

Update on the Roadmaps for EC/WHO EURO collaboration

Innovation and health

Key elements of the Roadmap: i) Ageing; ii) Research on knowledge translation; iii) Public health priorities and progress.

Update on the progress made with the implementation of the Roadmap so far (context, main issues, most recent activities, upcoming activities, WHO/EC joint activities, opportunities for WHO/EC collaboration, other partners engaged or to be engaged etc)

1. Ageing

A constructive EC-WHO meeting was held on the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) on February 28th, 2012. Four concrete areas for future collaboration were identified – see below

2. Research on knowledge translation – implication of results of EC funded major public health research initiatives for policy development. Dialogue took place on an ad hoc basis.

3. Public health priorities and progress.

WHO participated in the FP7 advisory group in health and in the stakeholder meeting of June 2011 concerning health research under Horizon 2020. There is a standing invitation for the EC (SANCO, JRC and RTD) to attend meetings of the European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR). A JRC representative attended the first meeting of the reconstituted EACHR in June 2011.

Furthermore, in January 2012 a meeting on Antimicrobial drug resistance (AMR) was held between WHO, ECDC and EC discussing potential future interactions and mutual involvement in activities in this area.

Major challenges (context, main issues)

In the ageing area, a particular challenge will be to set up the monitoring framework for the progress in achieving the target of 2 life years gained.

Future steps (expected results, suggestions on how to move forward, possible changes of direction required, specific objectives, subthemes to be covered etc)

1. Ageing.

In relation to active and healthy ageing four areas for future cooperation have been identified: i) monitoring and evaluation of the EIP reference sites (indicators, methodologies) as well as other contributions to achieve overall target of 2 life years gained; ii) age friendly cities (requirements, data); iii) collecting evidence and sharing data (e.g. marketplace (EC) as well as iv) sharing guidelines (Multimorbidity, telemonitoring, ICT initiatives). Annex 1 provides an overview of lead entities for each topic within Commission and WHO.

These possible collaborations could be further explored at global level.

2. Need for continued dialogue on knowledge translation as well as identification of public health priorities and research is recognised.

3. The dialogue on AMR and with WHO will continue

Annex 1

Ageing – Specific area of collaboration	EC Contact DG/DG in the lead	WHO
i) monitoring and evaluation of the EIP reference sites (indicators, methodologies) as well as other contributions to achieve overall target of 2 life years gained	SANCO/INFISO	EURO/DNP
ii) age friendly cities (requirements, data)	SANCO/INFISO	EURO/DNP
iii) collecting evidence and sharing data (e.g. marketplace (EC) and WHO Eportal)	INFISO/SANCO	EURO/DNP
iv) sharing guidelines and best practices (Multimorbidity, telemonitoring, ICT initiatives)	INFISO/SANCO/RTD	EURO/DNP