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# REPORT

## ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SEE HEALTH NETWORK SECRETARIAT FOR THE PERIOD January – December 2019

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AMR	Antimicrobial Resistance
AP	Action Plan
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CEI	Central European Initiative
EC	European Commission
EHFG	European Health Forum Gastein
EU	European Union
Ex COM	Executive Committee
GDO	Geographically Dispersed Office
HRH	Human Resources in Health
MKD	Republic of North Macedonia
MNE	Montenegro
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MS	Member States
NCD	Non communicable Disease
NFPs	National Focal Points
NHC	National Health Coordinator
PHC	Primary Health Care
RCC	Regional Cooperation Council
RHDC	Regional Health Development Centers
RHDHC SRH	RHDC on Sexual and Reproductive Health
SCS	Sub-Regional Cooperation Strategy
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SECID	Southeast European Center for Surveillance and Control of Infectious Diseases
SEE	South Eastern Europe
SEEHN	South Eastern European Health Network
SRB	Serbia
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
UN	United Nations
WHO	World Health Organization
WHO EURO	WHO Regional Office for Europe
YHO	International Youth Health Organization



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## **Introduction**

The present Report on the activities of the South Eastern European Health Network (SEEHN) Secretariat, has been developed for the period of January - December 2019 and is submitted to the attention of the Executive Committee and regional meetings (NHCs) according to the *Memorandum of Understanding: Future of the South-eastern Europe Health Network in the framework of the South East European Co-operation Process (2008)* and *Statute of the Secretariat of the SEE Health Network (2019)*.

### **1. The SEEHN Secretariat structure**

During the reporting period January - December 2019 the SEEHN Secretariat technical and administrative staff has been fulfilling its roles and responsibilities, including changes as following:

- SEEHN Secretariat Head – Overall responsibility for the management of the Secretariat and the support to the work of the Network (Contract since March 2017);
- Finance Officer (recruited since September 2016 as Administrative Officer and later with contracted as Finance Officer since September 2018).
- Technical Officer, recruited staff of the SEEHN Secretariat, since January 2017.
- Administrative Assistant, part-time recruited staff of the SEEHN Secretariat, since July 2018. This full time position to be advertised in 2020.
- IT Specialist, part-time staff member of the Secretariat: responsible for all IT issues including the postings to the Facebook, Instagram and Website of the SEEHN.

During the last reported year, Dr. Mira Jovanovski Dasic was successfully holding the leading position of the SEEHN Secretariat Director, continuously strengthening the internal capacities of the organization, securing with the Member States authorities the commitment for further cooperation within the framework of the SEEHN, as the key initiative for addressing health issues in the region.

Throughout the period between January - December 2019, SEEHN Secretariat has been outsourcing capacities for different specific outcomes under particular terms of reference, such as: Communication consultant, legal experts, Environmental Health Expert, presenters for Health Literacy, experts on Human resources in Health etc.



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## **2. SEEHN Executive Committee**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of 29 April 2009 of the SEE Health Network, and its Addendum of 2011, the SEEHN High Level Representatives in line with Article VI – Governance and leadership: Presidency, Executive Committee and regional meetings named the National Health Coordinators (NHCs).

The elected Executive Committee during the closed Ex COM session, at the 39<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting held in Sofia in November 2017, were fulfilling their duties during the reporting period. The composition of the Ex COM remained as following:

1. *SEE representatives elected as members of the SEEHN Executive Committee for 2018-2019 are:*

- a) Ms. Einav Shimron, NHC from Israel
- b) Mr. Nikola Antovic, NHC from Montenegro
- c) Dr. Cristian Vasile-Grasu, NHC from Romania
- d) Dr. Danijela Urosevic, NHC from Serbia

2. *Dr. Danijela Urosevic was elected as the Chair of the SEEHN Executive Committee for the period of two years, e.g. 2018 – 2019.*

3. *The following co-opted members/advisors of the SEEHN Executive Committee are:*

- a. Professor Alex Leventhal, The Brown School of Public Health, Medical University, Jerusalem, the State of Israel
- b. Dr. Nicolae Jelamschi, Executive Director, Coordination, Implementation and Monitoring Unit of the Health System Projects, Republic of Moldova

4. *The International organizations that were elected to act as observers in the new SEEHN Executive Committee were:*

- a. WHO Regional Office for Europe and
- b. the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)

The RCC was not invited to participate in the latest SEEHN Ex COM meetings due to missing nomination of new Focal point to act as observer in the Ex com.

The Executive Committee held 3 (three) meetings during 2019, one TC and two face-to-face meetings. The Executive Committee held his most recent meeting on 17 December 2019 in Rome, whereas was decided the mandate of the Ex Com members to be extended until next 42<sup>nd</sup> Plenary meeting to be held in Podgorica in May/June 2020.<sup>1</sup> (Annex 1)

The mandate of Dr. Cristian Vasile-Grasu, NHC from Romania, will be fulfilled by the newly appointed NHC from Romania – Dr. Horatiu Moldovan, State Secretary within the Ministry of Health, as from 19 December 2019.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Montenegro has one - year Presidency for the period July 2019-June2020, upon the decision taken during the 41<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting held 20-21 June 2019 in Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia. Therefore, the mandate of Ex Cm members will be adjusted accordingly.

<sup>2</sup> Due to political changes in ROM government, i.e. appointment of new Minister of Health and new NHC to the SEEHN



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### **3. Financial status and yearly contributions from the SEEHN Member States**

SEEHN CONTRIBUTIONS as of December 31, 2019

During the second half of 2019 Republic of Albania paid the contribution for 2018.

Republic of Serbia, Montenegro, Republic of Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Romania paid their contributions for 2019.

Republic of Moldova and State of Israel paid in advance their contribution for 2019, i.e. it was paid in 2018.

Republic of Moldova paid in advance the contribution for 2020, i.e. it was paid in December 2019

Annual contributions for 2019 were not paid from the Republic of Albania and Republic of North Macedonia.

*\*Detailed SEEHN Contributions Report is available at SEEHN Secretariat upon request.*

During the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the Ex Com held on 17 December 2019 in Rome, the SEEHN Financial Report 2019 (as of November 30, 2019) and the SEEHN Financial Plan 2020, have been presented by Dr. Mira Jovanovski-Dasic, Head of SEEHN Secretariat and approved by the Ex Com members. Quarterly progress reports have been shared with all the NHCs.

