WHO HIGH-LEVEL MEETING
HEALTH SYSTEMS RESPOND TO NCDs: EXPERIENCE IN THE EUROPEAN REGION

SITGES, SPAIN
16–18 APRIL 2018

Provisional programme
**DAY 1. MONDAY, 16 April 2018 - Morning**

| 09.00–11.00 | Plenary session and ministerial panel I: Comprehensive and aligned health systems response to NCDs  
Moderator: [Bente Mikkelsen](Acting Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe) |
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| **Welcoming remarks:** reflecting on the health systems strengthening NCD agenda from the perspective of Health 2020  
[zsuzsanna jakab](WHO Regional Director for Europe) | |
| **Welcoming remarks from the President of the Regional Committee**  
[Katalin Novák](Minister of State for Family and Youth Affairs, Hungary) | |
| **Welcoming remarks**  
[José javier castrodeza sanz](Secretary General, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, Spain) | |
| **Setting the scene: the global perspective on NCDs**  
[Svetlana Akselrod](Assistant Director-General for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO) | |
| **NCD outcomes and the implementation of the "best buys in Europe": the ambition of leapfrogging (video presentation)**  
[Gauden Galea](WHO Representative, China; former Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe) | |
| **Comprehensive and aligned health systems' response to NCDs**  
[Hans Kluge](Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe)  
- **Spotlight stage:** Aligned health system response in the Republic of Moldova (Boris Gilca, General State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection) | |
| **Using information solutions to manage population health and leapfrog health systems strengthening**  
[Ran Balicer](Director, Clalit Research Institute, Israel)  
- **Spotlight stage:** Advanced use of information solutions in Estonia (Pille Banhard, Member of Management Board, Estonian Health Insurance Fund) | |
| **Panel reflections**  
[Recep Akdağ](Deputy Prime Minister, Turkey) || [Dmitry Kostennikov](Deputy Minister of Health, Russian Federation) || [Elena Andradas](Director General, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, Spain) | |

| 11.00–11.45 | Health break (Group photo) |

| 11.45–13.15 | Plenary session and ministerial panel II: Leaving no one behind: equity dimensions of the health systems response to NCDs  
**Moderator:** [Hans Kluge](Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe) |
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| **Setting the scene: health systems strengthening for NCDs in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**  
[Edward Kelley](Director, Service Delivery and Safety, WHO) | |
| **Leaving no one behind: an equity-oriented health systems agenda to reduce inequalities in NCD outcomes**  
[Melitta Jakab](Senior Health Economist, WHO Regional Office for Europe)  
- **Spotlight stage:** Ireland's approach to engage men in health promotion and primary health care (Noel Richardson, Institute of Technology, Carlow, Ireland) | |
| **Sustainable and prioritized financing for accelerated health systems response to NCDs**  
[Francesca Colombo](Head of Health Division, OECD)  
- **Croatia's** approach to facilitating employment and social support for people with mental health issues and chronic conditions (Iva Pejnović Franelić, Croatian National Institute of Public Health) | |
| **Panel reflections**  
[Katalin Novák](Minister of State for Family and Youth Affairs, Hungary) || [David Sergeenko](Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia) || [Enis Barış](Practice Manager, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank) | |

| 13.15–14.30 | Lunch |
### DAY 1. MONDAY, 16 April 2018 - Afternoon

**14.30-16.30**

#### Policy workshops I

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**16.30–17.30**

**Wrap-up plenary session: Towards people-centred integrated services**

**Moderator:** Ellen Nolte (European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies)

**Panel reflections:** Aziz Odinazoda (Deputy Minister of Health, Tajikistan) || Rasmus Baagland (Chief Adviser to Danish Health Authority, Denmark) || Iva Pejnović Franelić (Public Health Institute, Croatia) || Juan Fuertes (Board Member, European Patients’ Forum) || Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat (President of the European Public Health Association) || Elizabeth Hanson (Vice-President, Eurocarers) || Anna Stavdal (President of WONCA EUROPE)

**18.00–18.45**

**Optional guided physical activity**

- Hill walking
- Trail running

**19.30–22.00**

**Reception dinner of the Regional Director**
## DAY 2. TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2018 – Morning

### Morning social activity

**07.30–08.00**

**Optional guided physical activity**

- Yoga on the lawn

### Policy workshops II

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**DAY 2. TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2018 – Morning Continued**

### 11.15–13.15 Market place of European good practices

#### 11.20–11.50 Plenary kick off (30 mins)

**Moderators:** Hans Kluge, Bente Mikkelsen (Directors, WHO Regional Office for Europe)

- **Good practice brief presentation:** **Spain** – Moving towards population health management and people-centredness through risk stratification
  
  *Paloma Casado (Deputy Director General, Ministry of Social Services, Health and Equality, Spain)*

- **Good practice brief video presentation:** **Kyrgyzstan** – Village health committees work with primary care providers to increase hypertension detection

- **Good practice brief presentation:** **England, United Kingdom** – Horizon scanning: What should the future NCD workforce look like?
  
