Call for Expression of Interest in Joining Pan-European Mental Health Coalition

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The World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO) is seeking representatives of intergovernmental and governmental organizations, WHO Collaborating Centres, non-governmental organizations, philanthropic foundations, international business associations and academic institutions to become members of the new pan-European Mental Health Coalition.

Mental health conditions are one of the leading causes of suffering and disability in the WHO European Region, touching all ages and social groups. The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted, through its disruption of health care services, existing inequalities in mental health systems, particularly gaps in access to and implementation of mental health interventions – whether it be treating those with mental health conditions, preventing the development of those conditions through addressing the social determinants of health, or promoting resilience and well-being.

The WHO European Region is meeting this mental health crisis head on. At its 71st Regional Committee for Europe, Member States endorsed the WHO European Framework for Action on Mental Health 2021–2025 (EFAMH), which defined the scope and priorities for action on mental health. The pan-European Mental Health Coalition will be instrumental in acting on the priorities of the EFAMH through seven work packages:

1. establishing a mental health data lab;
2. developing a mental health leadership package;
3. supporting the mental health and well-being of children, adolescents and young people;
4. supporting the mental health and well-being of older adults;
5. supporting the promotion of mental health in the workplace;
6. continuing to build evidence on the mental health impacts of COVID-19 in service of recovery efforts; and
7. supporting countries in transforming mental health services.

Who can express interest?

WHO welcomes expression of interest from the following entities:

1. governmental organizations, including National Technical Focal Points for Mental Health appointed by Member States of the WHO European Region, senior representatives of WHO Member States and parliaments;
2. intergovernmental organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies and the European Union;
3. WHO Collaborating Centres for mental health; and
4. non-State actors, including non-governmental organizations, philanthropic foundations, international business associations and academic institutions.

In addition, individuals with expertise in mental health – including experts by experience, such as people with the lived experience of mental health conditions or their family members – are invited to express interest as supporters of the Coalition. Supporters will be invited to promote, disseminate and advocate for the Coalition’s work in their respective local contexts.
Finally, the Coalition is open to private sector entities, who are invited to join as observers. Observers are eligible to exchange information relevant to mental health with Coalition members.

**Registering your interest**

To register your interest, please complete the online form [here](#).

WHO will perform a preliminary screening of all applicants to determine eligibility. Intergovernmental organizations, governmental organizations and WHO Collaborating Centres for mental health need only complete the online form to be considered members.

Non-State actors (as defined above and in the Framework for Engagement with Non-State Actors), including observers, will need to complete an application form, Confidentiality Undertaking and Declaration of Interests. For their application to be considered, non-State actors will also be required to submit adequate information and documentation regarding their legal status, membership, mandate, aims and objectives, sources of funding (including list of donors and sponsors) as well as a summary of their activities (nature and scope) related to Coalition work. Non-State actors must sign the tobacco-arms disclosure statement. Supporters will also be required to complete a Declaration of Interest.

WHO will review all applications and designate those that meet all requirements as members of the Coalition.

For more information on the status and operating conditions of the Coalition, please see the Terms of Reference of the WHO Pan-European Mental Health Coalition.

If you have any questions about this call for expression of interest or the Coalition, please write to EUROMHC@who.int before the application deadline.