Country Consultation on integrated NCD surveillance

Vilnius, 8 – 9 December 2014

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Scope and Purpose

In response to recent policy and strategy developments on EU and global level in the area of surveillance, WHO Regional Office for Europe will organize a meeting from 8-9 December in Vilnius, Lithuania. The meeting will be organized as the main deliverable of a project on integrated NCD surveillance, supported by the European Commission.

The objective of the project is to describe how Member States of the European Union can optimize their use of the European Core Health Indicators (ECHI) shortlist to report on progress towards reaching the nine voluntary targets of the Global Monitoring Framework (GMF) on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2013. The project seeks to maximize the utility of existing indicator systems in countries for complying with the global commitments. Within the WHO European Region, this would also support the reporting on Health 2020, which has a reporting framework that includes a subset of the GMF targets indicators.

For this purpose, the meeting will review key international databases and the degree to which they already hold data against the indicators of the different monitoring frameworks, including a discussion on completeness and quality issues. Furthermore, the meeting will inform about comparability, and availability of the data broken down by age, sex and/or socioeconomic risk factors in order to address inequalities. A pilot data set on NCD risk factors and outcomes will be brought together for discussion at the meeting, together with sample methods of display and basic analysis of these data. Further, the meeting will showcase a collection of good practice examples and country cases and will discuss lessons learnt from these practice examples, and ways in which they can be translated to the situation in other countries: what are the main impediments, challenges and opportunities. The meeting will conclude with an identification of next steps for strengthened health monitoring in the Member States.

The outcomes of the meeting will contribute to address the current main challenges of NCD reporting in Europe. It will contribute to streamlining of surveillance to avoid duplication of efforts among international organizations and provide Member States with a common framework, definitions and instruments. Furthermore, the meeting will contribute to bringing together data of the risk factors and policy measures related to NCDs in an integrated monitoring framework for NCDs. The meeting will also contribute to unifying these data domains in a way which allows for a user-friendly analysis across domains and to make use of innovative ways of presentation and analysis. These outcomes will lead to improved information-based policy decisions in the area of NCDs.
To this meeting the Member States of the European Union and the EFTA countries, participants from the European Commission, WHO and other partners will be invited. The meeting will be technical supported by the expert advisory board of the project, consisting of the National Institute for Health and Welfare Finland (WHO Collaborating Centre for NCD Prevention, Health Promotion and Monitoring), the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (WHO Collaborating Centre for the Prevention & Control of NCDs), the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment Netherlands, the University of Venice chairing the World Alliance for Risk Factor Surveillance at IUHPE, the Clalit Research Institute Israel (WHO Collaborating Centre on NCD Research), and the CINDI Network on Integrated NCD Interventions.

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