  *Matt Edwards (Head of Horizon Scanning, Department of Health and Social Care, England)*

#### 12.00–13.15 Narrated interactive poster sessions in Atrium (75 mins)

- **1. Belgium:** Multi-sectoral mental health networks (Liesbeth Borgermans)
- **2. Croatia:** Primary care electronic panels (Tatjana Prenda Trupec)
- **3. Estonia:** Moving to mixed payment in primary care (Pille Banhard, Maivi Parv)
- **4. Finland:** Public health nurses promote health throughout the life-course (Kirsi Grym)
- **5. Hungary:** Public health tax on high fat and salty foods and sugary drinks (Krisztina Bíró)
- **6. Ireland:** Advancing the role of nurses and midwives (James Buchan)
- **7. Kazakhstan:** Telemedicine delivers NCD treatment in rural areas
- **8. Kyrgyzstan:** Community action for hypertension detection (Saimat Toitmatov)
- **9. Netherlands:** Center for healthy living (Pieter de Coninck)
- **10. Russian Federation (Saint Petersburg):** Regionalization of specialist care (Alexey Yakolev)
- **11. Spain:** Understanding population health risk: a fundamental instrument for population health management (Paloma Casado)
- **12. Spain (Andalucia):** Strengthening the primary care response to diabetes (María Martínez Brocca)
- **13. Spain (Catalonia):** Multi-profile primary health care teams (Tino Marti)
- **14. Sweden:** Reform of medical curriculum
- **15. United Kingdom (England):** Horizon scanning future health and care demand for workforce skills (Matt Edwards)
- **16. Uzbekistan:** A package of essential interventions for prevention and control of NCDs (Elena Tsoyi)

#### 13.15–14.30 Lunch
## DAY 2. TUESDAY, 17 APRIL 2018 – Afternoon

### 14.30–17.30 Policy labs : real time country case problem solving

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Panel: Nazan Yardım, Turkey || Pavlo Kovytonyu, Ukraine || Kajja Kasekamp, Estonia || Miguel Telo de Arriaga, Portugal |
| 15.00–16.40 | POLICY LAB 1                      | Responding to obesity through integrated health system and intersectoral actions: Turkey  
**Moderator:** João Breda (WHO Regional Office for Europe)  
**MS team:** Nazan Yardım (Head of Nutrition and PA Department, Ministry of Health), Banu Ekinci (Head of NCD Department, Ministry of Health)  
**Expert panel:** David McDaid (London School of Economics, UK), Itamar Grotto (Ministry of Health, Israel), Anna Stavdal (WONCA Europe), Jose Maria Martin Moreno (University of Valencia, Spain), John O’Dowd (Glasgow University, Scotland, UK) |
| 15.00–16.40 | POLICY LAB 2                      | Strengthening primary health care to better respond to NCDs: leapfrogging in governance, incentives, health workforce and information solutions: Ukraine  
**Moderator:** Melitta Jakab (WHO Regional Office for Europe)  
**MS team:** Pavlo Kovytonyu (Deputy Minister of Health), Oleg Petrenko (Head of National Health Service)  
**Expert panel:** David Beran (University of Geneva, Switzerland), James Buchan (Queen Margaret University, UK), Ran Balicer (Clalit Research Institute, Israel), Tamás Evetovits (WHO Regional Office for Europe) |
| 15.00–16.40 | POLICY LAB 3                      | Implementing an integrated systems approach to preventing and managing cardiovascular disease and diabetes: Estonia  
**Moderator:** Jill Farrington (WHO Regional Office for Europe)  
**MS team:** Kajja Kasekamp (Adviser, Ministry of Social Affairs), Olev Laarmann (Head of Public Health department), Maivi Parv (Member of Management Board, Health Insurance Fund), Pille Banhard (Member of Management Board, Health Insurance Fund), Merike Jürilo (Director, Health Board)  
**Expert panel:** Jan de Maesseneer (Ghent University, Belgium), Nigel Edwards (Nuffield Trust, UK), Loraine Hawkins (Expert, UK), Niti Pall (International Diabetes Federation Europe), Tatjana Prenđa Trupec (Expert, Croatia) |
| 15.00–16.40 | POLICY LAB 4                      | Scaling up health literacy in people with NCDs to strengthen people-centredness throughout the system: Portugal  
**Moderator:** Elke Jakubowski (WHO Regional Office for Europe)  
**MS team:** Graça Freitas (Director General, Ministry of Health), Miguel Telo de Arriaga (Head of Division of Healthy Lifestyle, Ministry of Health)  
**Expert panel:** Jose María Valderas (Exeter University, UK), Vesna-Kerstin Petrič (Ministry of Health, Slovenia), Graham Robertson (International Union for Health Promotion and Education), Noel Richardson (Institute of Technology, Carlow, Ireland) |
| 16.40–17.30 | Plenary wrap-up (50 mins)        | Moderators: Jill Farrington (WHO Regional Office for Europe) and Pavel Ursu (WHO Representative, WHO Country Office, Turkey)  
**Reflections, applicability for other countries and take away messages**  
Panel: Nazan Yardım, Turkey || Pavlo Kovytonyu, Ukraine || Kajja Kasekamp, Estonia || Miguel Telo de Arriaga, Portugal || Svetlana Yordanova, Bulgaria || Stanislav Špánik, Slovakia |
DAY 3. WEDNESDAY, 18 April 2018 – Morning

