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Membership of WHO bodies and committees

In accordance with rules 14.2.2 and 14.3 of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe's rules of procedure, the Regional Director, by circular letter of 15 January 2018, invited all Member States of the European Region to submit, by 16 March 2018, nominations for membership of the:

- Executive Board;
- Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe;
- Joint Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases; and
- Regional Evaluation Group

Given that the WHO Regional Office for Europe had not received a sufficient number of nominations to the Regional Evaluation Group by the deadline of 16 March 2018, the Regional Director, in a letter dated 10 April 2018, informed Member States that the deadline of the call for nominations to the Regional Evaluation Group had been extended to 30 April 2018.

This document contains where applicable, for each of the above bodies, the terms of reference, an overview of the membership of the body in question, and the curricula vitae of the candidates and letters of intent received by the Secretariat in accordance with the aforementioned deadlines.

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I. Executive Board of the World Health Organization

Functions

1. Article 28 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization (WHO) stipulates that the functions of the Executive Board shall be:

- (a) to give effect to the decisions and policies of the Health Assembly;
- (b) to act as the executive organ of the Health Assembly;
- (c) to perform any other functions entrusted to it by the Health Assembly;
- (d) to advise the Health Assembly on questions referred to it by that body and on matters assigned to the Organization by conventions, agreements and regulations;
- (e) to submit advice or proposals to the Health Assembly on its own initiative;
- (f) to prepare the agenda of meetings of the Health Assembly;
- (g) to submit to the Health Assembly for consideration and approval a general programme of work covering a specific period;
- (h) to study all questions within its competence;
- (i) to take emergency measures within the functions and financial resources of the Organization to deal with events requiring immediate action. In particular it may authorize the Director-General to take the necessary steps to combat epidemics, to participate in the organization of health relief to victims of a calamity and to undertake studies and research the urgency of which has been drawn to the attention of the Board by any Member or by the Director-General.

2. The Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board can be found in *Basic documents*,¹ together with the WHO Constitution and other official documentation, and can be accessed on the Governance pages of the WHO website at <http://www.who.int/gb/bd/>.

Present membership from the European Region

3. The European Region has eight seats on the Executive Board of WHO, which from May 2018 will be filled by persons designated by Finland, Georgia, Germany, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Romania and Turkey. Two seats will become vacant in May 2019, when the terms of office of the members designated by the Netherlands and Turkey will expire.

Candidatures

4. In a letter dated 15 January 2018, Member States were requested to inform the Regional Director whether they wished to submit candidatures for election at the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in May 2019.

5. It will be recalled that the Regional Committee at its 63rd session in 2013 adopted resolution EUR/RC63/R7, which prescribes the criteria for and selection of candidatures for membership of the Executive Board.

¹ Basic documents – 48th edition. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2014.

6. The following nominations were received at the Regional Office by 16 March 2018 and curricula vitae in standard format and the letters of intent are contained in pages 7 to 14.

Austria (Dr Clemens Martin Auer)

Tajikistan (Professor Salomudin Yusufi)

Turkmenistan (Ms Sachli Amansakhatovna Nuryeva)

Overview of membership

7. Table 1 shows those countries of the European Region that designated members of the Executive Board during the period 1993–2019.

Table 1. Executive Board of the World Health Organization – overview of memberships^a of the European Region from 1993 to 2019

Country	WHA 46 1993	WHA 47 1994	WHA 48 1995	WHA 49 1996	WHA 50 1997	WHA 51 1998	WHA 52 1999	WHA 53 2000	WHA 54 2001	WHA 55 2002	WHA 56 2003	WHA 57 2004	WHA 58 2005	WHA 59 2006	WHA 60 2007	WHA 61 2008	WHA 62 2009	WHA 63 2010	WHA 64 2011	WHA 65 2012	WHA 66 2013	WHA 67 2014	WHA 68 2015	WHA 69 2016	WHA 70 2017	WHA 71 2018	WHA 72 2019		
Albania																					X	XXX	XXX	X					
Andorra																						X	XXX	XXX	X				
Armenia																		X	XXX	XXX	X								
Austria																													
Azerbaijan													X	XXX	XXX	X					X	XXX	XXX	X					
Belarus																													
Belgium							X	XXX	XXX	X											X	XXX	XXX	X					
Bosnia and Herzegovina																													
Bulgaria	XXX	X																											
Croatia			X	XXX	XXX	X															X	XXX	XXX	X					
Cyprus ^b								X	XXX	XXX	X																		
Czech Republic											X	XXX	XXX	X															
Denmark	XXX	X												X	XXX	XXX	X												
Estonia																	X	XXX	XXX	X									
Finland		X	XXX	XXX	X																						X	XXX	
France	X	X	XXX	XXX	X	X	XXX	XXX	X		X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX	X			
Georgia																										X	XXX	XXX	
Germany					X	XXX	XXX	X									X	XXX	XXX	X							X	XXX	
Greece	XXX	X																											
Hungary																X	XXX	XXX	X										
Iceland											X	XXX	XXX	X															
Ireland			X	XXX	XXX	X																							
Israel	X	XXX	XXX	X																							X	XXX	
Italy								X	XXX	XXX	X															X	XXX	XXX	
Kazakhstan									X	XXX	XXX	X												X	XXX	XXX	X		
Kyrgyzstan																													
Latvia														X	XXX	XXX	X												
Lithuania								X	XXX	XXX	X										X	XXX	XXX	X					
Luxembourg												X	XXX	XXX	X														
Malta																								X	XXX	XXX	X		
Monaco																													
Montenegro																													
Netherlands					X	XXX	XXX	X																		X	XXX	XXX	X
Norway					X	XXX	XXX	X											X	XXX	XXX	X							
Poland				X	XXX	XXX	X																						
Portugal	XXX	XXX	X										X	XXX	XXX	X													

Country	WHA 46 1993	WHA 47 1994	WHA 48 1995	WHA 49 1996	WHA 50 1997	WHA 51 1998	WHA 52 1999	WHA 53 2000	WHA 54 2001	WHA 55 2002	WHA 56 2003	WHA 57 2004	WHA 58 2005	WHA 59 2006	WHA 60 2007	WHA 61 2008	WHA 62 2009	WHA 63 2010	WHA 64 2011	WHA 65 2012	WHA 66 2013	WHA 67 2014	WHA 68 2015	WHA 69 2016	WHA 70 2017	WHA 71 2018	WHA 72 2019		
Republic of Moldova															X	XXX	XXX	X											
Romania												X	XXX	XXX	X												X	XXX	
Russian Federation ^c	X		X	XXX	XXX	X		X	XXX	XXX	X		X	XXX	XXX	X							X	XXX	XXX	X			
San Marino																													
Serbia ^d																		X	XXX	XXX	X								
Slovakia																													
Slovenia														X	XXX	XXX	X												
Spain											X	XXX	XXX	X															
Sweden										X	XXX	XXX	X											X	XXX	XXX	X		
Switzerland								X	XXX	XXX	X									X	XXX	XXX	X						
Tajikistan																													
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia																													
Turkey		X	XXX	XXX	X										X	XXX	XXX	X								X	XXX	XXX	X
Turkmenistan																													
Ukraine																													
United Kingdom	XXX	XXX	X		X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX	X		X	XXX	XXX	X					X	XXX	XXX	X		
Uzbekistan																				X	XXX	XXX	X						

Shading indicates years prior to becoming a Member State.

^a In accordance with Rule 105 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, “The term of office of each Member entitled to designate a person to serve on the Board shall begin immediately after the closing of the session of the Health Assembly at which the Member concerned is elected and shall end immediately after the closing of the session of the Health Assembly during which the Member is replaced.”

^b Reassigned from the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region to the WHO European Region as per resolution WHA56.16 in May 2003.

^c Membership of the former USSR has been continued by the Russian Federation.

^d Formerly Serbia and Montenegro.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: AUSTRIA

Family name AUER **First/Other names** Clemens Martin
Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 5 May 1957

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German	X	X	X
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**
 PhD in Philosophy and Political Science, University of Vienna 1991

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**
 Head of unit, Ministry of Health (Head of the Health Systems and International Health Affairs unit) 2005 to date
 Head of Cabinet of the Minister of Health 2003–2007

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**
 Head of the Austrian delegation at the WHA and the Regional Committee 2017 to date
 WHO European Health Systems Foresight Group 2017 to date
 Board of the European Forum Alpbach 2016 to date
 Board of the European Observatory 2015 to date
 Co-Chair of the European Union's eHealth Network 2012 to date
 Board of the European Health Forum Gastein 2007 to date
 High-level working groups of the Council for Public Health 2005 to date
 Health Committee of the OECD 2005 to date
 Head of numerous delegations at informal meetings of EU Councils or international ministerial conferences (e.g. WHO Tallinn Conference, 2008) 2003 to date

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**
 President of the European Health Forum Gastein 2017 to date
 Co-Chair of the European Union's eHealth Network 2012 to date
 Coordinator of several European Union Joint Actions in the field of eHealth 2010 to date
 Chair of the National Organizing Committee for the XVIII. World AIDS Conference 2010
 Managing Director of the Austrian Federal Health Agency and Chair of the Standing Coordinating Committee 2008 to date

Name and position of person making nomination

Beate Hartinger-Klein, Federal Minister of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection

Letter of intent

Dear Regional Director,

In reply to your letter of 15 January 2018, in which you asked for nominations for membership in WHO bodies and committees, I would like to submit the application of Austria for a seat on the WHO Executive Board for the period from 2019 to 2022, to be filled with the Head of the Health Systems and International Health Affairs unit at the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, Dr Clemens Martin AUER.

Austria has been closely working with WHO for decades and consistently supporting WHO as the leading global organization in the field of health in fulfilling its duties, both in the European Region and at the global level. This intensive cooperation manifests itself both in the work of the WHO collaboration centres in Austria and in our country's membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe in the periods 2003–2006 and 2012–2015. In addition, Austria's commitment is illustrated by regular financial contributions to the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, in cooperation with which Austria developed the concept of primary health care and can therefore claim ample experience in this field, including at the global level. Furthermore, Austria attaches great importance to the issue of AMR and therefore recently provided financial support for the Supporting Development and Stewardship of new Antibiotics project.

