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## **Executive summary**

### **1. Background**

The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee of HEPA Europe was convened to review progress with implementation of the 2011/2012 work programme and to update on recent international developments. In addition, the applications for membership received since the last meeting were assessed and two pending application further discussed. An update on preparations of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and symposium in September 2012 in Cardiff was also given. Further, key tasks for the sub-committee to develop a recruitment strategy for the Steering Committee were defined as well as next steps for the development of a communication strategy for HEPA Europe.

The meeting was attended by nine members of the Steering Committee and one WHO staff from the Regional Office for Europe. The meeting was kindly hosted and supported by the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Zurich, Switzerland. It was chaired by Willem van Mechelen from the Free University (VU) Medical Center, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and assisted by the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Rome office, and the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Zurich, Switzerland.

### **2. Evaluation of applications for membership**

Two of the eight new applications received since the last meeting were supported by the participants; six applications require further assessments for a final decision. The supported applicants will become temporary members and will be proposed to the network for confirmation at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on 27 September in Cardiff, United Kingdom.

### **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 2011/2012**

Participants took note of the update on the state of affairs on the implementation of the work programme 2011/2012.

### **5. Annual meetings of HEPA Europe**

The report of the 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting will be available shortly. An outline of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting 2012 was discussed, including a symposium on green environment to promote physical activity. The

meeting will be hosted by the Physical Activity & Nutrition Network (PANNW) for Wales, Public Health Wales, United Kingdom, in Cardiff. In addition, two proposals to host the 2013 annual meeting were discussed; further information will be sought for a final decision.

## **6. Other business and next meetings of the Steering Committee**

A sub-committee on membership was formed to agree on develop a basis for a general strategy on how to approach questions around applications for membership.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place on 15 June, kindly hosted by VU Medical Centre, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. An informal meeting will take place on 25 September 2012 afternoon in Cardiff, United Kingdom.

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