



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

Minutes

Brussels, 2 July 2019

Working group meeting on Health Promoting Health Systems

27 June 2019, 10h00 –13h00 CET

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting

The agenda was approved without changes as well as the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Nature of the meeting

The second working group (WG) meeting on Health Promoting Health Systems took place on 27 June 2019 in Brussels. 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

Ongoing work on opinion

First draft of the opinion was circulated before the meeting. DG SANTE clarified the importance to understand health promotion as an element of the health system, the need to analyse health systems and be able to better integrate health promotion into broader system of governance. The Panel discussed how to develop health promotion within the health systems as it is much diffused. They considered the blocks to progress in integrating and financing health promotion and drew parallels with the pension scheme, which similarly is a long-term investment. They mentioned the need to create visibility and appropriation, stressed the importance of political commitment. The Panel further elaborated on possible policy and implementation enablers, discussed several dimensions/different levels that have to be addressed. They stressed that different sectors must be encouraged to discuss, cooperate and build partnership.

Members raised several other points, namely a strong message to be conveyed on change from curative to preventive and health promoting health systems, role of government, investing in health promotion research, education and training, and sustainable financing.

DG SANTE pointed out at the work done already on cost-effectiveness by JRC, informed the Panel on existing best practices portal and specific joint actions.

Planning of work

The Panel agreed to provide input by 26 August to have a new draft ready before the meeting of 4 September.

4. Conclusion

The Chair thanked participants for their presence and the valuable discussion which helped move forward with the opinion.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 4 September via WebEx.

6. List of participants

Members

ANASTASY Christian (apologies)
BARRY Margaret
BOUREK Aleš (WebEx)
BROUWER Werner (WebEx)
DE MAESENEER Jan
KRINGOS Dionne (apologies)
LEHTONEN Lasse
MCKEE Martin (WebEx)
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