



NOTE TO HEALTH INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Information Mechanism Framework Contract

SANCO and EAHC are currently preparing a call for tenders for a framework contract to support the health information strategy. The main aim of this tender is to provide SANCO with a flexible and effective mechanism to produce evidence on health issues. The formula of the framework contract will allow saving time in assigning the specific topics, while guaranteeing the quality of the contractors.

The tender is articulated in two lots. The contractors will thus be asked to provide:

- A) **Health reports** – they will cover topics included in the Health Strategy and pointed out by the Commission, and give relevant and well structured information based on best available evidence and solid data and indicators.
- B) **Health and economic analysis** – producing evidence on the numerous relationships between health parameters and socio-economic variables.

The rationale of the framework contract is to select a small group of eligible tenderers – up to five – for each lot. These pre-selected tenderers will then be able to participate to restricted calls for tenders on specific contracts, every time there will be the need to produce a report or carry out some economic analysis. The restricted call for tenders is less time and resources demanding than a complete one, thus letting the Commission to react more quickly and more effectively.

The selection procedure will be concluded tentatively in autumn 2010, and the framework contract should be signed by the end of the year. It will be concluded for a period of 36 months, with the possibility to be renewed for further 12 months.

Action for the Committee:

X	For information
	For comments
	For agreement