Annual Financial Report narrative for 2019 (Annex 2) and Financial Plan 2020 narrative (Annex 3), were also shared via e-mail with all NHCs in February 2020.

### **4. SEEHN Communication activities**

Due to the absence of a recruited Communication Officer within the SEEHN Secretariat, a temporary part time Communication Consultant has been contracted for a period of 4 months in order to prepare media content/publications for the official Web site. The temporary part time Communication Officer from the Republic of Serbia has been engaged within 2019 Financial Plan of the SEEHN.

Throughout the year, the IT maintenance expert for the Network who is a part time SEEHN Secretariat staff, has been continuously supporting the IT needs of the Secretariat and has been maintaining the SEEHN Web site, Facebook page and Instagram page.



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## **5. SEEHN Activities at Political Level**

The SEEHN Secretariat in collaboration with the **SEEHN Presidency of the Republic of North Macedonia (MKD)** coordinated, developed and carried out all the technical and logistical preparations for the **41st Plenary Meeting, with dedicated topic “Health workforce in SEE region, challenges and opportunities: Brain drain – Brain gain” held on 20-21 June in Skopje, MKD.**

The SEEHN Secretariat carried out also the following communication strategies in order to manage the limited financial resources and secure timeliness of the implementation of the planned activities at regional level:

- *Negotiation on exchanging with the Presidency and Ex Com by correspondence/online*
- *Submitting to the NHCs for consultation and collecting approvals by correspondence*
- *Setting up Calendar of events for the Presidency/collecting data by correspondence*

**As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, SEEHN Presidency is taken over by Montenegro (MNE).**

### **5.1. SEEHN Secretariat**

Dr. Mira Jovanovski Dasic has been successfully fulfilling her leadership mandate of the Director of the SEEHN Secretariat during the reporting period. She was continuously sustaining the highest diplomatic correspondence with the Ministries of Health of the SEEHN Member States, as well as with the Ambassadors of the SEEHN Member States in the Host Country and a range of stakeholders of strategic importance for the SEE Network partnerships.

During 2019 2 countries have had half of their Presidency mandates within the SEEHN. The first part of the year the Presidency Mandate was held by MKD (10 July 2018 until end of June 2019), followed by the Montenegro Presidency that was negotiated for a year duration (July 2019 – end of June 2020). The reasons that underpinned above mentioned changes to foster regional collaboration in health for better performance of the SEE Health Network. Dr. Dasic had on several occasions bilateral meetings with the Minister of Health of the Republic of North Macedonia Dr. Venko Filipce, and with the nominated NHC Dr Vladimir Milosev, State Secretary to facilitate the implementation and coordination of the presidency mandate. Dr. Dasic, had also bilateral meetings with Dr. Kenan Hrapović, Minister of Health of MNE, and NHC Mr Nikola Antovic, General Secretary aimed to facilitate the SEE Regional activities.

SEEHN Secretariat representatives participated at the **Ministerial consultation on the implementation of the action plan to improve public health preparedness and response in the WHO European Region” Protecting people from health emergencies together”, held on 14 February 2019, Istanbul, Turkey.** Dr. Dasic intervened in a panel discussion on the importance of regional dialogue and coordinated actions. The SEE Health Network as a flagship model reveals the strong links between health emergencies and development, since the Network had resulted from what we would call today the “Humanitarian, peace and development Nexus”. Thus, potential partners at





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all levels were invited to support SEEHN aspirations for development, sustainability and health security, while also addressing vulnerabilities.

SEEHN Secretariat representatives participated at the **Expert meeting "Problems of Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) within the Black Sea region-challenges, trends and implications for cross-border surveillance", held in Sofia, 24-25 February 2019**. A presentation on "SEEHN-Regional alliance for Public Health and challenge of Antimicrobial Resistance" was delivered by Dr. Dasic. Also, on the margins of the event, a very constructive meeting with SEEHN National Health Coordinator from Bulgaria, Dr Angel Kunchev and Alternate SEEHN NHC Dr Plamen Dimitrov, WHO CO Representative from Bulgaria Dr Skender Sylva and SEEHN RHDC on AMR hosted by Bulgaria, was held to discuss the possibilities and actions forward to enhance and reinforce the RHDC on AMR. All parties involved, confirmed the importance of their commitment to continue to promote regional cooperation in the field of AMR.

SEEHN Chair of the SEEHN Executive Committee (ExCom) and National Health Coordinator (NHC) the Republic of Serbia (SRB), Dr. Danijela Urosevic, participated to the **SEE Regional Policy Dialogue: Towards Improved Structural Reforms and Fiscal Frameworks held in Ljubljana, 26-27 February 2019**. This SEE regional policy dialogue was a kick-off to the three-year project Strengthening Line Ministries' Capacities to Assess Fiscal Implications of Structural Reforms (FISR project) funded by the European Union and implemented by the Center of Excellence in Finance. The meeting brought together versatile interest groups that discussed structural reforms and their improved integration into fiscal frameworks of the countries. The discussion was facilitated through the prism of increased competitiveness and growth of the region and enhanced EU enlargement.

In this line, Dr. Mira Jovanovski Dasic, had a productive meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May with Dr. Danijela Urosevic, Chair of SEEHN ExCOM and NHC of SRB at the Ministry of Health in Belgrade, discussed important SEEHN topics and the organization of the 41<sup>st</sup> Plenary meeting held in Skopje. On May 30, Dr Danijela Urosevic, visited the SEEHN Secretariat premises in Skopje, MKD. This was a good opportunity to continue on discussions related to the potential for enhancement of the regional cooperation in public health and other relevant issues for the upcoming Executive Committee meeting to be held in June in Skopje, along with the SEEHN 41st Plenary.

Dr. Mira Dasic met Dr. Boris Gilca, State Secretary, Republic of Moldova on 16 May in Chisinau. Fruitful discussions focused on the strengthening of the SEEHN partnerships, current common challenges for health systems, with an accent on Human Resources and possible ways forward.

