the 65th session of the Regional Committee of the WHO Regional Office for Europe.^{iv} Furthermore, strengthening implementation/operational research is a key pillar in the action plan and resolution on the use of evidence, information and research for policy-making in the WHO European Region.^v

Objectives

1. To launch the European Tuberculosis Research Initiative (ERI–TB);
2. To share with research practices and perspectives from diverse settings in TB prevention and control;
3. To discuss the research focus for ending TB in the WHO European Region.

Expected outcomes

An operational framework to [identify research priorities, mapping gaps and capacities] in the WHO for planning and implementation of the research to support ending TB in the WHO European Region.

Methods

The meeting programme includes presentations and plenary discussions.

Venue

VIP meeting room 0.2.20
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Participants

- Members of ERI-TB Core Group;
- Staff of the WHO headquarters;
- Staff of the WHO Regional Office for Europe;

Facilitators

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Background documents and references

ⁱ The End TB Strategy, Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015

http://www.who.int/tb/strategy/End_TB_Strategy.pdf?ua=1

ⁱⁱ A global action framework for TB research in support of the third pillar of WHO's end TB strategy

<http://www.who.int/tb/publications/global-framework-research/en/>

ⁱⁱⁱ European Action plan for TB prevention and control covering the period 2016–2020: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/past-sessions/65th-session/documentation/working-documents/eurrc6517-rev.1-tuberculosis-action-plan-for-the-who-european-region-20162020>

^{iv} EUR/RC65/R6, Resolution on Tuberculosis action plan for the WHO European Region 2016–2020 of the 65th session of the Regional Committee for Europe <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/past-sessions/65th-session/documentation/report-of-the-65th-session-of-the-who-regional-committee-for-europe>

^v Action plan to strengthen the use of evidence, information and research for policy-making in the WHO European Region.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/66th-session/documentation/working-documents/eurrc6612-action-plan-to-strengthen-the-use-of-evidence,-information-and-research-for-policy-making-in-the-who-european-region>