

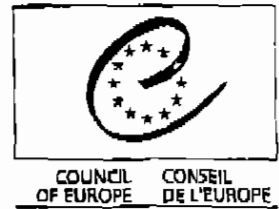
The Dubrovnik Pledge



Meeting the health needs
of vulnerable populations in
South East Europe



This Pledge was endorsed at the Health Ministers Forum on meeting health needs of vulnerable populations in South East Europe (Dubrovnik, 31 August – 2 September 2001) – an event which was co-sponsored by the Council of Europe and the World Health Organization, and hosted by the Ministry of Health of Croatia.



**Health Ministers' Forum: "Health Development
Action for South East Europe"**

**Date: 2 September 2001
Edited: English**

(Dubrovnik, Croatia, 31 August – 2 September 2001)

The Dubrovnik Pledge:

Meeting the Health Needs of

Vulnerable Populations in South East Europe

The Dubrovnik Pledge:

Meeting the Health Needs of Vulnerable Populations in South East Europe

We the Ministers of Health of South East Europe (SEE), gathered here today at the Health Ministers' Forum for Regional Health Development Action in South East Europe recognize the damaging effects on health of recent wars, continuing unrest and conflict, as well as the economic hardships faced by the populations of SEE during their countries' transition to market economies. We accept the challenge to play a key role in strengthening the fundamental human rights of our societies and of vulnerable populations and individuals within them to effective health care, social wellbeing and human development, in line with the principles of the World Health Organization and the Council of Europe.

Focus on specific strategies

We, the Ministers of Health of: Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Romania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and the Federal Secretary for Labour, Health and Social Welfare of Yugoslavia commit ourselves through government action to the following goals.

WE WILL WORK IN PARTNERSHIP with relevant national and international bodies and organizations: to ensure equity, health gain and a better quality of life and health care (including reduced inequalities in its infrastructure and balanced primary and secondary services and public health interventions for the populations of SEE); and to collaborate on issues of common concern, including the harmonization of policies, legislation and information systems, institutional capacity building and networking to build an infrastructure to pursue regional goals and future European integration.

WE WILL MEET THE HEALTH NEEDS OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN SEE, mobilizing human and financial resources to the extent possible to:

- increase citizens' access to appropriate, affordable and high-quality health care services;
- intensify social cohesion by strengthening community mental health services;
- increase the quality of and regional self-sufficiency in the provision of safe blood and blood products;
- develop integrated emergency health care services that are offered free of charge to the user;
- strengthen the surveillance and control of communicable diseases;
- strengthen institutional capacity and intersectoral collaboration for access to affordable and safe food products; and
- establish regional networks and systems for the collection and exchange of social and health information.

Plea to international stakeholders

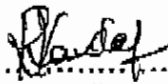
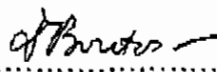
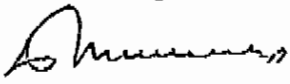
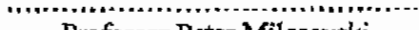
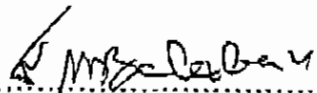
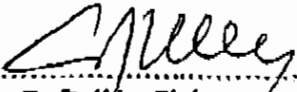

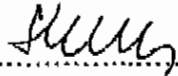
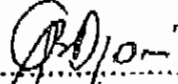

The Health Ministers' Forum for Regional Health Development Action in South East Europe recognizes the need for assistance from international stakeholders to achieve the goals of this Pledge.

WE LOOK TO the Council of Europe and the World Health Organization for strategic guidance in developing mechanisms to coordinate partnership with national and international agencies in the fulfilment of this Pledge and request their support in organizing a first meeting to monitor and evaluate the progress achieved by such partnership.

WE ASK THAT the international community assist, within the framework of the Stability Pact for South East Europe, by providing resources to support the implementation of the above-mentioned urgent action areas for health reconstruction and development. In so doing, we commit ourselves to transparency and dedication in the implementation and reporting of all project activities and their results.

WE REQUEST that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe and the Council of Europe report to their governing bodies about this Pledge and the progress achieved towards its goals.

SIGNATORIES

Albania	Romania
 Ms Ruki Kondaj Secretary General of the Ministry of Health for The Minister of Health of Albania	 Dr Daniela Bartos Minister of Health of Romania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
 Dr Zelko Misanovic Minister of Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	 Professor Petar Milosevski Minister of Health of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
 Dr Milorad Balaban Minister of Health of the Republika Srpska	
Bulgaria	Yugoslavia
 Dr Bojidar Finkov Minister of Health of Bulgaria	 Dr Miodrag Kovac Federal Secretary for Labour, Health and Social Welfare of Yugoslavia
Croatia	For the Secretariat of the Meeting
 Dr Ana Stavljenic Rukavina Minister of Health of Croatia	 Mrs Gabriella Balfaini-Dragoni Director General for Social Cohesion Council of Europe  Dr Marc Danzon Regional Director for Europe World Health Organization

РЕПУБЛИКА МАКЕДОНИЈА
МИНИСТЕРСТВО ЗА ЗДРАВСТВО
"50 Дивизија" б.б., 1 000 СКОПЈЕ
телефон: + 389 2 113 429
телефакс: + 389 2 113 014



REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
"50 Divizija" b.b., 1 000 SKOPJE
phone: + 389 2 113 429
fax: + 389 2 113 014

Ref. No 09-8858/1

Date: 18.10.2001

TO: Dr. Marc Danzon
Regional Director
World Health Organization
Copenhagen, Denmark

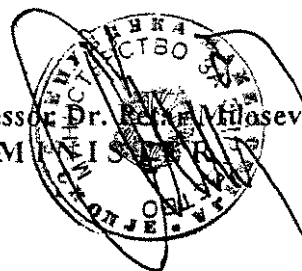
Subject: Notification for the Dubrovnik Pledge

Dear Sir,

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Macedonia within the framework of the Stability Pact for South East Europe, supports the implementation of the Dubrovnik Pledge containing urgent action areas for health reconstruction and development. We commit ourselves to transparency and dedication in the implementation and reporting of all project activities and their results.

Yours truly,

Professor Dr. ~~Blaze~~ Milasevski
MINISTER



Copy to:
Cabinet of Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
Dr. Marija Kisman, WHO Liaison Officer, WHO Liaison Office Skopje, R. Macedonia
Ms. Raquel Rragragio, UNDP Representative, UNDP Office, 8 Dimitrie Cupovski, 1000 Skopje, R. Macedonia



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Štefanova 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Tel.: (+386) 1-478 60 01

Fax: (+386) 1-478 60 58

Date: 13.11.2002

STATEMENT ON
CO-OPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
IN THE SOCIAL COHESION INITIATIVE OF THE STABILITY PACT
- SOUTH EAST EUROPE HEALTH NETWORK -
Health Development Action for south-eastern Europe
Belgrade, 14 -16 November 2002

Slovenia is aware of its responsibility for the stability and economic and social development of South Eastern Europe and has, since the very beginning, actively participated in the provision of assistance to the countries of that region, including activities under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe. We attach special importance to co-operation in the field of health as one of the essential determinants of social and economic development.

Taking into consideration the priorities agreed in Dubrovnik in 2001 by the countries of South Eastern Europe within the framework of the South East European Health Network in the co-operation with the World Health Organisation and the Council of Europe, Slovenia is prepared to continue its active participation in the coming year, as a donor and partner country, primarily in the "Intensifying Social Cohesion by Strengthening Community Mental Health Services in South East Europe " project.

From 4 to 6 November 2002 Slovenia hosted the First Workshop on Mental Health Policies and Legislation, thus contributing USD 25,000 to the project. The same contribution is in 2003 earmarked for this project.

Since co-operation with individual countries within the SEE Health Network or the WHO Network is well underway under the "Strengthening Surveillance and Control of Communicable Diseases in SEE" and "Strengthening Food Safety and Nutrition Services in SEE" projects, we are willing to offer expert assistance and exchange professional experience as our in kind contribution within these two projects. Slovene experts could participate in these workshops with their knowledge and experience, as was the case with the harmonisation of legislation and institutional structure with the European Union and in setting up a system for monitoring communicable diseases and the required infrastructure.



Prof. Dr. Dušan Keber, M.D.

MINISTER



2009, Chișinău, str. Vasile Alecsandri, 1
Tel. +373 2 729907; +373 2 729838;
Fax. +373 2 738781

1. Vasile Alecsandri str., 2009, Chișinău,
Tel. +373 2 729907; +373 2 729838;
Fax. +373 2 738781

27. XI. 02 Nr. 04-4/954

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EUROPE

To: Dr. Marc Danzon, M.D.
Regional Director

Dear Dr. Danzon,

Herewith, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova expresses its sincere gratitude for the invitation to join the South East European Health Network established in the frame of the Stability Pact Initiative for Social Cohesion. We would like to inform you that our Ministry supports the implementation of the Dubrovnik Pledge containing urgent measures for health reconstruction and development and will promote the Stability Pact policy.

The Ministry of Health will highly appreciate the involving of the Republic of Moldova in all the activities of the SEE Health Network, including those we do not take part in.

In the light of the above, please give us the permission to thank you for your kind attention and to address you our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



[Signature]
Andrei GHERMAN
Minister

**SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE
HEALTH NETWORK**

“Health Development Action for south
eastern Europe”

Members:

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Serbia and Montenegro
The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia

Donors and Neighbours:

France
Greece
Italy
Slovenia
Sweden

Organizations:

Council of Europe
Council of Europe Development Bank
WHO Regional Office
for Europe

Ms Patrizia Mauro
Stability Pact Secretariat
Executive Secretary
Rue Wiertz 50
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Tel: +32 2 4016 159
Fax: + 32 2 401 8712
E-mail: patrizia.mauro@stabilitypact.org

Dr Piotr Mierzewski
Council of Europe
Directorate of Social & Economic Affairs
Health Policy Division
Rue Boecklin
F-67075 Strasbourg Cedex
France

Tel: +33 3 88 41 30 04
Fax: +33 3 88 41 27 26
E-mail: Piotr.mierzewski@coe.int

Maria Haralanova, M.D.
Division of Country Support
WHO Regional Office for Europe
8 Scherfigsvej
2100 Copenhagen
Denmark

Tel: + 45 39 17 15 13
Fax: +45 39 17 18 99
E-mail: mah@who.dk

