



## NOTE TO HEALTH INFORMATION COMMITTEE

### Subject: Joint Action ECHIM (European Community Health Indicator Monitoring)

1. Development and documentation of ECHI Indicators: ECHIM will update all the documentation sheets. For 10 indicators, new proposals for definition and data sources are being prepared. Two work groups have been established for 8 of these indicators related to smoking- and alcohol-related deaths and the selection of surgical procedures, hospital diagnoses groups and causes of death. For 2 indicators the ECHIM partners will prepare the proposals. After finalising these indicators, 64 indicators in the implementation section of the shortlist and 24 in the development section.
2. Development of website on European health indicators: After the Commission informed ECHIM Core Group in September 2009 that they will be in charge of developing an ECHI database with an accompanying web-based interface for data presentations (ECHI@EC), the ECHIM working plan and contract have to be adjusted. An ad hoc database work group prepared a plan on how to deal this new situation. Very recently, however, the work group was informed that an accompanying European Health Information System Wiki (EHIS Wiki) is being developed by the Commission. The work group will have to re-adjust their work plan and suggestions for adapting the contract accordingly. The cooperation structure between ECHIM and the Commission for working on the web-based reporting system is still lacking. The release of the ECHIM products website ([www.healthindicators.eu](http://www.healthindicators.eu)) is planned in April/May 2010, containing updated documentation sheets for most indicators in the implementation section of the shortlist.
3. Implementation of health indicators: Twelve out of 14 countries with members in the ECHIM Core Group have started the implementation of their National Implementation Plans (NIP), and the first versions have been completed for eight countries. The NIPs describe in detail how to in practice implement indicators based on existing data sources, how to improve data sources and how to establish new ones. It also includes a Communication Survey to identify and solve the main obstacles in the national implementation process. Implementation work in 13 countries not belong to the ECHIM Core Group was started in the first meeting of the Extended Core Group in March 1-2, 2010 in Luxembourg.
4. Validation of the data flow on the ECHI shortlist indicators and pilot data collection: The validation relates to shortlist indicators taken from international databases (Eurostat, WHO, OECD). The purpose of the validation is to safeguard the proper implementation of the ECHIM recommendations for the ECHI indicators. For a limited set of ECHI shortlist indicators, not yet covered by routine collections, a pilot data collection is under preparation. The preparation of the methods for the pilot collection will be finalised in April 2010, and the validation of ECHI@EC data sources is ongoing. The recent changes in the operation of EHIS wiki have urged ECHIM to submit a proposal which include recommendations on the constant review and quality control of data and data sources fed into the ECHI@EC database and the content based upon the data.

#### Action for the Committee:

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