A strong WHO, which confines itself to its core mandate and thus its comparative advantages, is the key to a successful global health policy for the benefit of the population. This can only be achieved by consistently pursuing WHO reform and thus strengthening its governing bodies. Therefore, Austria will, if elected as a member of the Executive Board, help ensure that the themes of transparency, effectiveness and efficiency are further advanced within the organization. However, it is important to bear in mind that one of the central assets of our organization is its staff, whose needs must be duly taken into consideration.

Austria firmly believes that the use of information and communication technologies in health-related products, services and processes, in conjunction with structural changes in the health sector, will help to improve the health of the population and the efficiency of health service delivery. Since May 2012, Austria has been the co-chair of the eHealth Network, which is designed to provide political and strategic governance and produce sustainable health, social and economic benefits for the European eHealth system and its features. In the bodies and projects that carry out the necessary preparatory work at the operative level, Austria has taken on the role of a project coordinator. Furthermore, as a member of the Multi-Stakeholder Platform of the European Health Telematics Association, Austria has been involved in a multitude of activities at the European level. With its long-standing, comprehensive expertise in the field of e-Health and digital health, which are also among my personal priority topics, Austria is eager to join the international debate.

One of Austria's primary objectives in international health is to improve access to medicines and medical technologies. This is why Austria has participated in creating mechanisms for better cooperation between the member states in the WHO European Region (e.g. BENELUXA), as well as in discussions at international level (Fair Pricing Forum Amsterdam, OECD, UNHLP, UNDP). In addition, Austria has included the issue on the agenda of its EU Presidency in the second half of 2018, in particular the question of where to set priorities in health-related public research strategies and investments. Austria's commitment is also reflected by the work of the

WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies, which is successfully hosted by the Austrian Institute for Public Health (GÖG).

Given the alarming increase in the number of people suffering from overweight worldwide and the resulting increase in the risk of developing a life-threatening noncommunicable disease, Austria is pursuing a whole-of-government approach, as envisaged in the European Food and Nutrition Action Plan 2015–2020. The crucial element for Austria in this regard is to promote health literacy in its cultural context, in order to enable the population to make healthy and empowered choices with regard to nutrition. It is an important goal for Austria to illustrate the impact and context of nutrition as a determinant of health and to help identify policy options in the area of healthy nutrition, especially for children and adolescents, but also for elderly people, who are a particularly vulnerable group.

Pursuing a holistic approach to health is indispensable. Health is a fundamental human right. In the governing bodies of the United Nations, Austria is specifically emphasizing the human rights aspects, notably in the field of mental health, not only with a view to promoting its candidacy for the Human Rights Council. Moreover, Austria has from the very outset played an active role in the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), with the involvement of young people and the promotion of regular physical activity, while advocating responsible management of the environment among its central goals.

It is my firm belief that, with his long-standing experience in the areas of health systems and health management, Dr Clemens Martin AUER, Head of the Health Systems and International Health Affairs unit at the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, is a perfect candidate to represent Austria on the WHO Executive Board for the period from 2019 to 2022, and I herewith submit his nomination for this important function. I am convinced that Dr AUER will fully meet the requirements of this task.

Yours truly,

Mag. Beate Hartinger-Klein

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: TAJIKISTAN

Family name YUSUFI **First/Other names** Salomudin

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 26 June 1968

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X		
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Fellow (Academician), Academy of Medical Sciences, Tajikistan, Dushanbe 2014

Associate, Academy of Medical Sciences, Tajikistan, Dushanbe 2010

Master's degree in Public Health Management, Tajik Institute of Post-Graduate Training for Medical Staff, Ministry of Health of Tajikistan 2007–2009

Doctoral degree in pharmaceutical sciences, Assessment and Certification Committee in Research and Education, Astana, Kazakhstan 2005

Doctoral candidate in Technical Sciences, Higher Certification Committee, Moscow, Russian Federation 1998

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Vice-rector for Research, Ambuali Ibn Sino State Medical University, Tajikistan 2018

Head, Department of Medical and Pharmaceutical Education, Human Resources and Science, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Tajikistan 2008–2018

Vice-President, Academy of Medical Sciences, Tajikistan 2010–2014

Dean, Pharmaceutical Faculty, Ambuali Ibn Sino State Medical University, Tajikistan 2005–2008

Head, Department of Pharmacy and Medical Products, Ministry of Health, Tajikistan 2002–2005

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

Local expert, WHO Regional Office for Europe, project for strengthening the pharmaceutical sector in Tajikistan 1999–2005

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

Chairperson, Technical Working Group, Implementation of the National Health Strategy, 2010–2020 2010 to date

Chairperson, Editorial and Publication Committee, Ministry of Health and Social Protection 2009 to date

Chairperson, Pharmacopoeial Committee, Ministry of Health and Social Protection 2005 to date

Member of Tajikistan's official delegation to the Regional Committee for Europe 2016, 2017

Member of Tajikistan's official delegation to the World Health Assembly 2016, 2017

Member of the Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe from Tajikistan 2016

Name and position of person making nomination

Olimzoda Nasim Khoja, Minister of Health and Social Protection of Tajikistan

Letter of intent

Declaration of Intent

The Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Tajikistan is honoured to nominate Professor Salomudin Jabbor Yusufi, Academician of the Tajik Academy of Medical Sciences, as a member of the World Health Organization's Executive Board from the WHO European Region. In putting forward this candidacy we would like to first and foremost emphasize the unique role of WHO as a key partner in promoting the development of health systems and strengthening the reform processes in our country and in the European Region as a whole.

The World Health Organization is the United Nations' lead technical agency for health care in Tajikistan, and has had a country presence here since 1992. Along with other countries of the world, the Republic of Tajikistan is a Member State of the World Health Organization. Since that time, the Government of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection and the World Health Organization have been actively cooperating with each other and over the past decade have created an optimal collaboration mechanism. Over the years the World Health Organization has provided significant technical and financial assistance to our country to address key public health challenges as well as to support the reform of the entire health sector in Tajikistan. Historically, WHO and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection have cooperated globally on the development of key strategic documents, as well as on strengthening reform efforts in the field of health care under the umbrella of universal health coverage, which is currently being implemented.

In its turn, the Republic of Tajikistan has been contributing to the work of the World Health Organization by participating in the annual sessions of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe and World Health Assembly in Geneva and reporting on the country's progress in order to unite efforts in addressing global risks and threats, formulate WHO future policies and approve the Organization's budget.

In May 2013 a ministerial delegation from Tajikistan took part in the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly, held in Geneva, Switzerland. The key issues raised by the Tajik delegation during the session of the World Health Assembly were health sector coordination mechanisms in the implementation of the National Health Strategy for 2010–2020, and the organization of joint annual health reviews and summits in the Republic of Tajikistan.

Examples of significant achievements include the ratification of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the adoption of the code of practice on health care delivery by the Tajik Parliament.

Historically, WHO and the Government of Tajikistan have always met their commitments on improving the health of the population in line with the biennial collaboration agreements, signed every two years by Tajikistan's Ministry of Health and Social Protection and the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

It should be noted that, since 2016, the Republic of Tajikistan has been a member of the Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe and has been actively engaged in its sessions.

During the strategic planning of collaborative activities, some key joint priorities for cooperation have been identified in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, covering such areas as communicable and noncommunicable diseases; health promotion throughout the life-course; health systems; and preparedness, surveillance and response.

Over the past decade, WHO has strengthened its support for Tajikistan's key national programmes on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (with a particular focus on MDR-TB), vaccine-preventable diseases, and rehabilitation of people with disabilities. Also noteworthy is WHO's contribution to the enhancement of the health system financing reform process and the strategic planning of activities aimed at strengthening primary health care services through a family medicine approach. Professor Yusufi played a key role in developing and taking forward these initiatives in the health sector.

Taking account of national priorities and the successful reforms and achievements that have been made possible through the support from WHO, Tajikistan expresses its willingness to demonstrate the parties' mutual commitment to the implementation of resolutions and declarations of the World Health Assembly by sharing experiences and actively participating in the implementation of health programmes and development strategies, in line with the Health 2020 policy framework and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Considering the above, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Tajikistan strongly believes that the nominated candidate will be able to meaningfully contribute to the work of the WHO Executive Board.

We would greatly appreciate the support of the Tajik candidacy by the Member States in the WHO European Region.

Yours sincerely,

Minister Nasim Olimzoda

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: **TURKMENISTAN**

Family name NURYEVA **First/Other names** Sachli Amansakhatovna

Male/Female Female **Date of birth** 24 September 1974

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Head, Department of Surveillance of the State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service at the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan 2014 to date

Deputy Head, Department of Surveillance of the State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service at the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan 2006–2014

Senior Specialist, Department of Surveillance of the State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service at the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan 2002–2006

Specialist, Department of Parasitology, Central Laboratory for Hygiene and Epidemiology of the State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service 2000–2002

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Delegate at SCRC sessions as alternate member from Turkmenistan 2017

Member of the national delegation at sessions of the World Health Assembly 2015, 2016, 2017

Delegate of Turkmenistan at WHO and UNICEF meetings 2002 to date

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

Technical adviser of the National Interagency Immunization Coordination Committee 2002 to date

Technical adviser of the National Interagency Immunization Coordination Committee on the Prevention of Communicable Diseases 2002 to date

Name and position of person making nomination

N. Amanepesov, Minister of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan

Letter of intent

Dear Dr Jakab,

During the last 25 years, the meaningful cooperation between the Government of Turkmenistan and WHO has helped achieve obvious progress in the area of public health.

We would like, in particular, to stress the importance of our joint work in the areas of prevention of communicable diseases, vaccines and immunization, and implementation of the International Health Regulations. Turkmenistan is very active in the area of NCD control, and was one of the first Member States in the WHO European Region to implement the WHO STEPwise approach to noncommunicable disease (NCD) risk factor surveillance (STEPS). The country is now focusing on strengthening the surveillance of NCDs.

