



WHO Regional Office for Europe: update on health information activities

EGHI meeting
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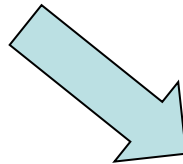
RIVM and WHO/Europe to collaborate on health information provision

07-11-2012



Andre van der Zande, Director-General of RIVM, and Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe, signed a letter of intent on 30 October 2012, stating their commitment to work together on health information by setting up a new initiative under the Dutch partnership agreement. Photo: WHO/Oluf Christoffersen

- Provides overarching guidance for health information activities WHO/Euro
- Multi-partner network
- **1st Steering Group meeting March 2015**



EHI members to date

European
Commission
OECD

Russian Federation:

1. New WHO Collaborating Centre on health info;
2. Autumn School 2015

Sweden
Finland
Austria
Latvia

Poland:
Hosted autumn school
Oct 2014

**Kazakhstan &
Kyrgyzstan:**
Staff & infrastructure for
regional health information
network in CAR countries

- UK:**
1. New WHO Collaborating Centre on indicator development
 2. **Wellcome Trust:** Grant funding & senior staff secondment

Turkey:
Hosted first autumn
school Oct 2013

Main outcomes Steering Group meeting



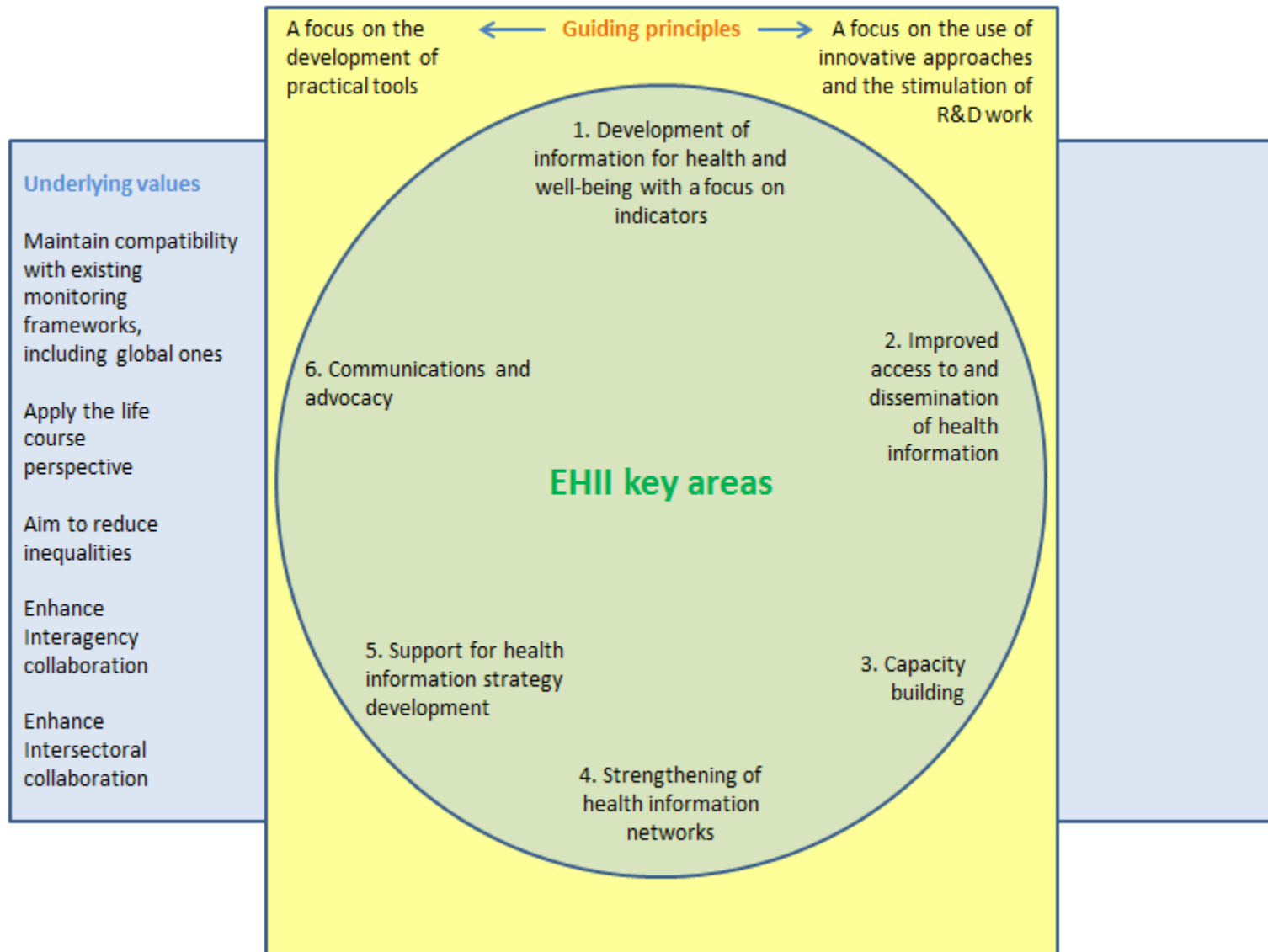
The group agreed on:

