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## **Steering group on Promotion and Prevention**

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### **Flash report**

Today the EU Member States and the European Commission held the first meeting of the Steering group on Promotion and Prevention in Brussels.

The Member States welcomed the setting up of this new group which will support the Member States in achieving the voluntary global targets of the UN/WHO on non-communicable disease by 2025 and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Steering Group will steer the Community level interventions and actions to achieve these goals.

The first priority will be given to selecting best practices by the Steering Group for implementation and upscaling. The EU Health Programme and other financial mechanisms can be used for this implementation and transfer of knowledge across the EU. The Member States asked that the mandate of the Steering Group should be to provide strategic oversight of all relevant policies to improve cross-sectorial cooperation and to create an environment for a positive change in public health systems in the EU in order to tackle chronic diseases and their determinants.

The next meeting of the Steering Group is planned for March 2017.