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## **Second formal meeting of the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases**

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### **Flash report**

The Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases held today the second formal meeting.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of the Member States, Norway and Iceland. Colleagues from other Commission departments including the Joint Research Centre, DG ESTAT, DG Research and Innovation, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, DG Agriculture and Rural Development as well as Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency. The European Investment Bank was also represented.

The Steering Group had a discussion on the proposal by the Expert Group on Health Information to monitor the progress made towards achieving the World Health Organization's targets on non-communicable diseases by the EU Member States, Norway and Iceland.

The Steering group also heard from the representative of DG ESTAT on the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals, and in particular the goal 3 related to health. The Steering Group noted the progress made in the prioritization, selection and implementation on best practices and research results.

The Commission agreed to reflect on how the SGPP members could become more involved in the preselection of best practices and the results of research projects. There was also a discussion on the sustainability of Orphanet and the Member States expressed intent to contribute to the sustainability plans based on the analysis of a survey among the SGPP which had been carried out in January this year.

The Joint Research Centre presented an analysis of the survey carried out among the Member States on the Platform on Rare Disease Registries which will be launched on 28th of February on the Rare Disease Day.

The European Investment Bank presented an update on the progress made related to fact finding on proton therapy centres. The Steering group agreed to review EU level activities on radionuclear medicine, in cooperation with DG ENER, at a forthcoming meeting of the Steering Group (particularly on issues around medical isotopes.)

The Steering Group also discussed the Joint Action Chrodis plus and the possibility to connect the Steering Group to the outcomes of the Joint Action.

The European Commission informed the Steering Group on the state of play of the European Semester process.

Finally, the Steering Group had a reflection on possible new areas of work including joint procurement on orphan drugs, antimicrobial resistance, patient safety and dementia.

The Steering Group will meet tomorrow on 15th of February with the Horizon2020 Programme Committee configuration SC 1 to discuss synergies between the draft annual work plans for 2020 both on health and research.