



## Meeting of the Expert Group on Health Information

11 December 2018

### Flash report

The Expert Group on Health Information (EGHI) meeting took place in Luxembourg on 11 December 2018.

Firstly, the EGHI discussed future cooperation with the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases (SGPP). There were two separate discussions: one on a working paper about their cooperation with the SGPP and one on a methodological approach to support the SGPP with health data in relation to WHO non-communicable diseases (NCDs) 2025 targets and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 targets.

The working paper lists three areas for cooperation: providing health information, advising on measurements tools for the implementation of best practises and identifying research gaps. The EGHI consolidated the working paper on the EGHI's cooperation with the SGPP and agreed that the chair introduces the final draft to the SGPP in February 2019.

Concerning the methodological proposal, it was agreed that DG SANTE will make a concrete proposal for a product with a series of visuals by the end of January 2019. The EGHI agreed to endorse the proposal by email in the first quarter of 2019. The aim is to have a validated product by autumn 2019 to be transmitted to the SGPP at the end of 2019 with the *State of Health in the EU* Country Profiles and the Commission Companion Report.

Secondly, the EGHI was updated about the Joint Action on Health Information (InfAct) activities. DG SANTE highlighted that it is important to consider the follow-up of the Joint Action in order to plan future financial needs for data gathering and analysis. The European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) should be set up as soon as possible. Until then, as part of the set-up of the ERIC, InfAct participants will be involved in the making of the above-mentioned product relating to the NCDs and SDGs targets.

In addition, it was agreed that a member of the EGHI will represent the EGHI in the External Evaluation Committee of InfAct.

In addition, the EGHI was informed about the launch of the 2018 *Health at a Glance: Europe* report, first deliverable of the second iteration of the *State of Health in the EU* process, and ESTAT updated the EGHI on the latest developments in health statistics. The meeting concluded with presentations on ongoing collaborations with international organisations. The World Health Organization (WHO) explained the mapping activities under the European Health Information Initiative and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) illustrated the state-of-play of the PaRIS initiative.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the EGHI will take place over two days on 12/13 June 2019.