The Government of Turkmenistan is fully committed to improving health outcomes and to fulfilling the objectives of the Health 2020 policy. We further intend to maintain our active contribution to the development and implementation of programmes to control measles, rubella, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, hepatitis, malaria, etc. We also are committed to enhancing our efforts in such key areas as emergency preparedness and response, control of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), sustaining high immunization coverage, and health system strengthening.

In order to further strengthen our cooperation, I have the honour to present Ms Sachli Amansakhatovna Nuryeva as our candidate for the WHO Executive Board. Ms Nuryeva has been actively involved in meetings and conferences of the WHO Regional Office for Europe since 2002; she is a highly qualified expert in several priority areas of our health system, such as elimination of malaria and polio, verification of elimination of measles and rubella, surveillance, and communicable disease emergency preparedness and response. She has been a member of our national delegations to the World Health Assembly (since 2015) and the SCRC (in 2017).

N. Amanepesov, Minister of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan

II. Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Functions

8. Rule 14.2.10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe stipulates that the functions of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee shall be:

- (a) to act for and represent the Regional Committee and to ensure that effect is given to the decisions and policies of the Regional Committee, especially with regard to its supervisory functions as per Article 50 (b) of the WHO Constitution;
- (b) to advise the Regional Committee on questions referred to it by that body, and to counsel the Regional Director as and when appropriate between sessions of the Regional Committee;
- (c) to submit advice or proposals to the Regional Committee and to the Regional Director on its own initiative;
- (d) to propose items for the agenda of meetings of the Regional Committee;
- (e) to submit to the Regional Committee for consideration and approval the regional component of WHO's general programme of work;
- (f) to perform any other functions entrusted to it by the Regional Committee;
- (g) to report to the Regional Committee on its work;
- (h) to examine credentials of delegates of Members, by establishing a subdivision of three members, and report thereon to the Regional Committee.

9. Further information can be found in the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe,² which are accessible on the Governance pages of the Regional Office for Europe's website at <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/rules-of-procedure-of-the-regional-committee-for-europe-and-of-the-standing-committee-of-the-regional-committee-for-europe>.

Present membership

10. In Rule 14.2.1 of its Rules of Procedure, the Regional Committee agreed, when electing the membership of the Standing Committee, to take into account the need for equitable geographical distribution, adequate representation of the interests of the Region, the opportunity for all Member States of the Region to participate over time in the work of the Standing Committee and other considerations relevant to maximizing the effectiveness of its work.

11. The terms of office of members from Georgia, Iceland, Italy and Tajikistan will expire at the 68th session of the Regional Committee in September 2018. The Regional Committee will therefore be requested to elect four new members of the Standing Committee, each having a three-year term of office, from September 2018 to September 2021.

² Rules of procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2017.

12. The terms of office of the remaining eight members will continue as follows:

Greece (Mr Ioannis Baskozos)	Member until September 2019
Slovakia (Dr Mario Mikloši)	Member until September 2019
Slovenia (Dr Vesna-Kerstin Petrič)	Member until September 2019
Turkey (Dr Hakki Gürsöz)	Member until September 2019
Denmark (Dr Søren Brostrøm)	Member until September 2020
Hungary (Ms Hanna Páva)	Member until September 2020
Lithuania (Dr Mindaugas Štelemėkas)	Member until September 2020
Uzbekistan (Ms Nigora Azimova)	Member until September 2020

13. It will be recalled that the Twenty-sixth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe shall consist of the Deputy Executive President of the 68th session of the Regional Committee as ex-officio Chairperson from September 2018 to September 2019 and the representatives of Member States of the Region duly elected by the Regional Committee to serve on the Standing Committee.

Nominations

14. The following nominations were received at the Regional Office by 16 March 2018, and curricula vitae in standard format and the letters of intent are contained in pages 19 to 45.

Belgium (Mr Tom Auwers)
Croatia (Ms Iva Pejnović Franelić)
Kazakhstan (Mr Aleksey Tsoy)
Montenegro (Mr Nikola Antovic)
Netherlands (Mr Herbert Barnard)
Poland (Ms Katarzyna Karolina Rutkowska)
Republic of Moldova (Ms Svetlana Chebotari)
Russian Federation (Professor Veronika Igorevna Skvortsova)

Overview of membership

15. Table 2 gives an overview of those countries of the European Region that have provided members of the Standing Committee since 2007, and Table 3 shows Committee office holders from 1994 to the present.

Table 2. Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe – overview of membership^a from September 2007 to September 2019

Countries	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Albania													
Andorra		X	XXX	XXX	X								
Armenia													
Austria						X	XXX	XXX	X				
Azerbaijan			X	XXX	XXX	X							
Belarus							X	XXX	XXX	X			
Belgium					X	XXX	XXX	X					
Bosnia and Herzegovina													
Bulgaria				X	XXX	XXX	XXX	X					
Croatia				X	XXX	XXX	X						
Cyprus													
Czech Republic													
Denmark											X	XXX	XXX
Estonia	X						X	XXX	XXX	X			
Finland						X	XXX	XXX	X				
France							X	XXX	XXX	X			
Georgia	XXX	XXX	X						X	XXX	XXX	X	
Germany								X	XXX	XXX	X		
Greece										X	XXX	XXX	X
Hungary	X										X	XXX	XXX
Iceland									X	XXX	XXX	X	
Ireland													
Israel						X	XXX	XXX	X				
Italy	XXX	X							X	XXX	XXX	X	
Kazakhstan													
Kyrgyzstan	XXX	XXX	X										
Latvia							X	XXX	XXX	X			
Lithuania		X	XXX	XXX	X						X	XXX	XXX
Luxembourg													
Malta					X	XXX	XXX	X					
Monaco													
Montenegro		X	XXX	XXX	X								
Netherlands	XXX	X											
Norway	XXX	XXX	X										
Poland				X	XXX	XXX	X						
Portugal								X	XXX	XXX	X		
Republic of Moldova						X	XXX	XXX	X				
Romania								X	XXX	XXX	X		
Russian Federation					X	XXX	XXX	X					
San Marino													
Serbia ^b	XXX	X											
Slovakia	X	XXX	XXX	X						X	XXX	XXX	X
Slovenia										X	XXX	XXX	X
Spain				X	XXX	X							
Sweden			X	XXX	XXX	X							
Switzerland	X	XXX	XXX	X									
Tajikistan									X	XXX	XXX	X	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	X	XXX	XXX	X									
Turkey				X	XXX	XXX	X			X	XXX	XXX	X
Turkmenistan								X	XXX	XXX	X		
Ukraine			X	XXX	XXX	X							
United Kingdom	X			X	XXX	XXX	X						
Uzbekistan											X	XXX	XXX

^a For the purpose of this table, each term of office of a member of the Standing Committee starts with the session of the Regional Committee in the year in which the member is elected and ends at the Regional Committee of the year indicated.

^b Formerly Serbia and Montenegro.

Table 3. Office holders of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe from 1994 to 2018

Term (from one session of the Regional Committee to the next session)	Chairperson (Deputy Executive President of the Regional Committee as member ex-officio)	Vice-Chairperson
1994–1995	Dr Niall Tierney, Ireland	Dr Anthony Vassallo, Malta
1995–1996	Professor Jean-François Girard, France	Dr Mikhail N. Saveliev, Russian Federation
1996–1997	Dr Marta di Gennaro, Italy	Professor Vilius J. Grabauskas, Lithuania
1997–1998	Professor Vilius J. Grabauskas, Lithuania	Dr Jeremy M. Metters, United Kingdom
1998–1999	Dr Danielle Hansen-Koenig, Luxembourg	Dr Jeremy M. Metters, United Kingdom
1999–2000	Dr Jeremy M. Metters, United Kingdom	Professor Ayşe Akin, Turkey
2000–2001	Professor Ayşe Akin, Turkey	Professor Frantisek Kölbl, Czech Republic
2001–2002	Dr James Kiely, Ireland	Dr Jacek Antoni Piatkiewicz, Poland <i>(first and second sessions)</i> Dr Alamhon Akhmedov, Tajikistan <i>(third, fourth, fifth and sixth sessions)</i>
2002–2003	Dr Jarkko Eskola, Finland	Dr Božidar Voljč, Slovenia
2003–2004	Dr Božidar Voljč, Slovenia	Dr Godfried Thiers, Belgium
2004–2005	Dr Godfried Thiers, Belgium	Dr Jens Kristian Gøtrik, Denmark
2005–2006	Dr Jens Kristian Gøtrik, Denmark	Dr Hubert Hrabcik, Austria Dr David Harper, United Kingdom
2006–2007	Dr David Harper, United Kingdom	Ms Annemiek van Bolhuis, Netherlands
2007–2008	Ms Annemiek van Bolhuis, Netherlands	Dr Bjørn-Inge Larsen, Norway
2008–2009	Dr Bjørn-Inge Larsen, Norway	Dr Vladimir Lazarevik, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
2009–2010	Dr Vladimir Lazarevik, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Dr Josep Casals Alís, Andorra
2010–2011	Dr Josep Casals Alís, Andorra	Dr Lars-Erik Holm, Sweden
2011–2012	Dr Lars-Erik Holm, Sweden	Ms Dessislava Dimitrova, Bulgaria
2012–2013	Dr Daniel Reynders, Belgium	Dr Raymond Busuttil, Malta
2013–2014	Dr Raymond Busuttil, Malta	Ms Taru Koivisto, Finland
2014–2015	Ms Taru Koivisto, Finland	Professor Benoît Vallet, France
2015–2016	Professor Benoît Vallet, France	Ms Dagmar Reitenbach, Germany
2016–2017	Ms Dagmar Reitenbach, Germany	Professor Amiran Gamkrelidze, Georgia
2017–2018	Professor Amiran Gamkrelidze, Georgia	Mr Ioannis Baskozos, Greece

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: BELGIUM

Family name AUWERS **First/Other names** Tom

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 1 July 1968

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French	X	X	X
German		X	
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Master of Internal Audit (Antwerp School of Management, University of Antwerp) 1998–1999
 Master of Management (PUB) (Vlerick School of Management, Ghent University) 1991–1992
 Master of Organisational Psychology (K.U. Leuven) 1986–1991

