

Resolution

Health 2020 – The European policy framework for health and well-being

The Regional Committee,

Having considered document EUR/RC62/9, concerning the new European policy framework for health and well-being, and acknowledging the supporting document EUR/RC62/8 concerning the new European policy framework and strategy;

Recalling its resolution EUR/RC60/R5, by which it requested the Regional Director to develop a European policy for health – Health 2020 – to act as a unifying and coherent action framework to accelerate the attainment of better and more equitable health and well-being for all, adaptable to the realities that make up the European Region;

Recalling also its resolution EUR/RC61/R1, by which it requested the Regional Director to continue to consult Member States and where applicable regional economic integration organizations and to develop, according to the guiding framework as presented at its sixty-first session, the final draft of Health 2020 to be presented to Regional Committee for adoption at its sixty-second session;

Mindful of the ongoing WHO reforms and their implications for strong alignment between global and regional policies;

Building on the legacy and experience of the European Region with the values and principles of Health for All,¹ the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion,² the Tallinn Charter: Health Systems for Health and Wealth,³ Health 21⁴ and declarations adopted at ministerial conferences on environment and health;

Acknowledging existing commitments made through global and regional policies, strategies and plans (as reflected in resolutions and other collective political statements) to address public health challenges globally and at regional and national levels;

Noting the findings and recommendations of the studies that have been undertaken to inform Health 2020 including the European review of social determinants and the health divide; the study of governance for health in the 21st century; the study on the economic case for public health action; the study on intersectoral governance for health in all policies; the review of Member States' and the WHO Regional Office for Europe's commitments between 1990 and 2010, and the draft *European health report 2012*;

Aware of the key leadership and initiation role of the health sector; as well as the essential roles and impact on health of various sectors and all levels of government and of subnational, national and international, inter-governmental, nongovernmental and governmental organizations and bodies, in efforts to address health and well-being and health equity in the Region;

1. WELCOMES the work done the Regional Office and takes note of the extensive evidence-gathering and wide participatory process;
2. ADOPTS the regional policy framework for health and well-being – Health 2020 (document EUR/RC62/9) as a guiding framework for health policy development in the Region as a whole and in individual Member States, together with a set of regional goals as set out in that document and the appropriate indicators for the European Region that are relevant to and engage all Member States irrespective of their starting points;

¹ *Global Strategy for Health for All by the year 2000*. Geneva, World Health Organization, 1981 (Health for All series, no. 3).

² *Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion*, 1986. Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 1986

³ *The Tallinn Charter: Health Systems for Health and Wealth. World Health Organization Ministerial Conference on Health Systems, Tallinn, Estonia, 25-27 June 2008*. Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2008.

⁴ *Health 21: The Health for All policy framework for the WHO European Region*. Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 1999 (European Health for All series, no. 6).

3. WELCOMES and ACKNOWLEDGES THE VALUE of the European health policy framework and strategy – Health 2020 (EUR/RC62/8) as a supporting document which strives to provides evidence-based guidance on policies and actions that can work, on the inter-connection between the main strategic approaches, and on the capacity required to address the public health challenges and opportunities to promote health and well-being in the Region, and which can be used as a resource for Member States and the WHO Secretariat in their efforts to implement Health 2020;
4. AGREES that a mid-term evaluation of progress with regard to uptake and implementation of the Health 2020 policy framework should be submitted to the Regional Committee in 2016;
5. URGES Member States⁵ to:
 - (a) develop and update, where appropriate, their policies, strategies and action plans for health development taking full account where relevant of the regional Health 2020 policy framework and the underlying evidence;
 - (b) take into account, where appropriate or relevant, the regional Health 2020 policy framework in international health activities within the European Region;
 - (c) consider giving support to Health 2020 initiatives through building various forms of collaboration, including relevant partnerships, while stressing proper management of conflicts of interest, especially those involving national and regional governments, nongovernmental organizations, sectors other than health and other parts of civil society, including translation into national languages, where appropriate, of the health policy framework for the European Region;
 - (d) where appropriate, contribute to health information systems and reliable and comparable data-gathering activities in European countries so as to adequately permit the monitoring of progress, using existing reporting systems;
6. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
 - (a) support Member States, where appropriate, in developing and updating their health policies in accordance with Health 2020;
 - (b) ensure that in each further resolution dealing with strategies on different issues in the work of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, a special reference should be added to the relation and interconnection with the Health 2020 strategy;

⁵ And regional economic integration organisations, where applicable

- (c) ensure wide dissemination of the regional Health 2020 policy framework and to prepare appropriate information material for communication to relevant audiences;
- (d) promote the regional Health 2020 policy framework to other international and integrational bodies active in the health and other sectors in the Region as a possible frame of reference for the development of policies according to the health in all policies and whole-of-government approaches;
- (e) continuously update the evidence and knowledge base on strategies and methods that work, in order to promote and facilitate the implementation of Health 2020 using all appropriate communication tools;
- (f) in consultation with the Member States and regional economic integration organizations, where appropriate, develop a monitoring system for Health 2020 using the existing indicators to the maximum extent possible as outlined in operative paragraph 2 and submit it to the sixty-third session of the Regional Committee for consideration.