

# Working together for Health and Well-being in Europe

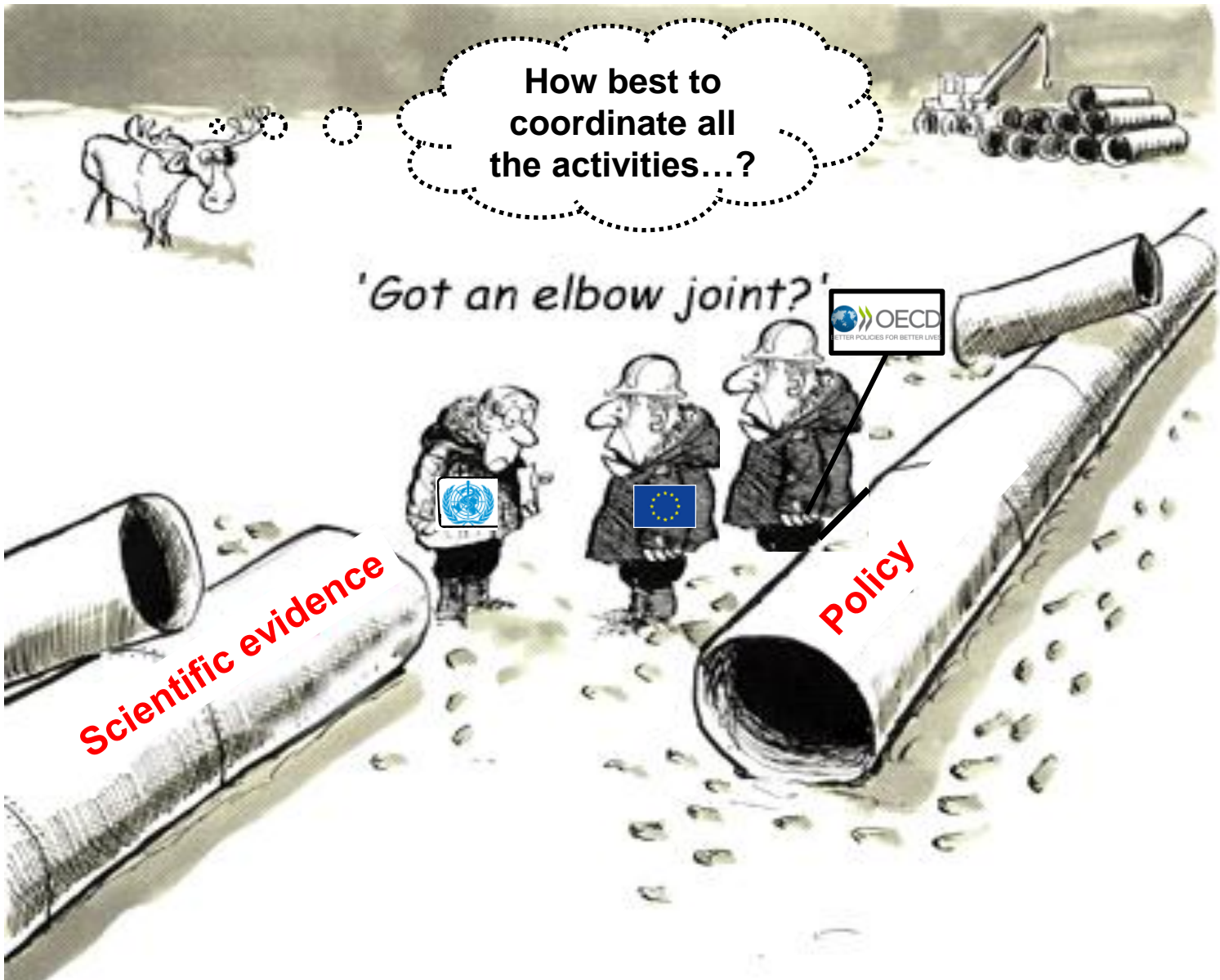
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# Single integrated Health Information System for Europe (53 Member States)

- Roadmap with European Commission agreed in 2010
  - First three steps of implementation completed