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

President of the Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment of Belgium 2017 to date
 Director-general Strategy, International Affairs & Research within the Belgian Federal Public Service 'Social Security', including Crisis manager of the directorate-general Disabled Persons within the Belgian Federal Public Service 'Social Security' (2004–2006) 2003–2017
 Chief of staff to the Belgian Minister of Public Service 2000–2003
 Advisor to the Flemish minister of Finance and Budgeting in the area of performance management 1995–1999

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Head and member of Belgian Delegation to WHA70, RC67, Executive Board special session on the draft thirteenth general programme of work (EBSS4), EB 142 2017 to date
 Director-general Strategy, International Affairs & Research within the Belgian Federal Public Service 'Social Security' (see above) 2003–2017
 Liaison to the Benelux (cross border employment) 2011–2016
 Member and Head of delegation to various missions (EU-27) 2003–2016
 Belgian Representative to the EU social protection committee 2003–2016
 Member of the expert group of the Lisbon Council (College d'Europe) 2011–2013
 Coordinator of the Belgium EU Presidency of the Council (social affairs) 2010

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

President of the board of Nubel, the Belgian nutritional database April 2018 to date
 President of the board of the management committee "Fedhealth" (in charge of the redesign of the eight federal healthcare administrations of Belgium) 2017 to date
 Member (2016) & Vice-president (2017) of the Federal Knowledge Centre for Health Care (KCE) 2016 to date

Member of the board of the federal e-health platform of Belgium	2015 to date
Member and Honorary member of the 'College of Social Security Institutions'	2013 to date
President of the board of Kunstenpunt, the Flemish arts institute	2013 to date
Member of the board of Sigedis (Belgium's national career database)	2013–2016
Coordinator of Optifed, a federal efficiency programme	2012–2016
Vice-president of the coordinating committee of the Crossroads Bank of Social Security (KSZ)	2011–2016
Head of the Coordination Mechanism for Belgium on the UN Charter for Disabled persons in New York	2010–2016
Chief negotiator bilateral social security agreements between Belgium and among other Turkey, Moldova, Israel, Brazil, Morocco, Japan	2003–2016
Vice-president of the Flemish Music Centre	2009–2013
Head of the federal reform programme Copernicus	2000–2003

Name and position of person making nomination

Maggie De Block, Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgium

Letter of intent

Nomination for the membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Madame Regional Director,

On behalf of the Government of Belgium, I have the honor to put forward my country's candidature for the Standing Committee of the WHO European Region.

Belgium believes in a WHO that makes the difference at global, regional and local level. Accordingly, Belgium has always supported WHO as the leading international agency for global health and continues to strongly support the WHO, the newly elected Director-General and the Regional Director in their ambitions.

Belgium hosts the WHO Representation to the European Union, nine WHO collaborating centers and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and is proud to live up to the 'One WHO' spirit by providing core voluntary and highly flexible funding to WHO since many years.

In the past, Belgium has served in the Standing Committee and in the Executive Board between 2012 and 2015, where health systems strengthening and WHO reform have been among its priorities. Indeed, Belgium is internationally recognized for its expertise in the field of health systems strengthening and has supported WHO through the organization of a number of meetings in this area.

More recently, in November 2015, Belgium signed a Country Cooperation Strategy with WHO which is currently being rolled out. In this context, Belgium invited WHO to perform a Joint External Evaluation of the implementation of the IHR in Belgium, which was successfully realized June 2017.

Good governance, health systems strengthening, and pandemic preparedness have been Belgium's main focus in the past and it intends to hold this line in the future as well. Furthermore, as member of the Standing Committee, Belgium will seek to put an additional focus on the "One World - One Health" approach.

If elected, Belgium would designate Tom Auwers as member of the Standing Committee. Mr. Auwers is President of the Board of Directors of the Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment. In this position, he deals with a vast number of public health issues and closely follows up on WHO matters. He is currently setting significant steps in the development of the "One World - One Health" approach in Belgium, starting with its application in the area of AMR. In general, he is in favor of promoting innovative and transversal thinking in public health. In this spirit and under his auspices, Belgium is working on a side event on cyber threat and health security during WHA 71, thereby cross-cutting the areas of health systems, emergency preparedness and digital health. Moreover, In the past he has acquired extensive experience with the UN concertation processes as head of the Belgian coordinating mechanism on the UN charter on Rights for Disabled Persons.

Prior to his current position, his achievements include conducting a fundamental and government-wide reform of all federal administrations and transforming his Directorate-general Strategy, International Affairs & Research at the Federal Public Service 'Social Security' into a

modern and effective administration. He's an authority on public sector reform. He lectures and publishes on performance management. You will find his curriculum vitae in attachment for more information.

To conclude, I believe that Belgium has excellent qualifications to become a member of this important governing body of the WHO European Region and I trust that Tom Auwers will be of utmost value to the Standing Committee.

I rest at your disposal for any further information and use the opportunity to renew to the European Region of the World Health Organization the assurance of my highest consideration and involvement.

Dr. Maggie De Block
Belgian federal minister of Social Affairs and Public Health

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: CROATIA

Family name PEJNOVIĆ FRANELIĆ **First/Other names** Iva

Male/Female Female **Date of birth** 9 February 1974

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German	X	X	X
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Doctoral (PhD) study - Biomedicine and health, University of Zagreb Medical School, field of Public Health and Health Care 2013

Specialization in school medicine 2005

Graduated in Medical School University of Zagreb 1998

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Head, Department for International cooperation, Director's Office, Croatian Institute of Public Health 2016 to date

Head, Department for Mental Health Promotion and Addiction Prevention with Counselling Centre, Health Promotion Service, Croatian Institute of Public Health 2013–2016

Head, Department for Monitoring Health Needs of School Children and Adolescents, School and Adolescent Medicine and Addiction Prevention Service, Croatian Institute of Public Health 2007–2013

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

Member of research team, European childhood obesity surveillance initiative (COSI), WHO 2015 to date

Member of research team/ Principal investigator, The European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs (ESPAD), ESPAD group, EMCDDA, Council of Europe Pompidou group, The Swedish Council for Information on Alcohol and other Drugs 2003 to date / 2014–2017

Member of research team, Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC), WHO 2002 to date

WHO National Alcohol Focal point for Alcohol Policy 2013–2018

Member of Croatian delegation, WHA70 2017

Representative at the meeting, Working Party for Public Health at Senior Level, Council of the EU 2017

Member of Croatian delegation, 66th and 67th sessions of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe 2016, 2017

Member, Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action at EC 2014–2017

National coordinator, European Network of Health Promoting Schools/Schools for Health in Europe (ENHPS/SHE), WHO, Council of Europe, EC 2013–2017

Member of Croatian delegation, 56th session UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs 2013

National coordinator, European Member States Network-Nutrition Friendly School Initiative (NFSI) 2011

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level

Year

Member, Expert Council of the Office for Combating Drugs Abuse, the Government of the Republic of Croatia	2015 to date
Croatian Medical Chamber, Executive Board, President of Committee for Public Healthcare services	2015 to date
President, Intersectoral Committee for reducing alcohol related harm at the Ministry of Health	2014–2018
Member, National Committee for fighting against smoking	2012–2018

Name and position of person making nomination

Professor Milan Kujundžić, MD, PhD, Minister of Health, Croatia

Letter of intent

Letter of intent for the Croatian SCRC membership candidature

Dear Dr Jakab,

We are pleased to present your with Croatia's intention to put forward its candidacy for the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC).

1. Relations between Croatia and the WHO European Region

The World Health Organization and Croatia have had a long history of cooperation in the area of international, global health, which began with the establishment of the Organization and the Croatian physician Andrija Štampar who was a leading public health expert, also known as the reformer of public health in Croatia. It is a well-known fact today that health is a fundamental human right and that it cannot be achieved by investing in the health area by an individual country or region, but that it should incite necessary changes in the educational and social sector, as well as in other sectors, through various partnerships and cooperation. From the outset, Croatia has been fully committed to achieving the WHO goals with Croatian experts continuously providing support to the WHO European Office in its technical work and activities. The leading cause of morbidity and premature mortality in Croatia are non-communicable diseases, particularly cardiovascular diseases, cancer and injuries. Due to common risk factors such as unhealthy diet, insufficient physical activity, smoking and alcohol consumption, in the recent years Croatia has introduced the national program for healthy living and national screening programmes for breast, colorectal and cervical cancers. A successful intersectoral collaboration on these issues has been established, taking into account the life course approach, with the emphasis on the empowerment of individuals and patients to take control over their health and health in all policies approach.

Since Croatia will take over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2020, we would like to further develop and upgrade our excellent cooperation with the WHO in achieving common health goals and priorities.

The Croatian candidature to the SCRC would provide us with the unique opportunity to have health related issues become a centre piece of the national and global agenda.

2. Croatia as a future potential member of the WHO Regional Office SCRC

Priorities of relevance to Croatia:

- Sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda
- Intersectoral collaboration in NCD control
- Implementation of FCTC
- Health emergencies
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Sustainable health systems and health workforce
- Refugee and migrant health challenges
- Environment and health

3. Croatian role in achieving the priorities and reasons for applying

With regard to finding workable solutions to the challenges that the European Region is facing nowadays, Croatia could significantly contribute with its experience in applying the social medical concept of equal health protection, its vast experience in dealing with the challenges of the last post-war period, including refugees and migrants, and the experience gained from the socio-economic and political transition. All these elements impact inequalities in health, and that is why we believe that our experience could improve the implementation of the health agenda and provide a concrete support to other countries in the Region facing similar challenges.

With its knowledge and expertise, especially in the challenging and demanding fields such as tobacco, alcohol and drug control, HIV/AIDS, TB, refugees and migrant health, health emergencies, sustainable health systems and health workforce, Croatia gives its unreserved support to the Secretariat in implementing the adopted decisions.

Upon taking over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2020, Croatia would be pleased to further strengthen and upgrade the so far fruitful cooperation with the WHO.

