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## **Resolution**

### **Strategy on the health and well-being of men in the WHO European Region**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the strategy on the health and well-being of men in the WHO European Region<sup>1</sup> and the evidence and priorities it puts forward on men's health and well-being throughout the life course;

Recalling resolution EUR/RC62/R4 on Health 2020 – the European policy framework for health and well-being, supporting action for more equitable health, and the transformative nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Recalling resolution WHA60.25 on the strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO;

Recalling resolution WHA66.10, endorsing a global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, and resolution EUR/RC66/R11 on an action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the WHO European Region;

Recalling the Minsk Declaration on the Life-course Approach in the Context of Health 2020 and the commitments made in resolution EUR/RC66/R3;

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<sup>1</sup> Document EUR/RC68/12.

Keeping in mind the Strategy on Women's Health and Well-being in the WHO European Region,<sup>2</sup> adopted by the Regional Committee in resolution EUR/RC66/R8;

Recalling the Beijing Platform for Action, which acknowledges that gender equality is a goal for the whole of society, that men's engagement is essential for achieving this goal, and that gender equality is positive for men's and women's health;

Understanding that this resolution does not replace any existing Regional Committee resolutions;

1. ADOPTS the strategy on the health and well-being of men in the WHO European Region;
2. URGES Member States:<sup>3</sup>
  - (a) to use a gender approach in health policies and strategies to advance the physical and mental health and well-being of men at the local, subnational and national levels; and to promote gender equality policies that strengthen the participation of men alongside women in promotion and prevention activities;
  - (b) to prioritize interventions addressing gender and socioeconomic determinants with an impact on men's high exposure to health risk and poor health outcomes, taking a life-course approach;
  - (c) to improve health system capacity and responses to ensure that services are accessible to men across their life course, while facilitating men's engagement in their own health and the health of others;
  - (d) to strengthen the collection and disaggregation of data and gender analysis and research relevant to men's and women's health and well-being;
  - (e) to facilitate the development of intersectoral collaboration and platforms to tackle the impact of gender and social, economic, cultural and environmental determinants of men's and women's health and well-being;

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<sup>2</sup> Document EUR/RC66/14.

<sup>3</sup> And regional economic integration organizations as appropriate.

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to support Member States in implementing the actions identified in the strategy on the health and well-being of men in the WHO European Region, alongside those identified in the Strategy on Women's Health and Well-being in the WHO European Region, including the development of tools and resources that support implementation;
- (b) to continue to provide leadership on using a gender approach to improve men's health across their life course while supporting gender equality goals;
- (c) to identify and facilitate the exchange of good practices and experiences among Member States on policies and actions that address men's health from a gender perspective;
- (d) to pursue the objectives of the strategy in partnerships with international, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations working on gender and men's health and well-being;<sup>4</sup>
- (e) to monitor progress towards improved men's health and well-being in the European Region on the basis of already existing monitoring and accountability systems;
- (f) to report to the Regional Committee in 2020 and 2023 jointly on progress made with regard to this resolution and resolution EUR/RC66/R8.

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<sup>4</sup> And regional economic integration organizations as appropriate.