## European Commission and WHO Regional Office for Europe: *A shared vision for joint action*

*This Joint Declaration of the European Commission and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe was developed jointly by the WHO/Europe Secretariat and the European Commission. Both organizations consulted internally, according to their individual procedures and requirements, and these consultations were concluded with a political agreement – the Joint Declaration, that outlines the framework for the future cooperation between the two partnering organizations with a view to more efficient and effective collaboration in the area of public health. The Declaration was launched at a ceremony at the sixtieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Moscow, the Russian Federation, on 13 September 2010, by*

## Modernizing and integrating the public health information system

Information and evidence for health policy- and decision-making in Europe is vital. Intercountry comparisons add a unique dimension to a country's own efforts and have proven to be very effective in pinpointing areas for public health action, at both European and country levels. This requires joint work to provide a common basis of information and evidence to ensure both the efficiency of our work and also its effectiveness.



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Users of health information expect answers to questions about health at European level to be consistent, regardless of the source. Different answers to the same question undermine the credibility of both the Commission and the WHO. Working in partnership on the common collection and provision of information also reduces the burden on countries and makes best use of limited resources. We will therefore strengthen our cooperation in order to work towards a single integrated information system for health in Europe. This can build on existing cooperation, including expanding the use of shared data collection, collaborative analysis of health issues and generation and dissemination of knowledge in support of health policy.

# Agreed roadmap for Health Information System for Europe

1. Conduct mapping exercises for existing health information systems & databases in the agencies;
2. Conduct reviews of the quality and architecture of information systems → criteria;
3. Conduct landscaping of current and potential partners and stakeholders and engage them → in progress;
4. Define common needs and constraints,
5. Discuss a concrete way forward based on the above steps and devise an action plan.

OECD now a partner – JPA signed at RC62

- Definition of the goal we are aiming for;
- Sketch out practical possibilities for platforms.

- Evidence synthesis (HEN): “Key ingredients for successful integration of health information systems at national level”

# European Health 2020 policy



Regional Committee for Europe  
62nd session

EUR/RC62/R4

Malta, 10–13 September 2012

12 September 2012

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ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

## Resolution

Health 2020 – The European policy framework for health and well-being

“Adopts....together with a **set of regional goals** as set out in that document and the **appropriate indicators for the European Region.**”





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Sixty-third session

Çeşme Izmir, Turkey, 16–19 September 2013

EUR/RC63/R3

17 September 2013

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## Resolution

### Indicators for Health 2020 targets



**APPROVED**




The Regional Committee

20 core and 17 additional indicators approved – see handouts

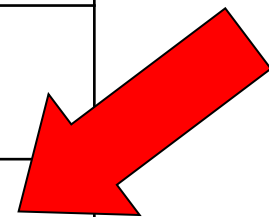
EU Member States insisted on reference to single health information system for Europe



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	 <b>RAHMEN-GESUNDHEITSZIELE</b> <small>www.gesundheitsziele-oesterreich.at</small>
	 <b>MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF TURKEY</b>
3. Promoting health	<b>Rahmen-Gesundheitsziele</b> <small>Richtungsweisende Vorschläge für ein gesünderes Österreich Langfassung</small>
	

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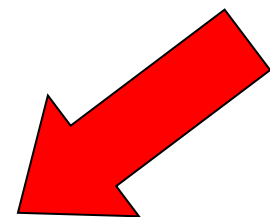


STRATEGIC PLAN  
2013 - 2017



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	3. Reduce inequities in health in Europe (social determinants target)
	4. Enhance well-being of the European population (to be further elaborated during 2013)
3. Processes, governance and health systems	5. Universal coverage and “right to health”
	6. Member States set national targets/goals



# The final lap...

Objective well-being domains and indicators:

To be finalized by expert group by April 2014

Joint meeting of experts on targets and indicators for health and well-being in Health 2020

Copenhagen, Denmark, 5-7 February 2013



# How will WHO report on these indicators?

- Annual report of the Regional Director;
- Annual European 'Core Health Indicators'
- 'European Health Statistics' (new publication);
- New EURO health information web-portal (as of 2014);
- The European health report (every 3 years).



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07-11-2012



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# Autumn school of health information and evidence for policy making

## Translating evidence into effective public health policy

Copenhagen and Izmir, 7 October 2013

WHO/Europe is taking steps to improve Member States' ability to use health information to create an evidence base for crucial public health

**Opened by Minister of Health, Turkey and WHO Regional Director - attended by 21 Member States (8 EU)**

Turkey, Dr Mehmet Müezzinoğlu, officially opened the Autumn School.