Ms Sonja Bozhinovska - Petrushevska, Head of IOM Office in the Republic of North Macedonia met Dr Mira Dasic, Director of SEEHN Secretariat on 27 May 2019, to discuss the ongoing preparations for the SEEHN 41st Plenary. Productive meeting focused mainly on the Plenary subject "Health workforce in SEE region, challenges and opportunities: brain drain - brain gain" and collaboration with IOM as SEEHN Partner.



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For the first time this year in 2019, SEEHN Secretariat participated at the 2019 DMWC International Charity Bazaar organized on 1 June in GTC, Skopje. SEEHN participation headline was Promotion of healthy lifestyle “an apple a day keeps the doctor away”. SEEHN Secretariat was distributing apples with bookmarks mapping 10 lifestyle choices. Beneficiary of the donated collected money are children with cerebral palsy.

In the context of the preparations for the upcoming SEEHN Presidency Mandate SEEHN Secretariat hosted the delegation of the Montenegrin Ministry of Health - Mr. Nikola Antovic, SEEHN National Health Coordinator and Mr. Milovan Vujovic, State Secretary, on June 5, 2019, in Skopje. Dr Mira Dasic, SEEHN Secretariat Director, discussed how to better plan, prepare and coordinate regional efforts under Montenegrin Presidency mandate starting from July 1, 2019. Montenegrin Presidency has been decided to be under the umbrella of immunization.

Dr. Dasic met on 14.10.2019 with at SEEHN Secretariat Prof dr Miodrag Radunovic dean and Prof Dr Zarko Dasic vice dean for international cooperation from the Medical faculty in Podgorica, Montenegro. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange perspectives aiming to address regional cooperation and explore potential ways and areas of cooperation.

With Dr. Mihai Horga, Director Eastern European Institute of Reproductive Health and SEEHN Regional Health Development Center (RHDC) on Sexual and Reproductive health, hosted by Romania, on 29.11.19 in Skopje activities and exchange ideas aimed to improve sexual and reproductive health in the SEE Region in 2020, were discussed.

**Upon invitation from the Ministry of Health of Bulgaria, SEEHN Secretariat took active participation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Central – and Eastern- European-Countries-China Health Ministers Forum, held in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 6 November 2019.** Dr Mira Jovanovski Dasic called to strengthen the existing partnerships and to pave the road towards building new ones for better health. A lot of fruitful discussions, exchange of experiences under different sessions on Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Innovation in Health, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), Health Security, Hospital Management, Traditional Chinese medicine took place.

On 6 December 2019, the SEE Health Network Secretariat Director Dr Dasic and the Executive Director of the Center for Regional Policy Research and Cooperation Studiorum Prim Neda Milevska – Kostova at the SEEHN Secretariat in Skopje co – signed the ***Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)*** from 2013. Under the MoU, both sides agreed to continue enhancing regional cooperation in public health as one of the highest priority in underpinning political cooperation and economic development in the SEE region, by undertaking exchange of information, publications and joint development and/or implementation of projects and activities in the areas of mutual interest.



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During 2019 similar negotiations to renew the bilateral partnership have been on going with European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG), project HOPE, and UNFPA. It is expected in early 2020 to finalize and formalize these processes.

All these bilateral and multilateral meetings emphasized the importance of the regional cooperation and agreed to expand the technical possibilities for the enhancement of the Network and also to support any other health initiatives that might be of interest at the regional level.

## **5.2. Sub-Regional Cooperation Strategy between SEEHN and WHO Regional Office for Europe for the period 2018-2023**

The first **Sub-regional Cooperation Strategy (SCS) of the WHO Regional Office for Europe and SEEHN<sup>3</sup>** that has been signed by Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab on behalf of WHO/Europe and Dr Mira Dasic on behalf of SEEHN Secretariat within the framework of the Ministerial Meeting, held on 10 July 2018 in Tel-Aviv, State of Israel.

This policy strategic planning document that is a renewed commitment of the WHO EURO and South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN) to improve and contribute to health, well-being and prosperity in South-eastern Europe within the framework of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The activities are planned in a multi-country mode of cooperation to achieve progress at the Regional level and at the same time to advance the national priorities and common goals.

Since the signature the involved parties started the implementation of different actions to achieve the key target for universal health coverage in the Member States of SEEHN.

**The WHO Regional Office for Europe (EURO) organized a working lunch within the WHO Executive Board 144 framework to brief Member States** on the progress achieved during the long standing partnership between WHO Regional Office for Europe and South-eastern Europe Health Network held on 28 January 2019 in Geneva.

SEEHN Secretariat Director, Dr. Mira Dasic outlined key achievements in the last two years of leadership and spotted strategic alliances for public health in the SEE Region to maximize health outcomes and reach the targets of UN 2030 SDG Agenda.

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.euro.who.int/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/392772/seehn-scs-2018-2023-eng.pdf?ua=1](http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/392772/seehn-scs-2018-2023-eng.pdf?ua=1)



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## **6. SEEHN Technical Activities in January - December 2019**

Under the Presidency of North Macedonia, **SEEHN National Health Coordinators gathered in Belgrade, Serbia, on 8 February 2019 for an Ad-Hoc Meeting to deliberate on the regional place and importance of the SEEHN as organization and main strategic vision for medium-term with specific strategic objectives and activities to implement the Chisinau Pledge.** The main goal of this Ad-Hoc Meeting was to discuss the activities and challenges during the recent period (November 2018 – January 2019) related to the findings of the unpublished “Evaluation of Regional Organizations in the Western Balkans” Report (further on Evaluation Report). The meeting had a consultative main scope and purpose to present and discuss the latest developments and steps undertaken by the SEEHN Executive Committee and the SEEHN Secretariat, to receive further guidance on actions to be implemented in the short and medium term. (Annex 4)

In the context of the above mentioned, a bilateral meeting of the SEEHN Secretariat Director Dr Mira Jovanovski Dasic was held with Director Mr Igor Popovski, Directorate for Bilateral Relations with Southeast European Countries and Regional Initiatives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MKD, on 25<sup>th</sup> April. The discussions touched upon the following subjects: current Presidency Mandate of the Republic of North Macedonia: review of the recent activities of the SEEHN and short-term plans by the end of the Presidency Mandate - 30 June 2019, upcoming activities and recent cooperation with the European Commission; further cooperation with MKD as Host Country and the stand of Macedonian Government on options for effective communication.

