Tuberculosis action plan
for the WHO European Region 2023–2030

Why do we need a new TB action plan?

Major public health burden

- **69,000** estimated new cases of DR-TB
- **29,000** estimated people with TB/HIV coinfection
- The European Region is home to 24% of the global burden of MDR-TB and 47% of the global burden of pre-XDR-TB

Main challenges

- Low DR-TB treatment success rate
- TB/HIV coinfection rates are high and rising: 12% among new TB cases (2020)
- Extremely slow uptake of TB preventive treatment: only 16% of target population enrolled

New challenges and opportunities

- COVID-19-related disruptions to TB services have led to decreases in TB case notifications
- Impact of humanitarian crises on the continued provision of essential TB services and potential loss of progress
- New options for TB prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and delivery of TB services

Renewed political and financial commitment needed to reinvent the TB response and get back on track to reach regional and global targets
The TB action plan targets will be met by:

- Engaging primary health care and communities to achieve universal health coverage and strengthen health systems
- Providing new options for TB prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and delivery of services
- Scaling up digital health solutions for screening, diagnosis and treatment adherence to make access to TB services faster, better and more impactful
- Having a strong focus on DR-TB with:
  - a complete transition to fully oral treatments for TB and DR-TB
  - people-centered models of service delivery
  - robust patient support systems to reduce hospitalizations
  - universal access to rapid molecular diagnosis for TB and its comorbidities
- Meaningfully engaging civil society and affected communities
- Putting TB back on the agenda in low-incidence TB countries, to reach TB elimination
- Accelerating the introduction and use of new technologies and research