We find the close collaboration with other UN agencies and bodies, as well as horizontal linkages on the common issues, crucial in putting health onto the foreign policy agenda and we firmly believe that the WHO will remain the keeper of global public health.

Dear Regional Director, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

MINISTER

Professor Milan Kujundžić, MD, PhD

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: KAZAKHSTAN

Family name TSOY **First/Other names** Aleksey

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 2 April 1977

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Academy of national economy and civil service under the auspices of the President of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Business Administration	2012–2015
Almaty Management University, Doctor of Business Administration	2012–2015
Daneker Institute of International Law and Business, Bachelor of Law	2005–2007
Kazakh State Medical Academy, postgraduate student (doctoral candidate)	2002–2004
State Medical Academy of Southern Kazakhstan, physician	1994–2001

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Vice-minister of health of Kazakhstan	2017 to date
Vice-minister of health and social development of Kazakhstan	2014–2017
Chief physician, government institution Public Hospital No. 1, city of Astana	2011–2014
Head, Clinic of the Property Management Department of the President of Kazakhstan	2010–2011
Director, government institution Centre for modern technologies at Clinic of the Property Management Department of the President of Kazakhstan	2008–2010

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

WHO national counterpart	2014 to date
Secretary General, Eurasian Respiratory Society	2006–2009

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

Chair, deputy chair of the Country coordinating committee for health	2014 to date
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Name and position of person making nomination

Yelzhan Birtanov, Minister of Health of Kazakhstan

Letter of intent

WHO Representative
Mr Oleg Chestnov

Dear Mr Chestnov,

The Ministry of Health of Kazakhstan would like to thank you for your contribution to our joint projects in the area of public health.

As you are aware, at the 68th session of the Regional Committee for Europe in 2018, four seats in the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) will become vacant, when the term of office of members designated by Georgia, Iceland, Italy and Tajikistan will expire.

Keeping in mind the intensive and fruitful cooperation between Kazakhstan and WHO, as well as the need to further develop and strengthen this cooperation in order to implement projects that protect the health of the population of Kazakhstan, we are pleased to present Mr Aleksey Tsoy, Vice-minister of Health of Kazakhstan, as our candidate for a seat on the SCRC.

We are looking forward to meaningful and fruitful cooperation with WHO in the future.

L. Aktaeva, Vice-minister

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: MONTENEGRO

Family name ANTOVIC **First/Other names** Nikola

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 12 October 1982

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Law graduate (240ECTS), Faculty of law, University of Montenegro 2010

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Secretary General of Ministry of Health; Coordinating work of organisational units of the Ministry, communication and cooperation with government institutions and other authorities for administrative areas within competence of the Ministry, monitoring implementation of obligations under the work program of Government and other activities related to the Government and Parliament; Ministry of Health of Montenegro 2017 to date

Officer for legal affairs and human resources; Monitoring and control of regulations, development and control of legal documents, keeping records, making reports in the field of legal affairs and human resources; Broadcasting Center of Montenegro Ltd Podgorica 2010–2011

Legal adviser, Head of Department for legal affairs, Adviser to the CEO for legal affairs; Montenomaks Control & Logistics Ltd Danilovgrad 2011–2017

Acting director-General of Directorate for harmonisation of regulations and international cooperation; Management, coordination and control in performing tasks within competence of Directorate, scheduling tasks directly to the officers and performing the most comprehensive tasks within scope of work of the Directorate; Ministry of Health of Montenegro February 2017–July 2017

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

National Coordinator to the South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) 2017 to date

Member of Executive Committee of SEEHN 2017 to date

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

Member of National committee for European integrations 2017 to date

Member of National committee for protection and rescue 2017 to date

Chairperson, National Council for formulation List of drugs 2017 to date

Member of Committee Center for Culture Danilovgrad 2012 to date

Participated in several study and education visits to the European Parliament in Strasbourg and Brussels, United Nations in Geneva, Council of Europe in Strasbourg, European Court for human rights in Strasbourg, OSCE in Vienna, NATO in Bruxelles, European Central Bank in Frankfurt, Open Society Fondation in New York

Name and position of person making nomination

PhD Kenan Hrapovic, Minister of Health

Letter of intent

Montenegro nomination to the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe of WHO

Dear Madam Regional Director,

Montenegro is pleased to present Mr Nikola Antovic, Secretary General of the Ministry of Health of Montenegro as a candidate for a seat in the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe of WHO.

Montenegro strongly supports WHO work, as a lead agency, focused on improving health, keeping the world safe and serving the vulnerable. Montenegro hosted many important events and meetings where Mr Antovic contributed and was involved.

Montenegro strongly supports the work on FCTC that was ratified by MNE as well as ratified the Protocol on eliminating illicit trade in tobacco products.

MNE has been faced with an epidemiological transition. Noncommunicable diseases have become the main cause of death. Montenegro will continue its longstanding support to WHO in all aspects of the NCDs response, in particular tobacco and alcohol control, but also nutrition and physical inactivity. Effective response to common risk factors for NCDs will be promoted by Montenegro through the SEEHN Regional health development centre.

Montenegro nationalized 2030 Agenda and recognized that health is a prerequisite and outcome of sustainable development. Improving health and reducing inequalities will require continuous strengthening of PHC services and strengthening financial protection. MNE remains committed to this goal.

Through its membership on the SCRC, MNE will intensify its efforts to increase the effectiveness of WHO's work and positioning among other relevant players in a changing environment.

Montenegro will further extend its commitment to WHO and to pursuing the priorities defined under the GPW 13 including strengthening human resources for health in particular relevant in small countries and EU acceding members.

Madam Regional Director, I have the honour to nominate Mr Nikola Antovic as Montenegro candidate to the SCRC of the World Health Organization. I am convinced that, in his function as the MNE representative, Mr Nikola Antovic strong commitment would be an asset to the Organization

Sincerely,

PhD Kenan Hrapovic
MINISTAR
Ministry of Health of Montenegro

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: NETHERLANDS

Family name BARNARD **First/Other names** Herbert

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 17 May 1962

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French	X	X	
German	X	X	
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Post Graduate Diploma, International Relations and International Law, The John Hopkins University, School for Advanced Studies (SAIS) 1987–1988

MA Degree in History, Leiden University 1982–1987

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Director International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, including responsibility for health (care) in the Dutch Caribbean 2008 to date

Director Political Affairs/Chief of Ministerial Staff, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport 2005–2008

Different functions, including (dep)Director People with a Disability, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport 1999–2005

Health Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Washington 1995–1999

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

Member of the WHO EB (since 2016) and Head (or member) of the Dutch delegation to the World Health Assembly 2008 to date

Head (or member) of the delegation to EU Council of Ministers meetings (Health, Welfare, Sport and Youth) and High Level Conference 2008 to date

Head (or member) of delegation to several WHO/EB meetings and Regional Committees of WHO (EURO and PAHO) 1995–1999 and 2008–2018

Member of the delegation to specific health topic meetings (drugs, AMR and NCDs) at the UN, New York

(Alternate) Member of the ECDC 2015–2017

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

Chair of the EU Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level February 2016

Vice Chair Committee A, World Health Assembly 2012

President of the Committee on the Rehabilitation and Integration of People with Disabilities (CD-P-RR) of the Council of Europe (2001) and member of the Steering Committee (2001–2003) 2001–2003

Name and position of person making nomination

Hugo de Jonge, Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport

Letter of intent

Dear Madam Regional Director,

On behalf of the Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Netherlands is nominating Mr Herbert Barnard as its candidate for membership of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (SCRC) for the period 2018-2021 and for the Regional Evaluation Group (REG).

Taking into account Mr Barnard's broad experience and skills in international health policy, as reflected in his curriculum vitae (enclosed), I regard him as an excellent candidate for the above mentioned positions.

In the following I will provide further details on our candidacy for membership of the SCRC, along the lines indicated in your letter of 15 January.

Apart from being a committed and active member of WHO and having a longstanding relationship of constructive cooperation the Netherlands has established particular partnership agreements with WHO. With these partnerships agreements the Netherlands secures multiannual (4 years) voluntary funding for WHO. The Netherlands regards implementation of WHO policies on all levels of the Organization as very crucial in the work of WHO. Therefore one of the principles of the partnership agreements is that 50 % of the funding will be allocated to the Regional Office.

In these partnership agreements WHO and the Netherlands identify specific areas for cooperation for which voluntary funds are available. Funding is used for seconding Dutch experts at the WHO offices in Copenhagen and Geneva, and for collaboration between WHO and Dutch research institutes.

This year WHO and the Netherlands will work towards a new multiannual partnership agreement, entering into force on 1 January 2019.

If elected member of the SCRC our Netherlands' priorities would be more or less the same as our current priorities, as reflected in our current partnership agreement with WHO and in our participation in the meetings of the WHO Governing Bodies: Communicable diseases & emergency preparedness, Access to medicines, Promoting health through the life course and Health systems, and WHO reform. Following the coalition agreement of the current coalition, which took office in October last year, Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) is added to our list of priorities. Other priorities, especially for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, are: Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and HIV/AIDS, and Water and sanitation.

In the area of WHO reform, the European Region has made substantial progress in the past years. Building on its active involvement in this process and its experience in this field because of our EB membership, the Netherlands is highly motivated to further improve the functioning of the WHO European Region within a global context.

