



Statement on 'Nomination of the Regional Director' - agenda item 6(a) of the 69th session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for Europe

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The European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the undersigned non-state actors congratulate Dr Hans Kluge with the nomination of Regional Director for Europe.

We have confidence that the engagement with non-state actors will continue and further strengthen. Under the leadership of Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, 19 non-state actors were officially accredited to attend the Regional Committee meetings. This was the first time such an accreditation was given. Later this week another seven non-state actors are to be accredited according to the Framework for Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) which was adopted by the 69th session of the World Health Assembly. The application of this framework to regional actors is important, as some health issues are region-specific and can benefit from a regional approach. Furthermore, the experience and network that regional non-state actors have are valuable for the implementation of Health 2020 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the WHO European Region.

We wish the newly nominated Regional Director for Europe all the best and look forward to our continued and strong collaboration. We trust that the WHO Regional Office for Europe will be in good hands with this new leadership as well as the work on Health 2020, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and achieving health for all.

Co-signatories:

AFEW International; AGE Platform Europe; AIDS Healthcare Foundation Europe (AHF Europe); Alliance for Health Promotion; Alzheimer Europe; Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI); Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries (COTEC); European Medical Students' Association (EMSA); European Alcohol Policy Alliance (Eurocare); European Cancer Organisation (ECCO); European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA); European Federation of the Associations of Dietitians (EFAD); European Forum for Primary Care (EFPC); European Forum of National Nursing and Midwifery Associations (EFNNMA); European Patients' Forum (EPF); International Alliance of Patients' Organizations (IAPO); International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA); International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM); International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX); Norwegian Cancer Society; Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME); Studiorum, Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation; Thalassaemia International Federation; Wemos; World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT); World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA); World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA); EuroHealthNet.



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