Yanki Travel

**Combining health info with evidence into policy modules**

**Very well received – regular feature as autumn school**



# EVIPNet (Evidence-informed policy network)



## EVIPNet Regions

Africa

America

Asia

Eastern Mediterranean Region

**Europe**

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# Health information strategies in Europe

## Formal working group :

- **17** (9 EU) Member States represented – all parts of the region;
- Chaired by **Netherlands** and **Russia**;
- **European Commission** and **OECD** invited observers;

Finalization of **tool & guidance** to develop national health information strategies  
 → **finalize at Moscow meeting** end Jan 2014  
 → **consultation** with MS, EC and OECD

Going to **Regional Committee** **Sept 2014** – with **resolution** for MS to develop national strategies

## *Entrées*

Vision statement  
 Mission statement  
 Target audience  
 Introduction (background)

## *Premiers plats (légumes)*

Objectives, strategic goals and outputs  
 Expected outcomes

## *Seconds plats (viande, poisson)*

Required elements for implementation  
 Partnerships & collaborations  
 Monitoring & Evaluation

## *Desserts*

Potential milestones & implementation plan  
 Conclusions  
 Definitions & references

# Supporting evidence – in preparation

## Evidence-informed policy-making

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**Output:**  
**Evidence summary of definitions and best practices**

## Health Evidence Network (HEN)

Recognizing that public health, health care and health systems need more consistent and reliable health information for decision-making, WHO/Euro provides evidence in multiple formats to help decision-makers.

### Sources of evidence database

The quantity of information and evidence available from various sources, HEN provides access to a comprehensive database.

### Products and summaries

HEN produces a

- evidence
- joint policy
- Polices, which
- and
- HEN summaries of reports, including synopses of the main findings and policy options.

**Key elements of and principles for successful integration of national health information systems**  
(funding: DG Sanco)

**Literature review & questionnaires/ interviews with key stakeholders at country level**

policy-makers' questions;  
Observatory on Health Systems and  
for tackling key health system issues;

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**6 other Member States & one Foundation have become contributors/partners**

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## Russia:

New WHO Collaborating Centre on health info and funding strategy work

Equates to funding of US\$ ~900,000 per year



## UK:

1. New WHO Collaborating Centre on health info
2. **Wellcome Trust:** Grant funding & senior staff secondment

## Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan:

Staff & infrastructure for regional health information network in Russian speaking countries

## Germany:

Junior Professional Officer (50%)

## Turkey:

Hosted first autumn school Oct 2013

# Next steps for health info initiative

- Initiative could serve as major vehicle towards an *integrated health information system for Europe* → support from all parts of European region and operative now;
- Expand partners network from current 8 (4 in EU) to more; other Member States currently considering their partnership;
- Need to re-think the name of the initiative to give all partners recognition;
- Currently finalizing business plan & defining type of collaborative framework that gives all partners equal rights and standing;
- Ensure good integration of other EURO activities (e.g. HEN) into initiative.

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# Collaboration of WHO/EURO and Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, USA

- To collaborate on burden of disease assessments in European Region;
- To improve coherence of quantitative messages;
- To facilitate national burden of disease studies, including training;

