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**Ministerial lunch, Tuesday, 15 September 2015**  
**12:30, Conference Hall 5.1**

## **Health 2020 implementation: Lithuanian experience and achievements**

### **Context and background**

1. Health ministers and high-level representatives of the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region, partner organizations and civil society, will take part in the 65th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, to be held in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 14–17 September 2015.
2. A ministerial lunch, organized on the second day of the Regional Committee, will present the experience of Lithuania in implementing the Health 2020 policy framework with the aim of facilitating information sharing by countries on different approaches that can be used in implementing Health 2020 goals.
3. The ministerial lunch will open with introductory remarks by the WHO Regional Director for Europe. The opening statement will be followed by a presentation by the Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania. A moderated discussion will provide the opportunity for Member States to share their experiences and views on how to address the above-mentioned issues.
4. The objectives of this ministerial lunch are:
  - to present the experience of Lithuania in implementing the Health 2020 policy framework by:
    - highlighting the benefits of using a participatory approach in designing the Lithuanian Health Program 2014–2025;
    - demonstrating the approaches and instruments that enable implementation of priority goals across sectors, illustrated through the use of practical examples;
    - discussing innovations in approaches that integrate prevention with treatment across a wide range of services and health-care providers;

- to provide the opportunity for Member States to share different approaches that they have used to implement their own national health policies and goals with a focus on sharing lessons learned and innovations in:
  - process and outcome;
  - advocating for national health goals across sectors and how to monitor intersectoral objectives;
  - mechanisms that enable cooperation between local, regional and national health authorities and administrations to improve health and well-being.

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