

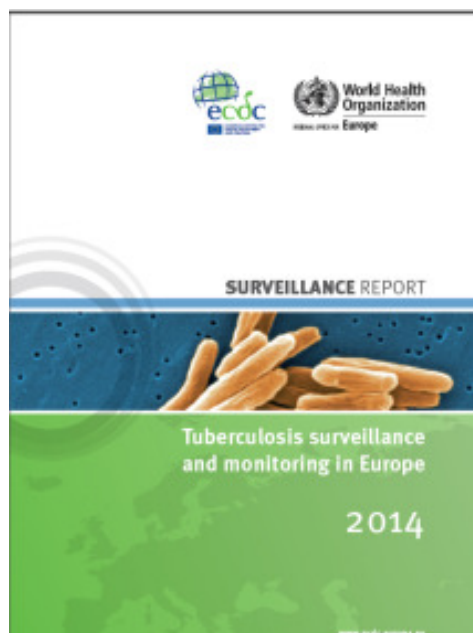
## 24 March 2014 World Tuberculosis Day

### Boost efforts to eliminate TB by 2050!

#### High-level event and launch of WHO/ECDC report

24 March 2014, 10:00-11:00

UN City Copenhagen, Auditorium 3  
Marmovej 51 DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø Denmark



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Greater action is required to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) globally, and address the emergence and spread of resistant forms of the disease. European countries have done much since adopting of the Consolidated Action Plan in 2011, including scaling up diagnosis and treatment. But this is not enough. WHO/Europe urges Member States to boost their efforts to reach the target of eliminating TB globally by 2050.

#### Challenge of drug-resistant TB in the WHO European Region

Drug-resistant TB is of particular concern to the European Region, where 15 of the 27 countries worldwide with a high burden of MDR-TB are found. Despite improved diagnostics and treatment, cases are confirmed in less than half of the estimated people in the Region with MDR-TB, due to limited laboratory capacity, and treatment is reported to be successful in only half of confirmed cases.

#### New report launched

On World TB Day 2014 a new report will be released providing a picture of the TB and MDR-TB burden in the European Region. It will be launched at an event with Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe, Marc Sprenger, Director of ECDC, and high level representatives.

*You are hereby cordially invited to attend the WHO high-level event on Monday, 24 March 2014 from 10:00 to 11:00 at the UN City in Copenhagen, Auditorium 3 followed by refreshments. Registration will start at 09:30. Due to security procedures, participants are required to show their valid ID to receive a security badge upon entrance.*

**The high-level event will be held in English.**

*To ensure availability of seats and security procedures, please confirm your participation **by 17 March 2014 latest** to [tuberculosis@euro.who.int](mailto:tuberculosis@euro.who.int), tel.: +4545336791.*

**Journalists are invited to attend and register at [csa@euro.who.int](mailto:csa@euro.who.int)**

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## Preliminary programme

09:30	Registration
10:00	Welcome and opening remarks
	<b>Keynote speeches</b>
10:05	Eliminating TB in our lifetime - <i>Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe</i>
10:10	Importance of tuberculosis prevention, control and care for policy making in the European Union - <i>Isabel de la Mata Barranco, Principal Adviser with special interest in Health, European Commission</i>
10:15	Progress towards elimination in the European Union - <i>Marc Sprenger, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control</i>
10:20	Importance of tuberculosis prevention, control and care– <i>Danish Ministry of Health</i>
10:25	Joining forces to fight TB and MDR TB in Eastern Europe and Central Asia - <i>Michel Kazatchkine, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia</i>
10:30	Working in partnerships and the role of civil society in the combat against TB - <i>Oxana Rucsineanu, representative of TB Europe Coalition (TBEC)</i>
10:35	Videomessage: Post 2015 Global TB Strategy - <i>Mario Raviglione, Director of Global TB Programme</i>
10:40	Movie
10:45	Questions and answers
11:00	Refreshments
12:00	Closure of the event

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