

Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration between South-eastern Europe Health Network and Centre for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation “Studiorum”

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) establishes a framework for collaboration between the South-eastern Europe Health Network (hereinafter referred to as “SEEHN”) and the Centre for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation “Studiorum” (hereinafter referred to as “Studiorum”) to share knowledge and experience and to develop and implement joint activities.

1. Background

1.1 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, 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).

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

1.3 The mission of Studiorum, as a non-governmental not-for-profit think-tank, is to work on economic and social aspects of EU integration and globalization processes that are of essential importance for Macedonia and the countries of Southeast Europe (SEE), through different policy-oriented programs and research projects, which contribute to and complement the attempts of policy-makers in policy design and implementation, and support central and local governments, business and nongovernmental sectors in their communication and cooperation. One of the main goals of Studiorum is to work on improvement of the health and social welfare of people in Macedonia and in the countries of SEE region, that is implemented through sub-national, national and regional activities with multiple partners and stakeholders.



Studiorum's activities, channelled through its Health Policy and Management program, are focused on improving health and welfare through strengthening social and health systems at national level in Macedonia and the region of SEE applying Welfare/Health in All Policies approach, the ultimate goal being Welfare and Health for All.

1.4 Studiorum is established under the applicable laws of Macedonia, as an association of citizens, governed by Management Board, and overseen by the Assembly of all members. The headquarters of Studiorum is located in Skopje, Macedonia.

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

2. Areas of collaboration

Where possible, SEEHN and Studiorum 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 SEEHN or Studiorum 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 SEEHN or Studiorum can, at any time, withdraw technical contribution to specific projects prior to appropriate notice.

7. 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.



8. The Studiorum emblem and name

The Studiorum emblem and name may not be used, unless there is prior written approval from its Headquarters, 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.

10. Final provisions

This MoU does not represent an international treaty, under the provisions of Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 1969.

Done in _____ in two originals in the English language.

For SEEHN:

For Studiorum:


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