



Meeting of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

Minutes

Brussels, 6 June 2019

First Working group meeting on Health Promoting Health Systems (via audio conference)

29 May 2019, 14h30 –16h00 CET

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

2. Nature of the meeting

The first working group (WG) meeting on Health Promoting Health Systems took place on 29 May 2019 via audio conference. The meeting, which was chaired by Jan De Maeseneer, was a non-public meeting.

No declarations of interest that could in any way interfere with the topic discussed were submitted from any panel member.

3. List of points discussed

Planning and organisation of the work in the WG:

The proposed mandate has been approved. WG members confirmed Jan De Maeseneer as a chair and Margaret Barry as a rapporteur.

Schedule for the opinion

Finalisation in November 2019.

Schedule for the WG meetings

WG members agreed on following schedule:

27 June 2019	WG meeting in Brussels
End of August, beginning of September 2019	audio conference
25 September 2019	Discussion in plenary

Review of the first draft outline for the opinion:

The draft outline of the opinion was circulated to WG members prior to the meeting. The general discussion stressed the importance of the topic and current lack of progress in implementing health promotion and primary prevention. Members stressed the need of inter-sectoral action and health in all policies approach. Attention was drawn to the fact that health promotion/prevention should go beyond healthcare systems and pointed at its conflict with other industries' interests.

Rapporteur gave an overview of the suggested structure of the opinion giving a preview of conceptual and policy frameworks. She focused on possible mechanisms for strengthening the implementation of health promotion within health systems, such as enabling policy structures and processes, sustainable financing, investing in health promotion research, education and training in health. It was stressed that implementation has to be seen in the long term. Optimising opportunities and success factors and addressing key obstacles would be elaborated as well. The possible link with social care was mentioned, as many social determinants can be influential, therefore requirement for collective actions.

DG SANTE stressed the need to address how the health system can fully adopt a systematic health promotion and prevention approach and integrate it into broader system of governance.

The WG agreed that the expertise of external experts, in particular on 'health in all policies' implementation and 'health equity' would be useful.

4. Conclusion

Members will send initial contributions by 18 June to be able to discuss further the draft in the plenary meeting on 26 June and in the next WG meeting scheduled for 27 June.

The Chair thanked everyone for active presence and the valuable discussion to move forward with the opinion.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Brussels on 27 June 2019.

6. List of participants

Members

ANASTASY Christian (apologies)
BARRY Margaret
BOUREK Aleš
BROUWER Werner
DE MAESENEER Jan (participation in person)
KRINGOS Dionne
LEHTONEN Lasse
MCKEE Martin
MURAUŠKIENE Liubove
PITA BARROS Pedro
RICCIARDI Walter
SICILIANI Luigi

DG SANTE

DUMITRESCU Ovidiu
TAMSMA Nicoline (apologies)
VOLOSINOVA Viera