

74th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

Virtual Side Event

A more relevant and responsive WHO: delivering impact in countries – sharing experiences and opportunities

Overview

This side event will reflect on the impact of WHO's enhanced country-level collaboration through real-life examples from Member States, reaffirming WHO's commitment to prioritizing country needs. It will serve as a platform for sharing experiences and exploring opportunities for further collaboration and improvement.

These country experiences are drawn from WHO/Europe's new "Country Impact Report", which will complement the Regional Director's Report at RC74. The report compiles collaboration stories from all 53 Member States in the European Region, providing learning from successes and identifying areas for improvement. This work has been guided by WHO/Europe's Country Strategy ([EUR/RC72/14](#)) and overseen by the 31st SCRC subgroup on WHO/Europe's work at the country level.

Programme

Facilitator: Dr Gundo Weiler, Director of Country Support and Partnerships, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Monday, 16 September 2024

10:00–10:10

Welcome and Introduction

Dr Hans Kluge, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Ms Olivia Wigzell, acting Director General of the Public Health Agency of Sweden, SCRC Subgroup Chair

10:10–10:20

WHO/Europe's Country Strategy: Overview and Progress Updates

Dr Gundo Weiler, Director of Country Support and Partnerships, WHO Regional Office for Europe

10:20–11:00

Member State Perspectives: Practical Examples of Real-life Country Collaboration

- 1. Romania strengthens national public health policies with WHO support, guided by a Country Cooperation Strategy**
 - *Professor Adriana Pistol, Secretary of State, Ministry of Health of Romania*
 - *Dr Caroline Clarinval, WHO Representative in Romania*
- 2. Kyrgyzstan puts health at the top of its political agenda with the Central Asia Roadmap for Health and Wellbeing and first-ever Central Asia International Health Investment Forum**
 - *Dr Mederbek Ismailov, First Deputy Minister of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic*
 - *Dr Liviu Vedrasco, WHO Representative in Kyrgyzstan*
- 3. Malta launches a NCD Prevention Policy Framework with WHO Country Support Team assistance**
 - *Prof Dr Charmaine Gauci, Superintendent of Public Health and Director General for Public Health, Ministry for Health in Malta*
 - *Dr Kristina Mauer-Stender, Team Leader Country Implementation Support for Impact, WHO Regional Office for Europe*
- 4. Germany advances public health reforms and the establishment of a prevention institute facilitated by enhanced WHO liaison**
 - *Dr Ute Teichert, Director General and Chief Medical Officer, Directorate for Public Health, Federal Ministry of Health of Germany*
 - *Dr Elke Jakubowski, Senior consultant, WHO Regional Office for Europe, assigned to the Directorate for Public Health, Federal Ministry of Health of Germany*

11:00–11:25

Panel Discussion, Questions, and Interventions

This interactive segment will feature a dynamic panel discussion, bringing together the eight distinguished speakers from the previous segment. The panel will address a range of topics through prepared questions as well as questions and interventions from Member States representatives and other participants.