### **6.1 Cooperation with WHO Regional Office for Europe**

WHO Regional Office for Europe during the reporting period, provided continuous support to the SEEHN Secretariat, including technical advices and support at high level and technical meetings in various areas of public health:

- **Participation to WHO high level meetings:**
  - ✓ Dr. Dasic represented SEEHN vision and perspectives to the delivery on the Agenda 2030/SDGs and on the implementation of the Health 2020 in the SEE region, within the 144th Executive Board of the WHO EURO, held on 28 January 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.
  - ✓ SEEHN Secretariat representatives participated at the **Ministerial meeting on the Action Plan to Improve Public Health Preparedness and Response (12–14 February 2019, Istanbul, Turkey):** The high-level meeting brought together representatives from Member States to galvanize their commitment for full implementation of the first Action Plan to Improve Public Health Preparedness and Response in the WHO European Region. The Action Plan aims to strengthen and maintain national capacities to effectively prevent, prepare for, detect and respond to public health threats, and to provide assistance to affected countries, when necessary. The meeting set out the path for a shared vision of coordinated governance and accountability, establish a monitoring and evaluation framework, and identify key areas of action to successfully carry out the Plan at the country level.



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- ✓ At the **72<sup>nd</sup> World Health Assembly in Geneva on 20 May 2019**, SEEHN delivered a Joint Statement by Minister of Health of Moldova that is in line with the Chisinau Pledge. The Statement focused on the SEE Health Network efforts putting the central importance of Universal Health Coverage achievement for everyone and everywhere in the South Eastern Europe Region. Significant contribution to its achievement was the Ministerial Meeting in Tel Aviv in July 2018 under the subject 'Ensuring Primary health care for ageing population'. The Meeting highlighted the importance of primary health care which is the cornerstone of all health systems by providing people centred-care. The rise of chronic diseases, non-communicable diseases, mental health and multi-morbidity in our populations requires strong Primary Health Care that is essential for sustainable and resilient health systems to be able to meet the needs for health security and emergency preparedness.
- ✓ SEEHN Secretariat Director, Dr. Mira Dasic along with the Montenegrin Presidency Representatives have been representing SEEHN within the **69<sup>th</sup> WHO Regional Committee for Europe, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 16-19 September 2019**. SEEHN presented insightful feedback on five topics, including the Regional Report reflecting the WHO Regional Office for Europe activities; Lessons learned from Health 2020 Implementation; Accelerating primary health care in the WHO European Region: organizational and technological innovation in the context of the Declaration of Astana; Putting countries at the centre in the WHO European Region and the leadership in public health in the WHO European Region.
- **Technical advice and briefings** for the implementation process of the Chisinau Pledge, Action Plan were supported with the following objectives:
  - To deliver on the commitments of the SEEHN Member States to the Chisinau Pledge, building upon the legacy of the SEE Health Network developing, promoting and supporting regional cooperation and technical activities in public health in SEE for the past 18 years.
  - To deliver on the commitments of the SEEHN Member States and SEEHN Secretariat under the Sub-Regional Cooperation Strategy, involving the relevant expertise, mechanisms and structures.
  - SEEHN and WHO Regional Office for Europe joint efforts for **securing access to affordable vaccines** were discussed at the **Workshop on mapping out opportunities to improve access to affordable vaccine supply in the SEEHN Member States, held in Tirana, Republic of Albania from 27 February to 01 March 2019**, organized by WHO EURO for Europe, Vaccine-preventable Diseases and Immunization Programme, Division of Health Emergencies and Communicable Diseases. This Workshop served as a wide platform for experts involved in national immunization programmes of SEEHN member states, as well as for experts in procurement, market access and market intelligence from WHO, UNICEF and CHAI. They presented, shared experiences and discussed the changing vaccine market, vaccine supply shortages and unaffordable vaccine pricing as well as the complex issues countries are facing with. Participants, also had the unique possibility through meaningful discussions and participatory approach to better understand and utilize the available the



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vaccine market information and to identify options for improving in-country and cross-border cooperation by defining strategic approaches for securing access to affordable vaccines. Participants committed to continue the discussion within their countries, to fill-in the distributed questionnaire as well as to complete the action plan for the steps forward to be taken at national and regional level. Respectively, participants agreed to inform on additional more focused support needed at national level in order to continue working on this complex issue. SEEHN member states have experienced difficulties in recent years in securing uninterrupted access to vaccines as well as to getting affordable vaccine prices. The meeting was organized as follow up on the Statement of Intent to commit to immunization as a priority, signed in February 2018 in Podgorica by Ministers of Health of all SEEHN member states plus Slovenia and Croatia as partner countries.

- South-eastern European Member States representatives met in 2018 to advance strengthening of primary health care systems and enhance its quality within an expert meeting hosted in Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia. **Primary health care (PHC)** is one of the foundations for universal health coverage. It can respond to most of the health needs across a lifetime. However, in most countries PHC is under-resourced. Greater investment in PHC would improve access, effectiveness, equity, and cost-efficiency of health care. PHC is closer to communities, focuses on health rather than diseases and empowers people to take charge of their own health rather than being passive recipients of services. As a follow-up and extensive consultations with the WHO Geographically Dispersed Office (GDO) in Kazakhstan on PHC it was decided in partnership with SEEHN Secretariat to launch in 2019 an extensive research study on the **PHC systems in the SEEHN Member States - Centre's Tool for Monitoring Impact, Performance and Capacity in Primary Health Care (PHC-IMPACT)**. Thus, during the reporting period the SEEHN member countries were invited to complete online questionnaire. The data collection process is almost finished by the end of 2019 with minor exceptions. SEEHN survey collected by the Almaty Centre have to be further reviewed and validated during 2020. Recognizing the importance of this exercise, it is aimed to identify recommendations and to adopt a more comprehensive approach, while ensuring information collected is standardized for comparison, ultimately to discuss policy-relevant opportunities to accelerate primary health care strengthening across the south eastern European region.

## **6.2 Cooperation with the Regional Cooperation Council**

RCC continues its efforts in implementing SEE 2020 related work programmes, especially to be mentioned the common technical efforts to streamline or complement activities on the health dimension. Following actions have been undertaken during the reporting period:

- Establishing and enhancing the cooperation with the other regional initiatives in line with the implementation of the framework of SEE 2020.