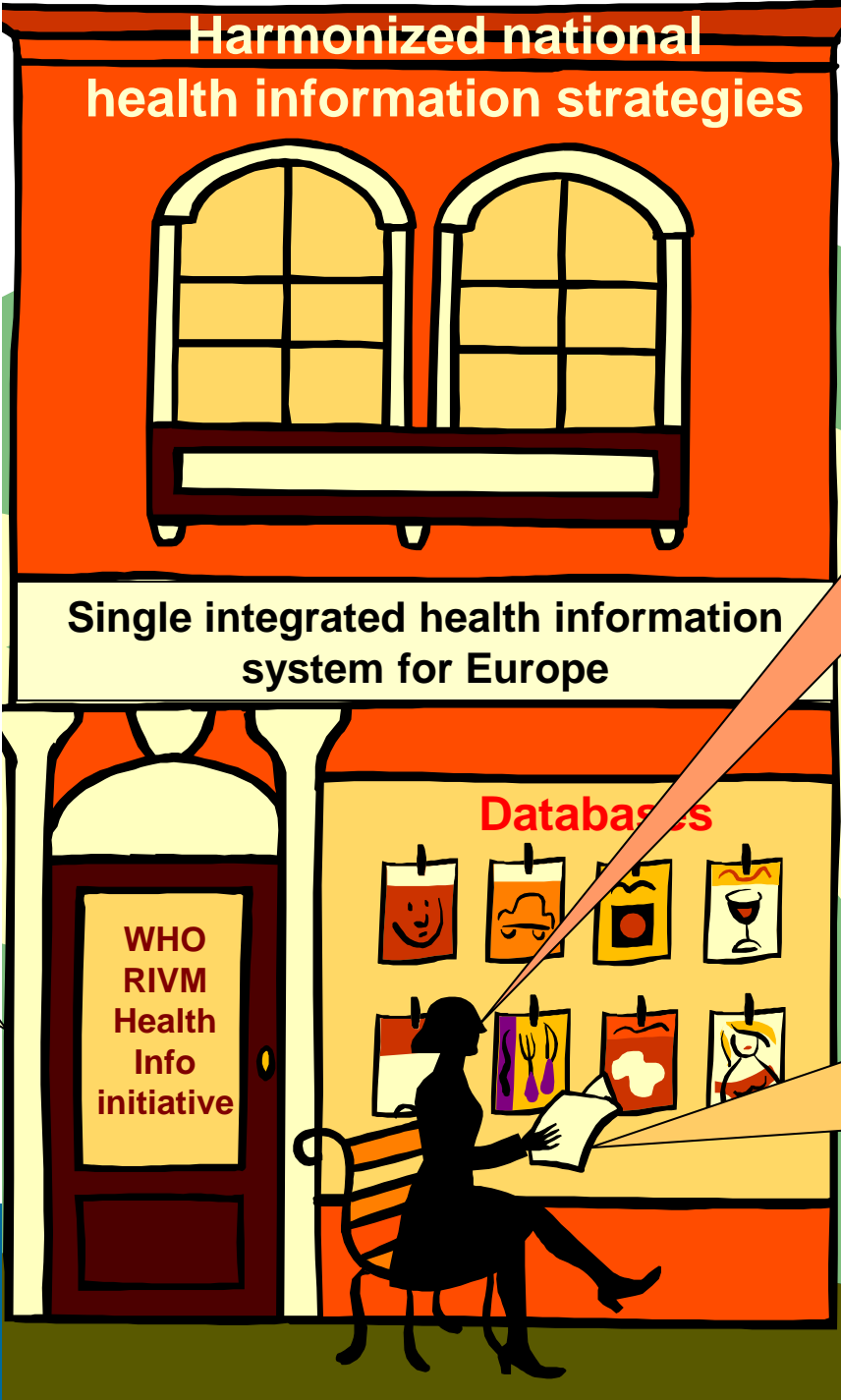
The screenshot shows the IHME website with a green header containing navigation links: IHME | GHDx | GBD Compare | Contact Us | Media | Jobs | Terms Defined. A search bar is on the right. The main header features the IHME logo and the text 'Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation' with the tagline 'Accelerating global health progress through sound measurement and accountable science'. A dark navigation bar lists: IHME, Research, Education & Training, GBD, Tools, Publications, and News & Events. Below this is a 'Director's Statement' section with a photo of a man in a suit and text discussing global health challenges and the Institute's mission.

**9 countries completed,  
conducting or planning  
NBD studies  
(4 EU, 5 non-EU)**

**WHO country profiles  
Highlights on Health  
revitalized & to include  
burden information**

# The 'house' of health information in Europe

National Health Information Systems



THANK YOU

EURO health information web-portal : summer 2014 (*links to other portals & evidence*)



# Joint Action Plan OECD/WHO Europe

**Developing reliable health information by collaborating on:**

- Expansion of WHO/OECD/Eurostat joint data collections;
- Common health information system for Europe;
- Strengthening countries health info systems;
- Collection & validation of data;
- Measurement & target setting for well-being.



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Zsuzsanna Jakab and Yves Leterme, Deputy Secretary-General of OECD, sign a Joint Action Plan between OECD and WHO/Europe.