- Scoping document
- Terms of Reference
- Action plan

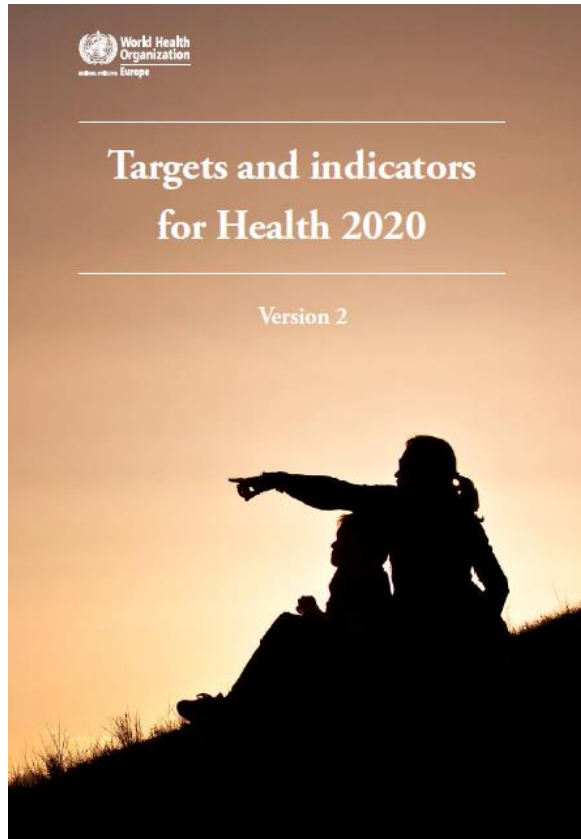
The vision of the EHII is an integrated, harmonized health information system for the entire European Region.

The mission of the EHII is to improve the information that underpins health policy through fostering international cooperation in order to exchange expertise, build capacity and harmonize data collection.

EHI operational framework



Information for health & well-being



Further work on measuring subjective well-being (SWB)



Jan 2015: expert meeting



Action plan, including e.g.:

- Develop strategy document
- Position statement on culture and health
- HEN synthesis reports: review of culture and SWB measurement & of narrative methods in health reporting

New actions agreed during SG meeting:

- Mapping exercise health information developments (indicators)
- Assessment of HFA indicators
- Regular reporting to SG on cooperation WHO, EC and OECD in health information / indicator development

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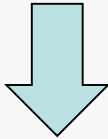
Country profiles

Choose a country to view its public health profile

- Albania
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- Belarus
- Belgium

Infographics

Two calls for tender published in April for infrastructure development and finalization software development



Move from Beta version to version 1.0 in autumn 2015

- Quantitative and qualitative information
- Information from *all* relevant stakeholders

Disseminating health information: sources of evidence

Health Evidence Network (HEN)

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Recognizing that public health, health care and health systems policy-makers need access to timely, independent and reliable health information for decision-making, WHO/Europe started HEN in 2003. It acts as a platform, providing evidence in multiple formats to help decision-making.