In addition, RCC used to take an active participation in the Plenary meetings and events organized by the SEEHN Secretariat. However, the only 41<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting during the 2019, has been an exception and had no representative from RCC due to the transfer of leadership.



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SEEHN contributed to the **11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RCC Coordination Board which took place in Sarajevo on March 21, 2019**, not only through revising the implemented efforts in health area limited to the Western Balkan 5 but also provided insightful feedback for the planning of strategic interventions related to the post SEE2020 vision and actions.

On **8<sup>th</sup> July RCC organized its Annual Meeting** in Sarajevo. Upon invitation the meeting was attended by Dr Dasic. The RCC Annual Report 2018-2019, as well as RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2020 – 2022 were presented.

### **6.3 Cooperation with the European Commission**

In 2019 cooperation with European Commission (EC) continued mainly based on the multi-country TAIEX workshops. SEEHN advanced once again through the EC TAIEX Instrument, by supporting its Member States to apply to the pre- approved TAIEX multi-country workshops.

The SEEHN Secretariat has been guiding SEEHN MS and its RHDCs, to submit their proposals for approval prior to their official on-line applications to the EC TAIEX. Several countries undertook the challenge to fulfil the application procedures: MKD, SRB, BiH, MNE and MLD.

Under the SEEHN MKD Presidency Mandate, MKD applied for a multi-country workshop on **Strengthening the capacities of public health professionals and non-health professionals regarding sexual and reproductive health for emergency preparedness**. Unfortunately, the application has been refused during the first round of application. After consultations with experts, the revised application has been submitted to the EC to be reconsidered and response is expected in 2020.

The RHDC on Mental Health from Bosnia and Herzegovina applied for a **TAIEX Workshop on "Mental Health-Human Rights"** to be held in Sarajevo, two times: in May 2018 and November 2019. The reasons for rejection were the first time lack of participants and the second time lack of experts that matched the EU criteria and SEE Region needs. Unfortunately, this important topic could not be discussed at Regional level.

RHDC on Human Resources in Health (HRH) in Moldova applied and received a positive response for the organization of the **TAIEX Multi-country workshop on the Working time and nursing in SEEHN Member States**, held on 16-17 May 2019 in Chisinau. The coordination and preparations were extensive from the SEEHN Secretariat side to secure participants along with the development of a meaningful agenda and to secure high level experts for the topic under discussion. The RHDC on Human Resources in Health from Moldova led the communication with EC and local arrangements that conducted to a fruitful and successful meeting in Chisinau. During the workshop the discussions focused on the challenges as: health promotion and prevention throughout life-course, workforce shortages, aging population, patient commitment to treatment and continuity of care and high quality and cost-effective care and services, working in shifts and working hours. SEEHN Member States and Turkey participants had the possibility to learn about the EU experience and in particular, Directive 2003/88/EC and Directive 2000/34/EC, lessons learned and policy options for



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nursing; the role of competent authorities and professional organizations in the legislation adjustment on working time and nursing and the implications for the SEEHN member states. The outcome of the technical meeting was to identify common challenges, threats for health and safety of nurses in the SEE region and to propose a set of recommendations with clear commitments on how to harmonize with the EU requirements with the ultimate goal to unlock nurses' potential and empower them to excel within the Health Systems. The recommendations were shared within the 41<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting (Annex 5).

**EC TAIEX Multi-country workshop on Scaling up colorectal cancer screening programmes**, organized in co-operation with SEEHN Regional Health Development Centre on NCDs hosted by the Institute of Public Health Montenegro and SEE Health Network Secretariat, on 12-13 December 2019, in Podgorica. Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, State of Israel, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey and Kosovo\* sent their participants to the event. Colorectal cancer screening is one of the prevention measures targeting early detection and treatment, which in turn can reduce cancer mortality by a further one third. A comprehensive screening program can lower additionally the incidence rates in the population. The strategy should simultaneously promote population-level health promotion and disease prevention, and actively target groups and individuals at high risk, while maximizing population coverage with effective treatment and care. Tackling the wider determinants of health and reducing inequalities within and between countries has the potential to contribute to major improvements. In this optic, SEEHN in collaboration with partners EU and its Member States, has decided to address this top priority across the South Eastern Europe Region. The event aimed to map the situation in the 7 SEEHN MS plus Kosovo\* and Turkey, regarding the colorectal cancer screening; to share on colorectal cancer screening programmes implementation, as well as achievements, improvements and especially setbacks. The expected results focused on to enable exchanging experiences and presenting good practices in the SEE Region as well as applying EU recommendations and standards in order to improve and strengthen the control of the colorectal cancer. The conclusions from this event will support planning and implementing activities throughout the region for the benefit of its citizens by working together and sharing experiences with the aim of improving ordinary life in the region and beyond. (Annex 6).

RHDC on NCDs from MNE had fulfilled the Application concerning the organisation of **TAIEX Multi-Country Workshop on NCDs: Population Based Registries in the SEEHN Member States**. The event is approved for organization in May 2020. Coordination and preparations are under way at this stage to secure participants from the 7 Member States plus Kosovo\* and Turkey, along with development of a meaningful agenda and secure high level experts for the topic under discussion.

In view of the above, the SEEHN Secretariat have been providing continuous support to RHDCs to submit their online application to the TAIEX web page. The Secretariat is continuously supporting and updating the collected proposals by the RHDCs. As a result, the MDA RHDC HRH has applied for a second TAIEX Multi-Country Workshop on **Coping with Non- Communicable Diseases**





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**(NCDs) by Strengthening and Upgrading the Capacity of Nursing and Midwifery Workforce in the SEEHN Countries.** An answer is expected during 2020.

In line with the agreed approach between the EC TAIEX Instrument and the SEEHN Ex Com, the commonly agreed corporate SEEHN list of 11 proposals for TAIEX funding in 2017-2020 period – which has been submitted as a corporate proposal to EC TAIEX in March 2017 and pre-approved by the EC were included in the next years' financial plans.

At this stage another 3 more TAIEX (to be applied) + the 2 (that are on-hold for political reasons) applications might be implemented in the next period in the SEE Region.

