Health information systems in Europe: where are we going?

- The purpose of this technical briefing is to provide an overview of progress on joint work among international agencies in the area of health information for well-being in Europe.

- The briefing will inform participants about the work of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission (EC) and The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since the signing of the Joint Declaration with the EC in 2010 and the Joint Action Plan with OECD in 2012. In addition, one charitable foundation – the Wellcome Trust – that is supporting the health information work of the Regional Office will provide its vision for evidence and information for well-being in Europe.

- Each panellist will present a short overview of the concrete steps taken in his or her respective agency to enhance information for health and well-being in collaboration with partner organizations. The Regional Office will expand on the roadmap towards a health information system for Europe with the EC and OECD, the European Health Information Initiative, the launch of the new EURO health information web portal and present other tools that support Member States in the strengthening of their health information systems.

- The main thrust of the session, however, will be the discussion following the panel presentation, which will include feedback from participants on their views of progress made, their expectations from the panellists and proposals for the next steps to be taken.