



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

Minutes

Brussels, 30th May 2018

1st Working group meeting on Vaccination programmes and health systems in Europe

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Tuesday 30th May 2018, 10:30 – 12:30H CET

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

2. Nature of the meeting

The 1st working group of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health took place on the 30th of May 2018. The meeting, which was chaired by Luigi Siciliani, was a non-public meeting. Pedro Pita Barros sent his apologies.

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

Reporting of ongoing work:

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the state of play of the draft opinion and how to proceed from here. The Chair gave an overview of the current draft suggesting that additional material will be added on obstacles and enablers of vaccine uptake, and to the policy intervention area, where little evidence could be found. It was also proposed to use a public health approach could be used to frame the issue of policy interventions to increase the uptake, to think about more targeted suggestions and eventually to engage institutional dialogue as the governance is also different in Member States.

The participants continued the discussion and explored ways how to expand the current draft further and what aspects of vaccination programmes could be included in the opinion. They brainstormed with the following points, amongst other things:

- reasons why EU countries have different vaccination schedules
- scope of interventions, which are relevant to the public using innovative approaches
- involvement of primary care in terms of population spread and delivery of vaccines
- influences of vaccine uptake and anti-vaccination movement
- communication and misinformation

DG SANTE will help providing the necessary available data in the area of vaccinations. Information about vaccine schedules is available on the ECDC website.

4. Conclusion

The Chair thanked everyone for their presence and the valuable discussion to move forward with the mandate. The WG members divided the tasks to expand the current draft text in order to have a more advanced version of the opinion ready for the next plenary on the 26th of June.

5. Next meeting

The date of the next working group meeting is to be confirmed.

6. List of participants

Members

BARRY Margaret (MB) (via web connection)
 BROUWER Werner (WB) (via web connection)
 DE MAESENEER Jan (JDM) (via web connection)
 KRINGOS Dionne (DK) (via web connection)
 MCKEE Martin (MMK) (via web connection)
 PITA BARROS Pedro (PPB) (apologies)
 SICILIANI Luigi (LS) (via web connection)
 WILD Claudia (CW) (via web connection)

EXTERNAL

BLOOMER Ellen (EP) (via web connection)
 PRIAULUX Jennifer (JP) (via web connection)

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DE LA MATA Isabel (IDM)
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