#### **6.4 Other partners**

During 2019 the SEEHN Secretariat has continuously exchanged information and strengthened collaboration with **various Partner organizations and countries.**

**European Health Forum Gastein (EHFG)** in partnership with SEEHN Secretariat supported the participation of 4 SEEHN representatives to the leading Forum “*A healthy dose of disruption? Transformative change for health and societal well-being*”, held on 2-4 October 2019 in Gastein, Austria. While we have made considerable advances in health, there are a number of areas that seem to be at a stalemate despite ample evidence on how to move forward. Examples include the topic of health reforms in general; tackling AMR; addressing health inequalities; advancing primary healthcare and making universal health coverage a reality for all.

SEEHN delegation represented by Dr Mira Dasic, SEEHN Secretariat Director, Mr. Nikola Antovic, SEEHN NHC and member of the SEEHN Executive Committee, Secretary General, MOH Montenegro, Dr. Cristian Grasu, SEEHN NHC, Romania, Dr. Alexandru Voloc, SEEHN NHC, State Secretary, MOH, Republic of Moldova, attended the Forum and the Capacity Building Workshop for Policy Makers. For the second time EHFG as a partner organized a satellite event dedicated to the SEE Region and Priorities. The CBI course was under the theme “Fiscal space for health” The 2019 CBI aimed to explore the concept of how to create additional resources and improve the overall use of resources in the health sector. The discussions focused around the ways for policymakers to effectively reallocate existing funds to support innovative, effective, and disruptive healthcare, headroom for innovation and transformative change in health systems, and how to improve skills in negotiating with finance colleagues in this regard.

Dr Tatiana Paduraru, SEEHN Technical Officer, participated among other 35 young professionals in a Hackathon. The hackathon aimed to identify innovative solutions to tackle vaccine hesitancy. EHFG offered the opportunity to the SEEHN as an important regional public health actor, to foster dialogue among experts and to contribute to the future substantial improvements in all the member states.

Building on the previous experience from 2018 with the **International Youth Health Organization (YHO)** during the 2019, SEEHN played the role of associate partner on the main application to the EU for the organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> NCD Youth Conference, held on 6-9 December 2019, in Portorož, Slovenia. The goals were to raise interest among young people and youth organisations about prevention of NCDs and health policies; promote evidence-based projects and exchange knowledge



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of good practices for health promotion; empower the participants with the necessary skills and capacities in order to effectively work on the field of NCDs; empower the participants with the necessary tools to engage in advocating for more comprehensive health policies at regional, national and international levels; etc. One representative of Moldova benefitted from this successful partnership funded by the EU.

SEEHN Secretariat together with the **Italian National Institute of Public Health ISS** (SEEHN Partner), in cooperation with the Central European Initiative (CEI), and the Public Health Alliance – Central Eastern Europe (PHACEE), organized a high level Summit on 17 - 18/12/2019, in Rome, Italy. Fighting antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infections through One Health approach, the strengthening of Governance and the sustainability of the public healthcare service was the main cross-cutting issue of the Summit. The meeting was attended by the SEEHN Executive Committee, SEEHN NHCs and SEEHN Secretariat.

During the reporting period SEEHN Secretariat continued efforts in developing further on partnerships and bilateral or multi-lateral actions in various health areas aimed to contribute the strengthening of MS health systems under the general framework of the Chisinau Pledge.

## **6.5. Other activities**

The SEEHN for 18 years is committed to promote and to encourage mutual efforts towards peace, health and wealth in the South Eastern Europe. The Dubrovnik Pledge is the first signed regional document on the 2 September 2001 that launched the Regional Political Health Alliance aimed towards ensuring equity, health gain and better quality of life. On 2 September 2019 the SEEHN was celebrating the long road from focus on vulnerable populations in SEE towards SDG 2030 framework.

SEEHN was marking international days related to the health challenges during the reporting period, as following: World Health Day, 7 April 2019, Immunization Week celebrated across Europe during the week 24-30 April and WHO aimed to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease; World Diabetes Day (14 November) and World Diabetes Month 2019 campaign focused to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the family and to promote the role of the family in the management, care, prevention and education of the condition; World Antibiotic Awareness Week (18-22 November) this year had the aim to spot the attention towards a “one health” approach. Human, animal and environment are One health. Improper use of antimicrobials in both humans and animals is accelerating antimicrobial resistance (AMR) with potentially devastating consequences for health and future of the health systems. Main milestones need to be addressed through political commitment, technical expertise and financial resources.

Under European Council Mandate Romania organized in partnership with SEEHN a ***Meeting on Vaccination: From Public Health Achievements to Challenges and Obstacles***, held on 9-10 May 2019, in Cluj-Napoca. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for common discussions, exchange of information and data sharing, with variety of stakeholders as government representatives,



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academia, UN Agencies, WHO, EC, ECDC, etc. Since, decrease of vaccination coverage over years and re-emergence of vaccine preventable diseases has become a global, regional and national challenge. Vaccine hesitance was identified as one of the most important reasons for decrease in vaccination coverage and this topic needs to be tackled in a complex and comprehensive way, at all levels and translated into language everyone understands. Tailored Immunization programs had been one of the solutions proposed by WHO. SEEHN was promoting alliances and partnerships by connecting countries, as another solution, at the SEE Regional level, since diseases do not spread respecting the country borders. At the same time, national authorities need support in order to best address vaccination issues to keep its population safe.

### **7. Technical Activities of the SEEHN RHDCs**

The Chisinau Pledge Action Plan was adopted at the 40<sup>th</sup> Plenary session in Israel in July, 2018. The strategic planning document for cooperation calls upon joint action of the Member states with partners on:

- Sustaining and strengthening the regional cooperation in public health by taking deliberate action to influence governance in other policy arenas to promote and protect health, and
- Achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by taking advantage of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to renew countries' commitments to health and to seek inter-sectoral action to advance the priorities of the European Health 2020 policy framework towards 2030.

The SEEHN has nine formally designated RHDCs for technical collaboration in various public health areas. SEEHN Secretariat during the reporting period was negotiating also with the State of Israel to establish a new RHDC on Communication in health (Health literacy). This decision emerged as the Israeli expertise in the field of communication and approach towards health is advanced and experience can be of high relevance to the other SEEHN Member States which do not have designed specific programs yet.

The SEEHN Secretariat continued the work as planned to provide further support to the SEE RHDCs as it has been agreed that the technical collaboration and outcomes at regional and national levels is of utmost importance for the Network and its international visibility.

