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Executive summary

1. Background and overview

The 21th meeting of the Steering Committee of HEPA Europe was convened to review first steps with implementation of the 2013/2014 work programme and to update on relevant international developments. In addition, the applications for membership received since the last meeting were assessed. Input was also given to the preparations of the 10th annual meeting and 5th conference in August 2014 in Zurich. Two applications to host the 11th annual meeting were assessed. In addition, next steps of the communication and the funding strategies for HEPA Europe were presented. Furthermore, next steps with regard to the short- and medium-term funding were agreed.

The meeting was chaired by Tommi Vasankari, UKK Centre for Health Promotion Research, Finland, and attended by 10 members of the Steering Committee in person and by 2 members via Skype connection as well as by one WHO staff from the Regional Office for Europe. The meeting was kindly hosted by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, Environment and Health Governance and Multisectoral Partnerships, and assisted by the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine of the University of Zurich.

2. Evaluation of applications for membership

All of the nine new applications received since the last meeting were supported by the participants. These applicants will become temporary members and will be proposed to the network for confirmation at the 10th annual meeting on 29 August in Zurich, Switzerland.

3. Update on recent, relevant activities and developments

Updates were given on the ongoing activities at the international level, including:

- activities of the WHO
- activities of the EU
- other international activities

4. Work programme 2013/2014 and funding

Participants took note of the update on the state of affairs on the implementation of the work programme. They also agreed on the next steps regarding the short- and medium-term funding for HEPA Europe.

5. Annual meetings of HEPA Europe

An update on preparations of the 10th annual meeting and 5th conference in August 2014 in Zurich, Switzerland, was given. The meeting will be hosted by the University of Zurich, supported by the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health and the Health Promotion Foundation, and co-sponsored by WHO Regional Office for Europe as well as a range of other international and national bodies.

Two expressions of interest to host the annual meeting 2015 were assessed and one of them tentatively accepted, pending further information on foreseen funding sources.

6. Other business and next meetings of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will hold an informal meeting on 26 August (16.00-18.00) before the start of the annual meeting and conference. The next meeting will be held on 15 May as a phone conference; further meeting dates will be set during this meeting.

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