In order to achieve our priorities we will continue our constructive approach towards WHO. This approach does not exclude a critical position when we are convinced this is necessary. Elements of our constructive approach are:

Reaching out actively to the Regional Office, other Member States, the EU delegation and, where applicable, non-State actors

Trying to build bridges, whenever reasonable

Building on our in-depth experience with and commitment to WHO

As the membership of the SCRC allows for a more active involvement and participation in the work of the WHO European Region, the Netherlands is highly motivated to become member of the SCRC. Moreover, it has been more than 10 years since the Netherlands was a member of the SCRC.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A. Berg
Director-General for Public Health

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: POLAND

Family name RUTKOWSKA **First/Other names** Katarzyna Karolina

Male/Female Female **Date of birth** 3 June 1978

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German	X	X	X
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Diplomatic School of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid, Spain. Postgraduate studies (Master's degree) in development aid	2010–2011
National School of Public Administration, Warsaw, Poland	2003–2005
Warsaw University, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, Warsaw, Poland MA degree in international relations	1997–2002

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Ministry of Health of Poland – Deputy Director in the International Cooperation Department. Supervises both bilateral and multilateral cooperation of the Ministry (international organizations such as UN, WHO, OECD and CoE included), represents Minister of Health in the Development Cooperation Policy Council (advisory body to the Polish MoFA)	2012 to date
Ministry of Health of Poland – Advisor to the Minister / Head of Bilateral Cooperation Unit in the International Cooperation Department. Responsible for bilateral cooperation of the Ministry of Health including drafting of international agreements	2008–2012
Office of Competition and Consumer Protection of Poland – expert/senior expert/head of New Approach Directives Unit (Market Surveillance Department). Responsible for administrative proceedings under the general product safety directive/GPSD/, coordination of market surveillance activities conducted by eight specialized authorities	2005–2008

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

Member of the Polish delegation to the World Health Assembly	2012, 2014, 2016, 2017
Member of the Polish delegation to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe	2017
Head of the Polish Delegation to the OECD Health Ministerial	2017
Head of the Polish delegation to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe	2013, 2015
Representative of Poland in the EU Council Working Group on Technical Harmonization – draft regulation on accreditation and market surveillance	2006–2008
Representative of Poland in the committee established under the EU General Product Safety Directive	2006

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

WHO National Counterpart for Poland	2013 to date
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Chair of the Committee on Credentials during WHA69

2016

Name and position of person making nomination

Prof. Łukasz Szumowski, Minister of Health of the Republic of Poland

Letter of intent

Letter of intent – Polish candidature to the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Honourable Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab,

Following your letter of 15 January on nominations for membership of the WHO bodies and committees, and to the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe among them, I would like to propose the candidature of Poland to the latter body.

Celebrating its 70th anniversary WHO faces many changes, including new leadership and fast-tracking the new General Programme of Work. Evolving political, financial and health environment challenges the Organization's way of work and forces it to shape the new approach to governance and management issues.

Since the Republic of Poland is highly committed to achieving the mission and goals of the World Health Organization we are willing to support WHO in implementing and accelerating the reform. We are ready to engage in and stimulate the discussion on how to use WHO's financial and human resources to get the best value and to avoid overlap with other organizations. In this sense we want to make use of the best practices of the EURO Region regarding the reform process. Moreover, Poland is a country that shares the perspective and experience of Western and Eastern part of the Region. Owing to that fact we consider that our presence would be of significant value for the SCRC.

In the strict health context, Poland would like to pay special attention to the following issues.

1. Poland attaches great importance to the fight with ever-growing burden of non-communicable diseases. Polish government undertakes numerous legislative and other initiatives aimed at promoting healthy habits, including alleviating the burden of obesity and its consequences. Tobacco control, cancer prevention and fighting against cardiac diseases are among our top priorities.
2. Poland would like to draw the attention of the international health community to the great deficiencies in patient safety, education and training and healthcare accountability. Quality of care has not been given due recognition in global health policy. There are huge gaps between countries in prioritizing harm reduction. Equally important is a need for further consideration and research on linking healthcare safety and cost-effectiveness.
3. Poland sees the necessity to further promote and strengthen universal health coverage, being the indispensable element of universal access to good quality, affordable and safe healthcare.

Poland would like to actively engage in the international debate on NCDs, tobacco control, patient safety and UHC. We will seek to promote solutions and practices that are cost-effective and affordable, so that they could be followed by all Member States, regardless of their income. We aim at bridging the health gap in societies and reducing health inequalities, also within different age groups.

The above described activities generate a clear message that Poland is willing to promote and implement WHO's global vision, described in the new GPW, related to NCDs and patient safety and pursue further the challenge of linking it to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and universal health coverage. This should be done via effective tools, within reasonable resources and with consideration of country-specific circumstances.

Taking into consideration the relevance of these priorities, I kindly ask to consider the candidature of Ms. Katarzyna Rutkowska for the member of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe.

Katarzyna Rutkowska has extensive experience in international cooperation in the field of health. She has been working in the Ministry of Health since 2008, holding the senior-level positions in the Department of International Cooperation. Since 2013 she has served as a WHO National Counterpart and has been directly responsible for cooperation of Poland with WHO (and with other international organizations). Due to her participation in EU working groups and WHO governing bodies, as well as her academic profile she has acquired necessary experience in international environment. Her current position proves her high-level managerial skills.

I believe Ms. Rutkowska will contribute significantly to the work of the Standing Committee and the promotion of the important health issues at European and global level, with the benefit to all Member States and WHO Secretariat.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Łukasz Szumowski, Minister of Health, Poland

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Family name CHEBOTARI **First/Other names** Svetlana

Male/Female Female **Date of birth** 7 August 1969

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English			
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Academy of Public Administration of the Republic of Moldova, Department of Economics and Management	2005–2008
Mother and Child Institute, Chisinau, Resident	1993–1994
Nicolae Testemitanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Chisinau, Department of Internal Medicine	1987–1993
Medical College, Chisinau, Nurse	1984–1987

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Minister	2018 to date
National Centre for Blood Transfusion, Director	2007–2018
National Centre for Blood Transfusion, Deputy Director, Quality Control Manager	2002–2007
National Centre for Blood Transfusion, Head, Department for Blood Collection and Processing	1997–2002

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

International Society of Blood Transfusion, Member	2014 to date
World Bank Group, Consultant on the assessment and calculation of costs to implement quality standards for the blood transfusion services in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan	2010 to date
European Expert Committee on Blood Transfusion, Expert	2008 to date
World Health Organization (WHO), Consultant on the review and implementation of WHO blood transfusion standards in Tajikistan	2011–2013
United Nations Development Programme (PIU / UNDP), PIU / UNDP consultant on review and implementation of quality control in blood transfusion services in Tajikistan	2009–2011

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

Chair of the Board of the PM National Health Insurance Company	2018 to date
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Name and position of person making nomination

Boris Gilca, Secretary General of State

Letter of intent

Health is the main driving force and precondition for achieving not only individual goals and ambitions, but also the socioeconomic goals of the whole community. The health sector, if it acts alone, is unable to make a meaningful contribution to health care development, and therefore it must work with national and international counterparts in order to promote the health and well-being of people in the Republic of Moldova.

The Republic of Moldova is a long-standing partner of WHO, and the country applies well-established collaborative methods to jointly improve outcomes in public health in a mutually beneficial way.

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova plays a key role in governance of all levels of the health system, while WHO is a major stakeholder in this process. WHO actively supports the national health system by developing policies and priorities for health. This support facilitates the exchange of knowledge and experience on policy-making and the achievement of goals and targets, and contributes to health promotion on the societal level.

With the support of WHO, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova is implementing policies in the areas of communicable diseases (the national programme on TB, HIV/AIDS and STDs, as well as on immunization, for 2016-2020); non-communicable diseases, including mental health, violence and injuries, disabilities and rehabilitation (national strategy on NCDs for 2012–2020, and national programmes on tobacco control (2017–2021), alcohol (2012–2020), and food and nutrition (2014–2020), as well as on cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, etc.); health promotion throughout the life-course, including reproductive health, health of mothers, newborns, children and adolescents, environment and health, etc.

The priorities for the health system in the Republic of Moldova include improving the population's health, reducing morbidity and mortality, and increasing life expectancy at birth. To that aim, an agreement between the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova and the WHO Regional Office for Europe was signed in Podgorica, Montenegro, on 20 February 2018.

The new biennial agreement focuses on the implementation of the Health 2020 policy agenda and is harmonized with WHO's Twelfth General Programme of Work for 2014–2019. The agreement includes the following priorities:

- communicable diseases and vaccine-preventable diseases, including HIV, tuberculosis and antimicrobial resistance;
- noncommunicable diseases, including mental health, substance abuse, violence and injuries, and disabilities and rehabilitation;
- health promotion throughout the life-course, including reproductive health, health of mothers, newborns, children and adolescents, and environment and health;
- health system strengthening, including integrated health services provision, access to medicines and health information systems;
- emergency preparedness and implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005).

To achieve these priority objectives at the national level, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova will promote capacity building for human resources for health, strengthen governance and improve the management of the health facilities, and develop multisectoral cooperation and partnerships for the prevention and control of communicable and noncommunicable diseases and for health promotion. These activities will be facilitated by policy development and implementation at the national level. The Republic of Moldova currently has capacities for the implementation of the above activities. The whole-of-society approach, cooperation with governmental and nongovernmental organizations and transparency can become major principles for maintaining and strengthening the political commitment to public health.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE OF WHO

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Family name SKVORTSOVA **First/Other names** Veronika Igorevna

Male/Female Female **Date of birth** 1 November 1960

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Professor	1999
Doctor of Medical Sciences	1993
Postgraduate studies in neurological diseases, Doctoral Candidate	1988
Clinical residency, neurological diseases	1985
Graduate diploma, N.I. Pirogov 2nd Moscow State Medical Institute	1983

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Minister of Health of the Russian Federation	2012 to date
Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation	2008–2012
Director, Cerebrovascular Disorder and Stroke Research Institute at the Russian National Research Medical University named after N.I. Pirogov	2005–2008
Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences	2004 to date
Deputy Chief Editor of S.S. Korsakov Neurology and Psychiatry Magazine and its regular supplement "Stroke"	2004 to date

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

Executive Board of the World Health Organization	2014–2017
Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe	2011–2014
World Health Organization	2008 to date
International Agency for Research on Cancer	2008 to date
Northern Dimension Partnership	2008 to date
UNAIDS	2008 to date
European Stroke Organization	2007 to date
World Stroke Organization	2006 to date
European Federation of Neurological Societies Scientific Committee	2001 to date
European Federation of Neurological Societies Scientific Panels on cerebrovascular disorders and stroke, intensive care in neurology, and motor neuron disease	1994 to date
World Stroke Federation	2004–2006
European Stroke Council	1994–2007
International Stroke Society	1994–2006

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level

Year

Co-Chair of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs	2018 to date
President of the World Health Assembly	2017–2018
Chair of the Steering committee for the preparation of the first WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: a Multisectoral Response	2016–2017
Co-Chair of the International committee for the preparation of the First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and NCD Control	2010–2011
Board Member, European Stroke Organization	2007 to date
Board Member, World Stroke Organization	2006 to date
Secretary General, European Stroke Council	2004–2008
Executive Director, World Stroke Federation	2004–2006

Name and position of person making nomination

D.V. Kostennikov, State Secretary – Deputy Minister of Health of the Russian Federation

Letter of intent

Dear Dr Jakab,

The Russian Federation is interested in participating in the work of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) and believes that the SCRC is both a strategic and operational body for the European WHO Member States that has great potential to address priority public health challenges both within the Region and globally.