**Morning social activity**

7.30–8.00
- Optional guided physical activity
  - Zumba in fitness center

**Plenary session III: Opportunities and challenges of an accelerated health system response and leapfrogging**

*Moderators: Josep Figueras (Director, European Observatory) and Melitta Jakab (Senior Health Economist, WHO Regional Office for Europe)*

**Participant panel:** Aivars Lapins (Latvia), Alexey Tsoy (Kazakhstan), Pilar Campos (Spain), Pieter de Coninck (Netherlands), Stefan Schreck (European Commission), Amelie Schmitt (WHO headquarters), Michael Borowitz (GFTAM)

Moderated panel and open floor discussion – Overview of parallel policy workshop outputs from Monday and Tuesday

Discussion question 1. What opportunities do you see for leapfrogging the health systems response to NCDs?

Voting with the app
Panel reflections
Open floor

**Opportunities for leapfrogging: feedback from satellite site**

- Satellite site: Opportunities for acceleration and leapfrogging in Kyrgyzstan

**Leapfrogging the elephants: reflections on managing large scale system transformation**

*David Hunter (Newcastle University, UK)*

Discussion question 2. Why is it not happening to a greater extent and what are the barriers? Where do you see engines of transformation?

Voting with the app
Panel reflections
Open floor

**Concluding remarks**

11.00–11.30 Health break

**Plenary session IV: From Europe to the World**

*Moderator: Sirpa Sarlio (Finland), Vesna-Kerstin Petrič (Slovenia)*

**Video Address:** Pirkko Mattila (Minister of Social Affairs and Health, Finland, and Commissioner, WHO Independent High-level Commission on NCDs)

Brief overview of opportunities for applying the messages on health systems strengthening for better NCD outcomes from this meeting globally

*Svetlana Akselrod (Assistant Director-General for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health, WHO)*

**Participant panel:** Svetlana Akselrod, John Macauley (UNDP), Hai-Rim Shin (WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific), Luca Li-Bassi (International Atomic Energy Agency), Enrichetta Placella (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation), Hernan Luque, Pan-American Health Organization /WHO Regional Office for the Americas (PAHO/AMRO)

Panel discussion question 1: Health systems strengthening for better NCD outcomes beyond Europe – what are we doing already?

Panel discussion

- Spotlight from the floor: Nalika Gunawardena, WHO Country Office, Sri Lanka
- Spotlight from the floor: Tamar Khomasuridze (UNFPA)
Open floor discussion

**Discussion question 2: Health systems strengthening for better NCD outcomes – what are the top messages for global outcomes?**

Panel discussion

Open floor discussion

Wrap-up

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| 12.45–13.15| **Closing session**  
Adoption of outcome statement by acclamation  
Zsuzsanna Jakab (WHO Regional Director for Europe)  
Hans Kluge (Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe)  
Bente Mikkelsen (Acting Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe) |
| 13.15–14.00| Optional light lunch                                                  |

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