#### **7.1. RHDC SECID**

##### **First visit of the SEEHN Secretariat to the RHDC SECID**

Representatives of the SEEHN Secretariat visited on 18 January 2019 the RHDC Southeast European Center for Surveillance and Control of Infectious Diseases (SECID), in Tirana, Albania. The visit to SECID aimed for strengthening public health cooperation related to the public health emergencies, preparedness and control of the communicable diseases.



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The recent developments within SEEHN and next short term plans at the SEE Regional level were points of discussions. Particular focus was made to the implementation of the Chisinau Pledge Action and the WHO – SEEHN Sub Regional Cooperation Strategy for 2018 -2023. New opportunities for strengthening technical work in partnership SECID- SEEHN were also discussed and agreed. The results to be accelerated with the greater involvement of the SEEHN Member States particularly related to the vaccines and vaccination area.

In order to strengthen the capacities of the 9 countries including the national capacities on vaccine procurement and the ***increase access to quality-assured vaccines at affordable and optimum price in the Member States of the SEEHN a regional expert workshop took place on 27.02 – 01.03 in Tirana***. The workshop engaged national technical experts responsible for the management of the immunization programme, vaccine procurement and vaccine regulation in implementing the roadmap to securing access to affordable vaccine supply, discussed at the WHO SEEHN Ministerial meeting in Israel, July 2018. This Workshop served as a wide platform for experts involved in national immunization programmes of SEEHN member states, as well as for experts in procurement, market access and market intelligence from WHO, UNICEF and CHAI. They presented, shared experiences and discussed the changing vaccine market, vaccine supply shortages and unaffordable vaccine pricing as well as the complex issues countries are facing with. Participants, also had the unique possibility through meaningful discussions and participatory approach to better understand and utilize the available the vaccine market information and to identify options for improving in-country and cross-border cooperation by defining strategic approaches for securing access to affordable vaccines. The workshops outcome contributes towards the achievement of the Chisinau Pledge 3<sup>rd</sup> priority to ensure affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.

SECID, together with expert support from WHO Euro and with experts from the SEE Region held a one-day **Round table on Current Measles Outbreaks and Response Challenges in SEE Countries, on 27 June 2019 in Skopje, North Macedonia**. Sound and timely expert knowledge and opinion was estimated of utmost importance for the creation of strategies, policies and way forward to sustainable health systems. In this respect SEEHN with its SECID joint efforts to organize the meeting. The aim of this round table was to present the characteristics of measles outbreaks the current challenges in order to find the best way on how to support an effective response in SEE countries. All countries in the SEE region have committed to eliminate measles. Most of them were even certified for measles elimination. Unfortunately, the inexpensive combined vaccine is not used as it should be. Each country presented their current measles situation and vaccination coverage followed by lively discussions. Conclusions and recommendations from this SEE round table were distributed by SECID.

**SECID continued the series of meetings on vaccines with another one held on 20- 21 September 2019, Istanbul, Turkey: “Improving access to influenza vaccines by exploring new opportunities on influenza vaccine procurement in SEENN countries”**. The meeting is part of the sequence of policy discussions, held during this year, aimed towards our common priority from the Chisinau Pledge Action Plan to joint efforts exploring opportunities to improve access to affordable vaccine



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supply in SEEHN countries. The meeting focused on Influenza vaccine policies, practices and coverage, explore options to ensure the influenza vaccines procurement decisions and vaccine joint cross-border procurement experiences. The lessons learned from Baltic countries experience, EU Joint procurement platform, PAHO experience through revolving fund, Middle East Consortium, PIVI vaccine procurement history were reviewed.

Common discussion on country practices related to:

- policy and planning,
- forecasting, financing and procurement of affordable influenza vaccines.

Special attention had been devoted to the supply chain in terms of barriers, opportunities, and challenges we encounter at the country vis-à-vis regional level. In this respect, dialogue on cross-border cooperation to secure access to affordable influenza vaccine supplies, strategic supply management approaches and joint procurement mechanisms was of a key interest. As well as, to decide on the way forward and concrete Action plans to secure access to affordable vaccine supply for influenza, depicting which of the available options is more appropriate taking into account regional particularities with big aspirations to development and to demonstrate its technical capacity.

## **7.2. RHDC on Sexual and Reproductive Health**

SEE Health Network, the East European Institute for Reproductive Health (SEEHN RHDC on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SHR) in partnership with UNFPA Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the Ministry of Health of Romania organized the meeting ***Obstetric Surveillance and Response Systems for Countries in South-Eastern Europe, held on 24-25 October 2019***, in Bucharest, Romania. The main objectives of the above mentioned meeting were to present the South-Eastern Europe sub-regional initiative on improving maternal and new-born health through implementing, evaluating and acting on the recommendations of national reviews of maternal severe complications; and to reach consensus on the Obstetric Surveillance and Response System rollout action plans in each country. The SEE Region needs to aim and to achieve “0” maternal mortality in line with the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. A Concept Note has been developed in this respect to be supported by the SEEHN Secretariat. A more sustainable program-designed intervention is to be prepared to seek fundraising during the upcoming period by joining efforts of the SEEHN Secretariat, Ex COM, RHDC SRH. Other partners are most welcomed to join the Program at regional level.

## **7.3. RHDC on Public Health Services**

Acknowledging the raising importance of the climate change and mainly one the current challenges in MKD the air pollution the SEEHN Secretariat organized the Regional Round Table ***“Reducing Health Impacts of Polluted Air - Strengthening Health Systems and Multi-sectoral Response in SEE Countries”*** on 8th November, in Skopje, North Macedonia. Experts from the SEE Member



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States including Turkey and Kosovo\* have joined to discuss air pollution impacts on health. Air pollution impacts health at National, Regional and Global level. An average person living in Europe loses two years of their life to the health effects of breathing polluted air. Chronic exposure to increased levels of fine particle impairs vascular function, which can lead to various NCDs. Conclusions and remarks of the SEEHN expert meeting, are reflected in the Summary Report presented in the Annex 8.