HEN sources of evidence database

As the large quantity of information and evidence available in the field of public health is dispersed among many databases and other sources, HEN provides easy access to a number of resources in a single location, through its sources of evidence database.

HEN reports and summaries

HEN produces a variety of publications to meet policy-makers' needs:

- evidence reports synthesizing the best available evidence in response to policy-makers' questions;
- joint policy briefs and policy summaries, produced with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, which synthesize the evidence around specific policy options for tackling key health system issues; and
- HEN summaries of reports, including synopses of the main findings and policy options.

Resource group

As an alliance of organizations or institutions promoting the use of evidence in health policy or health technology assessment, HEN has access to experts across the Region who provide advice and assistance.

HEN sources of evidence database

Evidence reports

Joint policy briefs and policy summaries

HEN summaries of network members' reports

Technical members

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Disseminating health information: PUBLIC HEALTH PANORAMA



- First ever public health journal published by WHO Regional Office for Europe!
- Bilingual journal – entire content in English **and** Russian - aiming to bridge the research and dissemination gap between the Eastern and Western part of the European Region.
- Publishing country-specific and regional good practices and case studies.

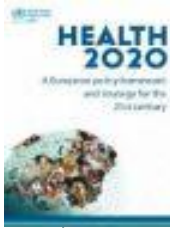
PUBLIC HEALTH PANORAMA

- Issue 2 will be a special themed issue addressing the importance for public health of intersectoral action, highlighting lessons and experiences from the long legacy of such action in the WHO European Region.
- Deadline for submissions: **14 June 2015**
- Release for the Regional Committee, September 2015
- Submission to PANORAMA@EURO.WHO.INT

Capacity building

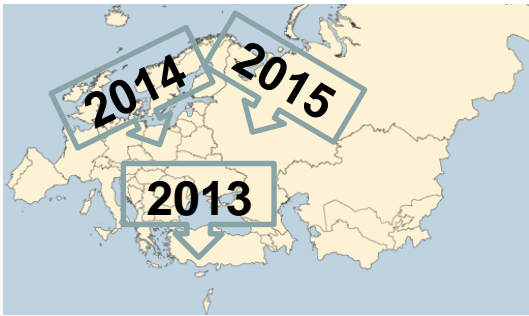
Autumn School on Health Information and Evidence for Policy-making (5 days)

Addressing full data → indicators → reporting → knowledge translation-cycle



Advanced course (technical workshop) on int. classifications, quality of CoD data and health inequalities (4.5 days)

Organized this year for the first time in Moscow in June

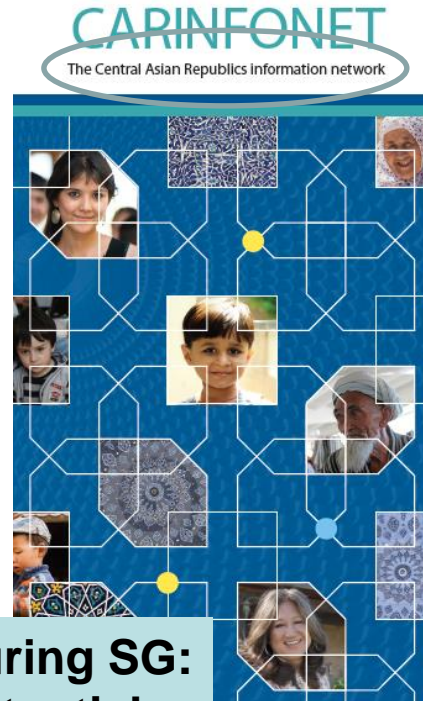


2016: Austria? More EU countries will participate → Explore development joint modules WHO/EC/OECD

Health Information Networks



- Launched in European Region in 2012
- Promotes the systematic use of health research evidence in policy-making



- Re-established in June 2014.
- Focus on improving health information and helping health policy-makers in monitoring trends in health, disease, and well-being



Action agreed during SG: exploration of potential for Finnish-Baltic HI network.

