



High-level Meeting on Strengthening the Healthcare Systems in South-Eastern Europe

Brdo Congress Centre, Slovenia

4 and 5 December 2023
(all hours are in CET)

AGENDA

3 December 2023

2 December 2023

10:00 – 15:00	Separate event held by the International Youth Health Organization on the topic "Social participation of young people in healthcare"
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Afternoon	Arrival at Brdo pri Kranju for the High-level Meeting on Strengthening the Healthcare Systems in South-Eastern Europe
19:00 – 21:00	Reception hosted by the Ministry of Health for participants of both events

Day 1, 4 December 2023

7:45 – 8:45	Registration
<p>Opening of the meeting</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Eva Turk, Minister's Office, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia</p>	
8:45 – 9:15	<p>Welcome addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Valentina Prevolnik Rupel, Minister of Health of the Republic of Slovenia • Dr Mira Jovanovski Dašič, Head of the SEEHN Secretariat (video) • Dr Hans Henri Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe (online) • Mr Edvin Skrt, ambassador, Director-General of the Directorate



	<p><i>for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr Branko Gabrovec, Director-General of the National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ), Slovenia</i>
9:15 – 9:30	<p>Keynote speaker, Dr Hans Henri Kluge – WHO Regional Director for Europe (online)</p> <p><i>A wider perspective regarding the session(s), inter alia referring to the upcoming High-level Conference on “Trust and transformation: resilient and sustainable health systems for the future” (Tallinn 12 and 13 December 2023)</i></p>
	<p>Family photo</p>
<p>Part 1: How to strengthen our healthcare systems in the pandemic’s aftermath</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Svetlana Nicolaescu, Deputy Secretary-General, Ministry of Health Republic of Moldova</p>	
9:40 – 11:10	<p>Session 1: Ongoing and planned Healthcare reforms in Europe with special emphasis on the SEE Region</p> <p>Introductory presentation - Highlights on regional opportunities to foster better healthcare systems in the SEE region <i>Dr Mira Jovanovski Dašić, Head of the SEEHN Secretariat (video)</i></p> <p>Health Systems Reforms after the COVID pandemic <i>Mr Tomas Zapata, Unit Head, Health Workforce and Service Delivery Unit, WHO European Region</i></p> <p>The role of Health Quality and Safety in Healthcare Reform <i>Dr Miran Rems, Field expert-consultant, Republic of Slovenia</i></p> <p>Intervention by participants from the SEEHN member states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms Klea Troka (ALB)</i> • <i>Mr Dalibor Pejović (BIH)</i> • <i>Prof. Dr Elena Kjosevska (MKD)</i> • <i>Dr Milica Stanišić (MNE)</i> • <i>Dr Nicolae Jelamschi (MDA)</i> • <i>Ms Mihaela Giza (ROU)</i> <p>Discussion</p>



11:10 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Tackling the shortages in human resources for health</p> <p>How SEEHN member states cope with the lack of human resources in their health systems <i>Dr Nicolae Jelamschi, Director of the National Agency for Public Health, Republic of Moldova, SEEHN Regional Health Development Centre on Human Resources for Health</i></p> <p>Could artificial intelligence help improve the situation? Presentations to be delivered by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dunja Mladenić, Department for Artificial Intelligence, Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia • Prof. Gregor Štiglic, Vice Dean for Research and Head of the Research Institute at the University of Maribor Faculty of Health Sciences, Republic of Slovenia • Prof. Janez Povh, Managing Director of Rudolfovo - Science and Technology Centre, Novo mesto, Republic of Slovenia <p>Interventions by participants from the SEEHN member states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Claudia Dima (ROU) • Prof. Dr Elena Kjosevska (MKD) <p>Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Roundtable of high-level representatives on “Mutual Trust is All We Need” – a key prerequisite for healthcare reforms and people-centred health systems”</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Mircha Poldrugovac, National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ), Slovenia</p> <p>Envisaged participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Goran Čerkez, Assistant Minister, Federal Ministry of Health of Bosnia and Herzegovina • Dr Svetlana Nicolaescu, Deputy Secretary-General, Ministry of Health, Republic of Moldova • Ms Mirjana Vlahović Andrijašević, State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Montenegro • Ms Danijela Urošević, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sanja Šišovič, Vice-president of the International Youth Health Organization • Dr Tomaž Schara, member of the Committee on Patient Safety and Quality in Healthcare, Patient Organisations Association of Slovenia • Prof. Bojana Beović, President of the Medical Chamber of Slovenia • Ms Vesna Zupančič, Directorate for Nursing, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia • Mr Jurij Stariha, President of the Management Board of the Forum of International Research and Development Pharmaceutical Companies, EIG
16:00 – 20:00	Social event (guided tour through the Gorenjska Region)
20:30 – 22:00	Informal Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Health (Brdo Elegans Hotel)

Day 2, 5 December 2023

<p>Part 2: Responding to current trends and challenges in the SEE Region</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Goran Čerkez, Assistant Minister, Federal Ministry of Health of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>	
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 3: Digitalisation in Healthcare – a path to sustainable, resilient, and prepared healthcare systems</p> <p>Introduction – Digital Health: The Israeli experience Ms Esti Shelly, Director, Digital Health Division, Ministry of Health, State of Israel (online)</p> <p>Presentation of the current and envisaged activities at the EU level (EHDS) Mr Marco Marsella, Director for Digital, EU4Health and Health Systems Modernisation, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission (pre-recorded video)</p> <p>Digitalisation in healthcare - Slovenian eHealth Ms Hajdi Kosednar, NIJZ Republic of Slovenia</p> <p>Developing and testing new models and approaches of digital health literacy through co-creation of a comprehensive and inclusive EU digital health literacy strategy Ms Ana Sinkovic, Project Manager, Central European Initiative</p>



	<p>Interventions by participants from the SEEHN member states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Klea Troka (ALB) • Ms Dragica Vukosavljević (BIH RS) • Prof. Dr Plamen Dimitrov (BGR) • Dr Danijela Urošević (SRB) <p>Discussion</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:15	<p>Session 4: Tackling the issues related to access to medicines and their availability</p> <p>Introduction Mr Matjaž Marc, Head of Division for Pharmacoeconomics, Market Monitoring and HTA, Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices of the Republic of Slovenia</p> <p>European Commission proposals to improve access and availability of medicines Mr Rainer Becker, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, Director of Directorate D – Medical Products and Innovation (online)</p> <p>The Council of Europe’s view Dr François-Xavier Lery, Head of Pharmaceutical and Consumer Care Section, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare (EDQM) (online)</p> <p>Global view on medicine shortages and securing supply chains for essential drugs Ms Valérie Paris, Senior Policy Analyst, Health Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (online)</p> <p>Interventions by participants from the SEEHN member states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Svetlana Nicolaescu (MDA) • Dr Danijela Urošević (SRB) <p>Discussion</p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p>Wrap-up / The way forward Dr Svetlana Nicolaescu, Chair of SEEHN Executive Committee</p> <p>Closing remarks</p>



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	<i>Ministry of Health of the Republic of Slovenia representative</i>
<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
	<i>Departure of participants</i>