SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Background
The Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region, 2011–2015 (MAP 2011–2015) was endorsed by the sixty-first session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 15 September 2011. This Plan considers a number of activities to be undertaken by Member States in seven areas of intervention, with assistance from the WHO Regional Office and partners. After four years of implementation, significant progress can be reported towards the achievement of the 2015 targets indicated by MAP 2011–2015. However, now that we are approaching the final year of implementation, it is time to rethink how Member States, WHO and partners should move forward in further preventing and controlling tuberculosis (TB) and drug-resistant TB in the WHO European Region.

The Post-2015 Global Tuberculosis Strategy was endorsed by the sixty-seventh session of the World Health Assembly on 14 May 2014. This Strategy now needs to be adapted to the regional context under a new TB action plan covering the period 2016–2020. The new action plan will be consistent with the seven areas of intervention of MAP 2011–2015 and cover all 53 Member States of the Region. It will also be aligned with Health 2020, the European health policy framework, and the framework action plans developed by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

Aim
The aim of the regional consultation meeting is to discuss the first draft of the Tuberculosis Action Plan for the WHO European Region, 2016–2020 (TB-AP 2016–2020) developed in consultation with the Advisory Committee established under the secretariat of the WHO Regional Office for Europe.
Objectives
1. Discuss lessons learned from the implementation of MAP 2011–2015;
2. Discuss the structure of TB-AP 2016–2020 and the main interventions foreseen at country and regional level in line with the Post-2015 Global Tuberculosis Strategy and main regional reference documents;
3. Identify the means and tools for monitoring the implementation of TB-AP 2016–2020 in collaboration with Member States and major stakeholders, including civil societies in country and at regional level.

Expected outcome
The draft of TB-AP 2016–2020 is discussed and its structure and main interventions revised and validated.

Methods
The meeting includes presentations, plenary discussions and group work organized around the following disciplines: (i) prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and patient support, and intra/inter-sectoral collaboration; (ii) political commitment, civil society and community engagement, universal health coverage and social protection, and social determinants; and (iii) research on new tools, strategies and interventions, and on methods for optimizing implementation and impact.

Participants will share the lessons learned from implementing MAP 2011–2015 and provide their inputs on the new targets and interventions proposed under TB-AP 2016–2020.

The working languages will be English and Russian, with simultaneous interpretation provided.

Working groups
Group 1: Integrated and patient-centred care and prevention (prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care and patient support, and intra/inter-sectoral collaboration).
Group 2: Bold policies and supportive systems (political commitment, civil society and community engagement, universal health coverage and social protection, and social determinants).
Group 3: Intensified research and innovation (research on new tools, strategies and interventions, and on methods for optimizing implementation and impact).

Background documents
2. Progress report on the implementation of the Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region, 2011–2015:
3. Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015:
4. Framework towards TB elimination in low-incidence countries
5. Working document on the framework action plan to fight TB in the European
   Union: gaps and options analysis.
   http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/health-policy/health-2020-the-european-
   policy-for-health-and-well-being/publications/2013/health-2020-a-european-