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Ministerial lunch on leadership in public health in the WHO European Region

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12:45–14:30, Lounge area 9

Background

1. The process of translating high-level visionary aspirations (such as those contained in Health 2020 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) into practice has required strong, multi-faceted and courageous leadership in the WHO European Region. Ministers of health played a key role in understanding, interpreting and implementing Health 2020 and its new concepts (such as governance for health, inequities, health literacy, empowerment, etc.) in Member States. The transition from disease-managing health policy to whole-of-government, whole-of-society oriented policies needed new skills and capacities.

2. The aim of this lunch is to share examples of effective and responsible leadership in translating the high-level, visionary aspirations of Health 2020 into practice. Dialogue on the experiences of the past 10 years can contribute to defining the strategy and approaches for the next decade.

Provisional programme

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| 12:45–12:50 | Opening remarks from the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) subgroup on leadership (Dr Vesna-Kerstin Petric, Head, Division for Health Promotion and Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases, Ministry of Health, Slovenia): Why is political leadership in public health crucial? |
| 12:50–13:05 | Insights from the Regional Director for Europe (Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab): Lessons learned on leadership in public health |
| 13:05–13:10 | The impact of Health 2020 leadership (Professor Ilona Kickbusch, Chair of the International Advisory Board of the Global Health Centre, Germany) |

- 13:10–13:35 Panel discussion moderated by Dr Petric
Invited panellists:
- San Marino: Mr Franco Santi, Minister of Health and Social Security, National Insurance, Family and Economic Planning, State Secretariat for Health and Social Security
 - Montenegro: Dr Kenan Hrapovic, Minister of Health, Ministry of Health
 - Russian Federation: Mr Sergey Muraviev, Director, Department for International Cooperation and Public Relations, Ministry of Health
 - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Ms Clara Swinson, Director-General, Global and Public Health, Department of Health
 - Germany: Dr Thomas Steffen, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health
- 13:35–14:05 Comments from the floor
- 14:05–14:10 Reflections from the Director-General
- 14:10–14:30 Closing remarks

Related document

- The role and contribution of leadership in health policy and practice (EUR/RC69/17; <http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/69th-session/documentation/working-documents/eurrc6917-the-role-and-contribution-of-leadership-in-health-policy-and-practice>).

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