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## **Technical briefing**

### **Collaboration on health information and reporting between the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**

**Wednesday, 13 September 2017**

**18:00–19:30, Arcade**

## **Background**

1. Following feedback from Member States, the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development met in June 2017 to discuss future collaboration in the areas of health information and reporting.
2. In going forward, the three organizations have agreed to a set of commitments aimed at reducing the number of data requests and indicators collected, where possible and appropriate, in their own respective agencies. Within the confines of legal, organizational and technical constraints, the three organizations have agreed to take actions necessary to enhance collaboration. These actions are presented in a supporting paper entitled *Collaboration on health information and reporting between the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development: draft outline of future actions*.

## **Objectives**

3. The purposes of this technical briefing are:
  - to inform Member States on the progress made by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in identifying areas of technical work where the three organizations can enhance cooperation;
  - to create a platform for Member States to provide input to and feedback on the areas of enhanced cooperation that the three organizations have mutually identified; and
  - to provide an opportunity for Member States to express support for the continued collaboration between the three international organizations towards integrating and aligning health information in the WHO European Region.

## Talking points for discussion

- What feedback do Member States have on the areas of enhanced cooperation that the three organizations have mutually identified?
- What aspects of collaboration between the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development do Member States find most useful?

## References

- Draft outline of potential areas of collaboration between the Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
- Action plan to strengthen the use of evidence, information and research for policy-making in the WHO European Region (document EUR/RC66/12; <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/past-sessions/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>).
- The objectives, principles and modalities for continued cooperation between the European Commission and the WHO Regional Office for Europe (document EUR/RC65/Inf.Doc./7; <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/past-sessions/65th-session/documentation/information-documents/eurrc65inf.doc.7-the-objectives,-principles-and-modalities-for-continued-cooperation-between-the-european-commission-and-the-who-regional-office-for-europe>).
- Joint action plan between the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the WHO Regional Office for Europe (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/organisation-for-economic-co-operation-and-development-oecd>).

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