The Russian Federation would like to become a member of the SCRC, because it believes that the burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) is one of the most pressing challenges facing health systems around the world today. Given the Russian Federation's potential and its contribution to tackling NCDs globally and regionally, it will be able, as a member of the SCRC, to facilitate the most efficient implementation of the European action plan, as well as to contribute to the achievement of SDG 3.4, related to NCDs.

Furthermore, the Russian Federation plans to continue participating actively in the development and implementation of programmes, including international ones, to counter the spread of communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, hepatitis, malaria, Ebola, and others. In order to successfully tackle those diseases, which have been prioritized within the SDG framework, the countries need to make joint efforts both to enable a rapid response to emergencies and to develop new and effective means of preventing and treating those diseases.

The problem of communicable diseases becomes even more relevant in the context of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The country has gained much experience in infectious disease prevention, rational use of antimicrobials and in taking measures to address AMR in the human and animal health sectors. Russia supports the intersectoral approach to addressing AMR at the global, regional and local levels.

The Russian Federation also hopes that its participation in the work of the SCRC will allow acceleration of the achievement of objectives under the four strategic priorities of the Country Cooperation Strategy for the World Health Organization and the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, namely:

- strengthening capacity for global and regional cooperation in health between the Russian Federation and WHO;
- creating a comprehensive environment of prevention and providing health through a life-course approach;
- improving health security through capacity building;
- strengthening the performance of the health system.

Our participation in the work of the SCRC will allow us to ensure effective subregional cooperation and exchange of best practices and know-how with Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States and with other Russian-speaking countries in the Region. Furthermore, the Russian Federation is making voluntary contributions to support subregional programmes.

Taking into account the Russian Federation's share of the land area and population of the European Region, and its corresponding contribution to regional health outcomes, we consider it important for the Russian Federation to be a member of the SCRC in order to ensure adequate

and rapid responses to new challenges and potential emergencies in the Russian Federation and its neighbouring countries, as well as in the European Region as a whole.

It is also important to consider that contemporary migration processes in the European Region, characterized by the active involvement of people from the newly independent States, require coordinated and rapid decision-making in order to protect the health and well-being of the whole Region.

We note that our active engagement in various bodies, committees, working groups and meetings, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, enables us to keep abreast of the processes and problems addressed by WHO and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, thus allowing our candidate to quickly and competently engage in the work of the SCRC.

Therefore, the Russian Federation nominates its Minister of Health, Veronika Igorevna Skvortsova, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Honoured Scientist of the Russian Federation. Dr Skvortsova is a highly qualified professional with expertise in health system priority areas and good knowledge of national legislation and matters relating to international law. She has extensive experience of acting as the head of the Russian delegation to the WHO Executive Board and World Health Assembly (since 2008), the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (from 2011 to 2014), the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (since 2008), and to high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly and the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board. The proposed candidate has vast experience of acting as the chair of key policy and technical committees at the international level: since 2018 she has been a Co-Chair of the WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs, as well as the President of the World Health Assembly (from 2017 till 2018).

We look forward to our continued cooperation.

Please, Madam Regional Director, accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

D.V. Kostennikov

III. Joint Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases

Present membership

16. The membership of the Republic of Moldova on the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB) of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases expires on 31 December 2018. The Regional Committee will therefore be requested to select or reselect one member for JCB membership for a four-year period from 1 January 2019 under paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Special Programme.

Nominations

17. The following nomination was received at the Regional Office by 16 March 2018, and a curriculum vitae in standard format is contained on page 48.

Georgia (Dr Paata Imnadze)

Membership of the Joint Coordinating Board from the European Region (as of 1 January 2010)

(a) Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding (government representatives selected by the contributors to the Special Programme resources)

Belgium	to 31 December 2018
Germany and Luxembourg constituency	to 31 December 2020
Norway and Switzerland constituency	to 31 December 2020
Sweden	to 31 December 2018
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America constituency	to 31 December 2020

(b) Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding (government representatives selected by WHO Regional Committees)

Bulgaria	to 31 December 2010
Tajikistan	to 31 December 2013
Republic of Moldova	to 31 December 2018

(c) Members selected according to paragraph 2.2.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding (members designated by the JCB itself from among the remaining Cooperating Parties)

No governments from the European Region are currently members under paragraph 2.2.3

**NOTE ON MECHANISMS FOR SELECTION OR RESELECTION
OF MEMBERS OF THE JCB**

Composition of the JCB

(Extracted from the Memorandum of Understanding on the Special Programme)

(a) Members

The JCB shall consist of 34 members from among the Cooperating Parties as follows:

- 2.2.1 Twelve representatives from the governments contributing to the Special Programme resources, selected by the contributors to the Special Programme. Each such government representative shall serve as representative of his or her government and may also serve as representative of a constituency established by governments under this membership category. Each constituency will develop its own procedure to designate its representative to the Board. In the event a government intends to serve on the Board also as representative of a constituency, it shall indicate this in its application for membership, it being understood that each government participating in that constituency shall be entitled to rotate as the representative of that constituency at any session of the JCB.
- 2.2.2 Twelve government representatives selected by WHO Regional Committees from among those countries directly affected by the diseases dealt with by the Special Programme, or from among those providing technical or scientific support to the Special Programme.
- 2.2.3 Six members, designated by the JCB itself, from among the remaining Cooperating Parties.
- 2.2.4 The four Agencies which comprise the Standing Committee (UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank, WHO).

Members of the JCB shall serve for a period of four years and may be reappointed.

(b) Observers

Other Cooperating Parties may, at their request, be represented as observers upon approval by the JCB.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COORDINATING BOARD OF THE
SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN TROPICAL DISEASES

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: GEORGIA

Family name IMNADZE **First/Other names** Paata

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 11 February 1953

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Ph.D., Microbiology, Tbilisi State Medical University 1983

MD, Pediatrics, Tbilisi State Medical University 1976

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Scientific Director- National Center for Disease Control & Public Health, Tbilisi, Georgia 2010 to date

Professor, Department of Public Health, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia 1997 to date

Director General - National Center for Disease Control & Public Health, Tbilisi, Georgia 1992–2010

Deputy Head, Department of Science at the Ministry of Health of Georgia 1987–1992

Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Tbilisi State Medical University, Georgia 1991–1996

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Member of the IHR (2005) Emergency Committee concerning MERS-CoV 2013 to date

Member of Editorial Group "Environmental health inequalities in Europe", WHO European Office for Europe 2012

Member of the WHO European Technical Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization 2005–2011

Member of JCB 2003–2006

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

President, Georgian Association of Public Health 2014 to date

Vice President, Scientific Association of Infectious Diseases, Epidemiology and Microbiology of Georgia 2004 to date

Vice President, Biosafety Association of Central Asia and Caucasus 2009–2014

Name and position of person making nomination

David Sergeenko, Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia

IV. Regional Evaluation Group

Terms of reference

18. At its session preceding the one at which a person is due to be nominated as Regional Director, the Regional Committee shall appoint a Regional Evaluation Group, based on equitable geographical distribution, to make a preliminary evaluation of candidates for nomination and to perform related functions as set out in Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee.

19. The Regional Committee will therefore be requested to elect six Members attending its sixty-eighth session. The selection of the members and alternates shall be carried out, *mutatis mutandis*, in accordance with Rule 14.2.2 of the Regional Committee's Rules of Procedure.

20. The terms of reference of the Regional Evaluation Group are described as follows:

- (a) to enter into dialogue with Member States and encourage them to nominate suitable candidates;
- (b) if no names of candidates are submitted by Member States or if, in the opinion of the Regional Evaluation Group, the candidatures submitted do not offer an adequate choice, to actively search for further candidates;
- (c) to consult with and consider the views of the Director-General concerning the candidates;
- (d) to interview all candidates, consider their written statements and evaluate their views and intentions in relation to the requirements of the post;
- (e) to evaluate the candidates and report thereon to the Regional Committee.

Nominations

21. The following nominations were received at the Regional Office by 16 March 2018, or by the extended deadline of 30 April 2018, and curricula vitae in standard format are contained in pages 50 to 58.