For the first time SEEHN Secretariat decided to support its own structures for the Regional Health Development Centres. In this respect, SEEHN Secretariat launched **in the fall a Call for Project Proposals and developed Guideline for Applicants. The Grant scheme for 2019 year was the first attempt in order to select projects that contribute to achieving the strategic objectives defined within the Chisinau Pledge.** The eight main directions for work are designed to respond to the needs of the region and to add value to cooperation in South Eastern Europe in the health areas for the next four years. The administrative procedures linked to the application were managed by the SEEHN Secretariat. Several RHDCs applied and were accepted to be supported during 2019-2020 period.

The first implemented event was the initiative of the RHDC on Public Health Services that in close cooperation with the Secretariat and with the Ministry of Health of North Macedonia, organized the technical meeting ***Reducing Health Inequality (SDG10) by Improving Health Literacy in SEE Countries***, held on 28 November 2019, in Shtip, MKD. Through the SEEHN Chisinau Pledge, adopted in 2017, Member States committed themselves to work Regionally towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. To achieve the SDG 10, it is necessary to reduce inequality within and among countries and this can be achieved also by improving health literacy. Health literacy is not just a concept – it shapes people’s health every day from day one when we are born to our last day. Health literacy plays an important role in how well individuals can access the health system and receive quality care. (Summary Report in Annex 9).



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## **8. Key challenges**

The challenges highlighted in the last year annual SEEHN Secretariat Activity Report remained relevant in a stable instability in the SEE Region. The complexity is due to constant changes in the governments, the ministers of health and their representatives to the SEEHN, which impacts on regional cooperation commitment in the SEE.

The SEEHN Secretariat intensified and strengthened the SEE Health Network during the reporting period through regional meetings. It is worth mentioning that despite high human turnover, in crucial situations almost all national counterparts demonstrated openness and responsiveness, thus SEEHN Secretariat could fulfil their mandate at the best abilities.

The yearly contribution transfers are another perpetual challenge, though due to better planning of the financial flows in some of the SEEHN Member States<sup>4</sup> the SEEHN Secretariat have enough flexibility and funds to ensure mobility across budget lines.

The SEEHN Regional Health Development Centers have been strengthened from the resources of the SEEHN Secretariat to boost the implementation of the Chisinau Pledge Action Plan and by strengthening the technical expertise in the region. The technical collaboration is of extreme importance and is a key to the future success of the SEEHN. It is only through intensive and high quality technical work at both regional and national levels that the Network can produce visible results that are useful and valuable to the national authorities and will keep them motivated and committed to sustain the Network as an international organization. Albeit, it is important to spot that this initial round of support to each RHDC which applied to the call for project proposals it is rather an extraordinary measure to revitalize the RHDCs and in future Member States are expected to provide the needed support for the regional activities.

Furthermore, some pre-existing and new challenges slowed down the planned list of TAIEX Multi-Country workshops in the SEEHN Member States events. There are still some SEEHN Member States that due to political issues cannot receive participants from Kosovo\* (which is a request of European Commission to secure the participation of Turkey and Kosovo\*). In this context, one regional event in Republic of Serbia has been put on hold, until this challenge is solved. The event organized in Republic of Moldova faced a similar challenge, though, luckily the Multy-country event has not been cancelled. Nevertheless, a more sustainable solution is extremely needed in the future in order to increase the implementation rate of the TAIEX instrument. The event in BiH has been postponed twice during 2019, due to various reasons as lack of participants and lack of experts.

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<sup>4</sup> State of Israel and Republic of Moldova



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## **9. Conclusions and recommendations**

The SEEHN is acting according to the Chisinau Pledge priorities and Action Plan as well as the Sub-Regional Cooperation Strategy. At the same time, SEEHN shall follow and streamline towards the global and European efforts for achieving improved health, equity and accountability in health, in continuation of efforts to implement the principles, priority areas and actions of the European policy for health and well-being, Health 2020, and the SEE 2020 strategy.

The reporting period 2019, marked a year with numerous technical meetings that were aimed to underpin the health policies at the national and in particular at the SEE Regional level. They also followed the priorities emerged from the previous range of ministerial meetings as for example the commitments outlined in the Statement of Intent on Immunization.

Furthermore, a particular attention is to be devoted to the WHO- SEEHN Sub-Regional Cooperation Strategy 2018-2023, with the main purpose to accelerate the implementation of the joint sub-regional and national actions in the SEE region for implementing and achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aimed at better health, equity and accountability for our populations.

Consequently, SEEHN shall build further upon its political commitment of all SEE governments and channel it to boost fundraising activities. SEEHN Secretariat has to increase efforts in this respect with the active partners and beyond relying as well on the RHDCs as technical expertise hubs. All forms of partnerships might be envisaged as diversification of the activities and funds base of the SEEHN. EC and in particular TAIEX should be mobilized and taken full advantage of the remaining 5 project applications that were agreed and are available for implementation in the pipeline. Another round of Multi-country workshop project proposals should be envisaged to be collected and negotiated with the EU.

Moreover, SEEHN Secretariat capacities should be strengthened to ensure sustainability and high technical expertise through continuous learning aimed at best service and support efforts and underpin the SEEHN and Executive Committee.

Last but not least it is necessary to be underlined that although the work of the SEEHN Secretariat has been improved and strengthened in this reporting period, due to continuous political changes in the Region the Secretariat faced many challenges and setbacks that have been addressed timely with great professionalism and devotion to the SEEHN.





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## **<sup>5</sup>Annexes**

**Annex 1. Decisions on managerial and legal matters of the SEEHN**

**Annex 2. Annual Financial Report for 2019 narrative**

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**Annex 4. Conclusions for the Future Actions following the Ad-hoc Meeting with the National Health Coordinators “SEEHN Recent Developments”**

**Annex 5. Summary Note on the TAIEX Multi-Country Workshop on Working Nursing Time in SEE Countries**

**Annex 6. Summary Note on the TAIEX Multi-country workshop on Scaling up colorectal cancer screening programmes in SEE countries**

**Annex 7. Statute of the Secretariat of the SEEHN**

**Annex 8. Report on the expert Meeting “Reducing Health Impacts of Polluted Air - Strengthening Health Systems and Multi-sectoral Response in SEE Countries”**

**Annex 9. Summary Report on the technical meeting Reducing Health Inequality (SDG10) by Improving Health Literacy in SEE Countries**

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<sup>5</sup> The above mentioned annexes to this Report are available at the SEEHN Secretariat per request.