Other new developments: Exploration potential for small countries HI network and for South-eastern Europe HI network

Health information strategies



- SCRC requested practical support tool
- Tool developed by Working Group (17 MS), co-chaired by Netherlands and Russian Federation
- Based on WHO HMN tools and materials, European context added
- (Nearly) available in English & Russian
- Next steps; implement the tool in Member States and improve/supplement the tool based on experiences



Communication and advocacy

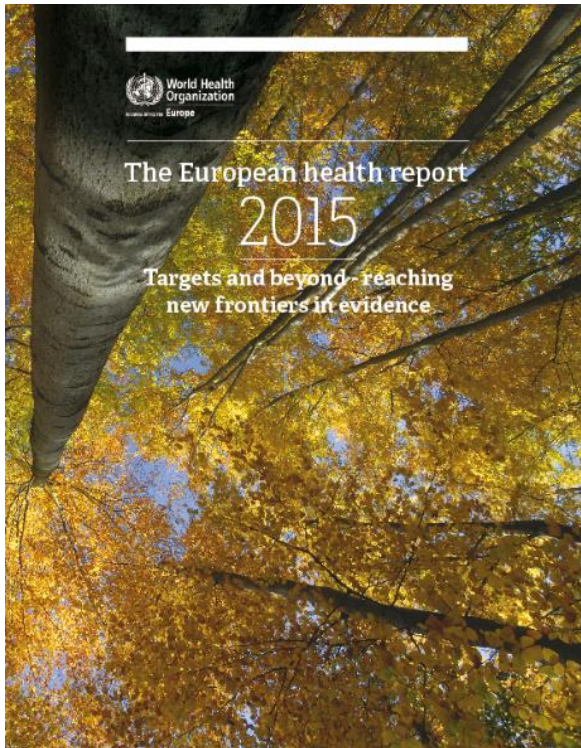
Key area	Status	Activity	Product(s)	Contributing member(s)	Description of contributions
Communication and advocacy	New actions 2015-2017 with agreed contributions	Development of a communications strategy*	Communications strategy for EHII	1) WHO secretariat, and: 2) Turkey, and: 3) Latvia, and: 4) WHO CC Manchester	1) Draft communications strategy 2-4) Review of the draft strategy that will be developed by the WHO secretariat
		(Re)presenting EHII at various health information related meetings and events	Presentations, dissemination of EHII promotional materials, discussions with interested stakeholders, etc.	Steering Group members	Give a presentation, disseminate promotional materials, inform interested stakeholders
		Setting up EHII website	Web pages on the WHO Regional for Office for Europe public website dedicated to EHII	WHO secretariat	Development of web pages
		Development of basic presentation on EHII	Basic presentation	WHO secretariat	Development of basic presentation
		Informing the Regional Committee about progress made by EHII	Progress updates	WHO secretariat	Preparing regular updates

EHI: next steps

- Finalize and publish meeting report (including action plan)
- Finalize and publish Scoping document and Terms of Reference
- Next SG meeting: 8 June
- Execute activities in action plan
- Communication and advocacy → expand network!!



Forthcoming publications



EACHR



- advise on the formulation of policies for the development of health research;
- review the scientific basis of selected regional programmes;
- co-ordinate health research internationally across the Region's Member States;
- advise on new findings on priority public health issues and evidence-based strategies to address them; and
- facilitate the exchange of information on research agendas in the Region

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evidence/evidence-informed-policy-making/european-advisory-committee-on-health-research-eachr>

EACHR: recent meeting

Sixth meeting 15-16 April 2015. Some highlights:

- Strengthen the evidence base on health and migration through HEN synthesis reports;
- Support the development of an accelerated roadmap to strengthen evidence-informed policy-making;
- Recommendations for the WHO expert group on the cultural contexts of health and well-being;
- Recommendations to strengthen and modernize national health research systems in some parts of the Region.

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