Croatia (Dr Vera Katalinic-Jankovic)
Estonia (Dr Maris Jesse)
France (Mr Philippe Damie)
Germany (Mr Thomas Ifland)
Kazakhstan (Dr Valikhan Isayevich Akhmetov)
Netherlands (Mr Herbert Barnard)
Slovakia (Dr Mario Miklosi)
Slovenia (Dr Vesna-Kerstin Petrič)

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL EVALUATION GROUP

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: CROATIA

Family name KATALINIC-JANKOVIC **First/Other names** Vera
Male/Female Female **Date of birth** 16 April 1953

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Clinical microbiologist 1991–2016
 Specialisation Course in Medical Microbiology with Parasitology 1987–1991
 Medical School, Zagreb University School of Medicine 1977

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Ministry of Health, Assistant Minister 2016 to date
 Mycobacteriology Dpt., TB NRL/SNRL, Head 2005–2016
 Croatian Institute of Public Health, Microbiol. Service, head 1995–2005
 Emergency Care Unit, Zagreb 1977–1987

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

ECDC – National Microbiology Focal Point 2010 to date
 ECDC ERLTB-Net, PMT, member 2010–2018
 WHO – Laboratory consultant in TB missions 2006–2015
 FEMS – National Delegate 2006–2014

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

Croatian TB Council 2005 to date

Name and position of person making nomination

Professor Milan Kujundžić, MD, PhD, Minister of Health

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL EVALUATION GROUP

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: ESTONIA

Family name JESSE **First/Other names** Maris

Male/Female Female **Date of birth** 12 July 1968

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

MSc Health Policy, Planning & Financing, London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine & London School of Economics and Political Science 2003
Doctor of Medicine (MD), University of Tartu 1986

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Deputy Director General on Health, Ministry of Social Affairs 2016 to date
Director, National Institute for Health Development 2008–2016
Senior health specialist, World Bank 2005–2007
Chairman of the Management Board, Estonian Health Insurance Fund 1997–2002

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

Head of Delegation, World Health Assembly, WHO Regional Committee for Europe 2016, 2017
Commissioner, High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth (UN) 2016
Member, Working Group on Governance Reform (WHO) 2015
Member of WHO Executive Board 2009–2012
Senior health specialist, World Bank 2005–2007

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

Chair, Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level (EU) 2017
Chair, Government Taskforce on Injury Prevention 2013–2014

Name and position of person making nomination

Mr Jevgeni Ossinovski, Minister of Health and Labour

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL EVALUATION GROUP

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: FRANCE

Family name DAMIE **First/Other names** Philippe

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 2 February 1957

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French	X	X	X
German			
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Degree from the School of Public Health in Rennes 1985

Degree in public administration 1984

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Health Adviser to the Permanent Representation of France to the United Nations in Geneva 2016 to date

General Director, Regional Health Authority, Centre Val de Loire Region 2013–2016

General Director, Regional Health Authority, Guyana Region 2009–2013

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Health Adviser to the Permanent Representation of France to the United Nations in Geneva 2016 to date

Expert for the World Bank on Chinese health system reform and on-site meetings to define cooperation arrangements with the health offices of Shenzhen, Harbin and Fuzhou 2014–2015

Representative of the three French departments in the Americas (Guyana, Guadeloupe, Martinique) to the Executive Committee of the Pan-American Health Organization 2013–2015

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

President, negotiating group on the resolution regarding human resources for health, World Health Assembly 2017

General Director of the Regional Health Authority for the Centre Val de Loire Region and of the Regional Health Authority for Guyana, President of various commissions on public health, organization of health care and prevention 2009–2016

Name and position of person making nomination

Mrs Nathalie Nikitenko, Delegate for European and International Affairs, Ministry for Solidarity and Health

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL EVALUATION GROUP

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: GERMANY

Family name IFLAND **First/Other names** Thomas

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 19 September 1957

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French		X	
German	X	X	X
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Naval officer 1977–1981

Bachelor of Public Administration 1983–1986

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Federal Ministry of Health 1992 to date

University of Bonn 1990–1992

Administration of the German Federal Armed Forces 1986–1990

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Employee in the Global Health Policy Unit and Member of the German delegation to the World Health Assembly/EB and PBAC 2007 to date

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

Chair of the Evaluation Working Group of the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being 2013

Name and position of person making nomination

Dagmar Reitenbach, Head of the Global Health Policy Unit, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL EVALUATION GROUP

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: KAZAKHSTAN

Family name AKHMETOV **First/Other names** Valikhan Isayevich

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 15 September 1972

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Doctoral degree in medicine, "Public health and health care"

Doctoral candidate in medicine, "Public health and health care"

Almaty Medical Institute, diploma in General medicine 1998

University of Kemerovo, diploma in Economy 1995

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Director-General (acting), National centre for public health 2018 to date

Head, Department of health of Almaty 2016–2017

Director-General, National centre for health development 2014–2016

Head, Almaty Institute for continuing education for doctors 2011–2014

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Member, International Health Economics Association (IHE)

Coordinator for the Government of the city of Almaty, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

Chair (from the Kazakh side), Preparatory committee for the International Conference on PHC, Member, Almaty City council (the Maslikhat), Committee for economy and finance

Accredited member, Association of independent medical experts of Almaty

Member, Public council of Almaty

Chair, Scientific board of the Kazakh National Medical University

Name and position of person making nomination

Yelzhan Birtanov, Minister of Health of Kazakhstan

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL EVALUATION GROUP

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: NETHERLANDS

Family name BARNARD **First/Other names** Herbert

Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 17 May 1962

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French	X	X	
German	X	X	
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

Post Graduate Diploma, International Relations and International Law, The John Hopkins University, School for Advanced Studies (SAIS) 1987–1988

MA Degree in History, Leiden University 1982–1987

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

Director International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, including responsibility for health (care) in the Dutch Caribbean 2008 to date

Director Political Affairs/Chief of Ministerial Staff, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport 2005–2008

Different functions, including (dep)Director People with a Disability, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport 1999–2005

Health Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Washington 1995–1999

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

Member of the WHO EB (since 2016) and Head (or member) of the Dutch delegation to the World Health Assembly 2008 to date

Head (or member) of the delegation to EU Council of Ministers meetings (Health, Welfare, Sport and Youth) and High Level Conference 2008 to date

Head (or member) of delegation to several WHO/EB meetings and Regional Committees of WHO (EURO and PAHO) 1995–1999 and 2008–2018

(Alternate) Member of the ECDC 2015–2017

Member of the delegation to specific health topic meetings (drugs, AMR and NCDs) at the UN, New York

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

Chair of the EU Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level February 2016

Vice-Chair Committee A, World Health Assembly 2012

President of the Committee on the Rehabilitation and Integration of People with Disabilities (CD-P-RR) of the Council of Europe (2001) and member of the Steering Committee (2001–2003) 2001–2003

Name and position of person making nomination

Hugo de Jonge, Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL EVALUATION GROUP

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: SLOVAKIA

Family name MIKLOSI **First/Other names** Mario
Male/Female Male **Date of birth** 13 May 1967

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German			
Russian	X	X	X

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken **Year**

PhD study at the Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Bratislava, specialization Surgery Genetic factors in prostate cancer	2003
Attestation (license examination) in the specialization Urology – advanced degree	1997
Attestation (license examination) in the specialization Urology – basic degree	1994
General Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University in Bratislava, M.D.	1991

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held **Year (start/end)**

WHO National Technical Focal Point for Health Systems, Ministry of Health	2016 to date
State Secretary, Ministry of Health	2014–2016
General Director of the Section of Health, Ministry of Health	2011–2014
Secretary Director, Health Care Surveillance Authority	2005–2006
Director of County Hospital Malacky, Slovakia	2003–2004

Experience of working for and with international organizations **Year**

Member of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee	2016–2019
Head, Slovak delegation, 65th WHO Regional Committee for Europe	2015
Head, Slovak delegation, Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly	2015
Team leader, EB, WHA, RC Slovak team	2011–2014

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level **Year**

Vice Chair of Committee B, World Health Assembly	2017
Rapporteur of the Regional Committee, 65th WHO Regional Committee for Europe session, Vilnius	2015
Chairperson of Session “Public health aspects of migration in the WHO European Region – setting the scene”, WHO European Region high-level meeting on refugee and migrant health, Rome	2015

Name and position of person making nomination

Andrea Kalavská, Minister of Health of the Slovak Republic

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL EVALUATION GROUP

CURRICULUM VITAE

Member State making nomination: SLOVENIA

Family name PETRIČ **First/Other names** Vesna-Kerstin

Male/Female Female **Date of birth** 30 September 1959

Language abilities: please indicate in which of the Regional Committee working languages the nominee is able to function effectively

	Speak	Read	Write
English	X	X	X
French			
German		X	
Russian			

Professional education: name (up to 5) most important professional degrees taken *Year*

Public Health Post Graduate Course, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Medicine 2001

Master Degree Public Health and Clinical Aspects of Addiction, University of London, King's College, Institute of Psychiatry 1997

Graduated in Medicine, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Medicine 1994

Professional career: list current post first, followed by up to four most important positions held *Year (start/end)*

Head of Division for Health Promotion and Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases, Ministry of Health 2004 to date

WHO Liaison Officer, Ministry of Health 1998–2004

Counsellor to the Minister, Ministry of Health 1998–2004

Policy Advisor at the Department of Drug Addiction, Ministry of Health 1994–1998

Freelance translator (Translating from the English, Swedish and Spanish) 1984–1994

Experience of working for and with international organizations *Year*

Member, Board of the European Health Forum Gastein 2018 to date

Member, Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe 2016 to date

Member, Advisory Group of the Alcohol Policy Network in Europe (APN) 2006 to date

Member, Committee for national alcohol policy and action at European Commission (CNAPA) 2006 to date

Member, Steering Committee, European Observatory for Health Systems and Policies 2006 to date

Member, Management Board, EU Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction (EMCDDA) 2004 to date

Member, European network for smoking prevention (ENSP) 2004 to date

Member of the Republic of Slovenia, European Commission Working Group on Alcohol 2004–2006

Liaison Officer, World Health Organization 1998–2004

Experience of acting as Chairperson of high-level political and technical committees at national and/or international level *Year*

Chair, subgroup on countries at the centre, Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe 2017 to date

Deputy-President, working group for preparation and implementation of National Health Care Plane 2015–2025 2015 to date

Co-chair, Global network of WHO national counterparts for implementing the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol 2014 to date

Deputy-Chair, Board of the Public Agency of Republic of Slovenia for Traffic Safety	2013 to date
Chair, National coordinating group for the implementation of National Diabetes Plan	2010 to date
Deputy Chair, National Drug Committee, Ministry of Health	1994–1998, 2003 to date
Deputy-President, Project Board for the Health System Review analysis in Slovenia and Chair, working group for Optimizing service delivery within the Health System Review in Slovenia	2015–2016
Chair, EU coordination at WHO in relation to Slovenian Presidency to EU, Government of Slovenia	2008
Project Manager for International projects in Slovenia: Drug Information System (PHARE - EU Program), Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs (Pompidou Group - Council of Europe)	1994–1998

Name and position of person making nomination

Milojka Kolar Celarc, Minister of Health of Republic of Slovenia

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