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HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Health systems, medical products and innovation
Performance of national health systems

Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health (2019-2022)

1st plenary meeting

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12 February 2020, 10:00-16:30h CET

Minutes

The first plenary meeting of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health (term of office 2019-2022) took place in Brussels on 12 February 2020. The meeting, which was a non-public meeting, was chaired by the Commission and by its newly elected Chair, Professor Jan De Maeseneer.

1. Welcome and introduction

Andrzej Ryś, Director of *Directorate B - Health systems, medical products and innovation* welcomed all members and congratulated them on their appointment. He stressed the important role Expert Panel had played in the past and can play in the future in evidence-based policy advice for policy making in relation to the health priorities of the Commission.

He highlighted that health issues are high on Commission agenda. He mentioned several priorities, such as Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to support Member States to improve cancer prevention and care, the European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance, communication on vaccination, the pharmaceutical strategy for Europe, a European Health Data Space to promote health-data, and support to Member States in improving the quality and sustainability of their health systems.

He gave a preview of Directorate B responsibilities including cross boarder healthcare, health in all policies, tobacco control, eHealth, medical products, medical devices, as well as performance of health systems. He stressed some important elements the experts could work on during their term of office linked to COM priorities, related to access to healthcare for children, prevention of cancer, vaccination, healthcare workforce, mental health, innovative models for financing hospitals, etc.

Philippe Roux, Head of *C2 unit – Country knowledge and scientific committees* presented the issues dealt by in *Directorate C – Public health, country knowledge, crisis management* including beating cancer plan, managing of health programme, Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases, health information, health determinants and inequalities, crisis management, Vaccination, AMR,

joint procurement as well as new topics related to environmental health and impact of climate change on health.

During the roundtable Panel members introduced themselves, gave a short overview of their background, current activities and main focus of interest.

2. Presentation and discussion on the Expert Panel's tasks, principles, mission and working methods

Panel Secretariat presented the Panel's tasks, mission, principles and working methods with reference to the Rules of Procedure. It explained how the mandate is prepared, gave the steps and the timeline how the opinion is formed through drafting groups discussion, public hearings to its finalising and publishing. The importance of promotion and dissemination was stressed. Panel Secretariat highlighted the mission and principles of Panel's work based on excellence, independence, multidisciplinary approach, and transparency and drew the Panel members' attention to importance of regularly declaring the potential conflict of interest. Panel Secretariat further informed members about practical matters related to their participation in the Expert Panel work.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Rules of Procedure (RoP) drafted by the COM have been circulated to the members prior to the meeting and have been adopted in the meeting.

ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR

As stipulated in the RoP a Chair and a Vice-Chair of the Panel are elected by a secret ballot in writing. They are elected for the whole term of office of the Panel (2019-2022). The election procedure is chaired by the Commission. The candidates receiving the majority of the votes of the members of the Panel present in the meeting are elected. Prof. Jan De Maeseneer was elected as the Chair and Dr Anna Garcia-Altes as the Vice-Chair.

3. Discussion on: Mapping the expertise available in the Panel and Defining thematic areas for possible mandates

An interactive session took place to map the collective expertise of the Expert Panel members and to identify possible areas/themes of joint interest for the Panel's upcoming work.

4. Next steps and any other business

The schedule of the plenary meetings in 2020 has been agreed by the Panel as follows: 29 April, 24 June, 23 September, and 25 November.

The Chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

5. List of participants

MEMBERS

AZZOPARDI MUSCAT Natasha
BARROS PITA Pedro

DE MAESENEER Jan
GARCIA-ALTES Anna
GRUSON Damien
KRINGOS Dionne
LEHTONEN Lasse
LIONIS Christos
MCKEE Martin (apologies)
MURAUSKIENE Liubove
NUTI Sabina
ROGERS Heather
SICILIANI Luigi (WebEx)
STAHL Dorothea
WIECZOROWSKA-TOBIS Katarzyna
ZACHAROV Sergej
ZALETEL Jelka

DG SANTE

RYS Andrzej (B)
ROUX Philippe (C2) (WebEx)
GIRAUD Sylvain (B1)
DUMITRESCU Constantin-Ovidiu (B1)
DAJKA Bela (B1)
VOLOSINOVA Viera (B1)