



Memorandum of Understanding

for Collaboration between the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals & Health Services and the South-eastern Europe Health Network

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) establishes a framework for collaboration between the International Network of Health Promoting Hospitals & Health Services (hereinafter referred to as “HPH”), and the South-eastern Europe Health Network (hereinafter referred to as “SEEHN”) to share knowledge and experience and to develop and implement joint activities - according to Article I, §1, and Article III in the HPH Constitution and enhance public health according to Article III of the SEEHN Memorandum of Understanding (2008).

1. Background

1.1 The mission of HPH is better health gain according to the principles of the World Health Organisation (WHO). The HPH members work towards incorporating the concepts, values, strategies and standards or indicators of health promotion into the organizational structure and culture of the hospital/health service. HPH aims to promote and assist the dissemination of the concept of health promotion in hospitals & health services and support implementation within countries and regions, internationally, through technical support to its members and the initiation of new national/regional network

The activities in HPH are based on WHO documents on health promotion in hospitals & health services: the Ottawa Charter (1986), the Budapest Declaration (1991), the Vienna Recommendations (1997), the Bangkok Charter (2006) and the Standards for Health Promotion in Hospitals (2004), the Tallin Charter: Health Systems for Health and Wealth (2008). HPH has adopted the six WHO Core Functions regarding health promotion described in Eleventh General Programme of Work, 2006-2015: Engaging for Health – A Global Health Agenda.

1.2 The Secretariat of HPH is hosted by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Evidence-Based Health Promotion in Hospitals & Health Services, Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark.

1.3 The mission of SEEHN, as a political and institutional forum, is to coordinate and maintain regional cooperation in public health in order to further the reforms of the health systems in the member countries, and thus contribute to economic and social development. The goal of SEEHN is to improve the health of the people in the South-Eastern Europe region, providing and sustaining the ownership and leadership of the countries in the region in implementing concerted action in the priority areas for health defined by the ministers of health of the member countries. The SEEHN member countries are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Israel. Alongside, SEEHN has a number of partner countries and partner organizations (including the World Health Organization, the Council of Europe, the Council of Europe Development Bank, the Regional Co-operation Council, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank, the EuroHealthNet and the International Organization for Migration).

SEEHN's activities are focused on maintaining the concerted health development action of the Dubrovnik Pledge (2001), the Skopje Pledge (2005), and the Banja Luka Pledge (2011) according to the SEEHN Memorandum of Understanding (2008) .

1.4 The Coordination of SEEHN is hosted by the SEEHN Secretariat, which is placed in, Skopje, Macedonia.



1.5 This MoU details and describes the collaboration between HPH and SEEHN.

2. Areas of collaboration

Where possible, HPH and the SEEHN will cooperate as well as encourage and facilitate exchanges by:

- a) Sharing information, lessons learned and best practices;
- b) Mutual participation in congresses, meetings, conferences and symposia organized by the parties;
- c) Cooperation between the networks, their various bodies and their technical experts;
- d) Cooperation on mutually selected subjects;
- e) Cooperation on joint development and/or implementation of projects and activities.

3. Resources

All collaboration activities will be limited to the availability of necessary human and financial resources.

4. Review of Collaboration

- 4.1 The collaboration will be reviewed by the parties in connection with meetings, annually or as appropriate.
- 4.2 This MoU will be evaluated every third year.

5. Events and activities

Information on events and activities that may be of common interest will be shared between the two parties.

6. Term of the MoU

- 6.1 The MoU enters into force upon signature by both parties for a period of three years from that date.
- 6.2 HPH or SEEHN may, at any given time terminate the collaboration established in this MoU. Should a party wish to terminate the collaboration, a three months' notice in writing shall be given.
- 6.3 HPH or SEEHN can, at any time, withdraw technical contribution to specific projects prior to appropriate notice.

7. The HPH emblem and name

The HPH emblem and name may not be used, unless there is prior written approval of the International HPH Secretariat, on a case-by-case basis.

8. The SEEHN emblem and name

The SEEHN emblem and name may not be used, unless there is prior written approval of the SEEHN Secretariat, on a case-by-case basis.

9. Disputes

Any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of the MoU shall, unless amicably settled, be subject to conciliation. In the event of failure of the latter, the dispute shall be settled by arbitration. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the modalities to be agreed upon by the parties or, in the absence of agreement, in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The parties shall accept the arbitral awards as final.

Done in Zagreb, Croatia, on the 5th June 2012 in two originals in the English language.

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