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AGENDA - PARALLEL SESSION ON SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND HEALTH INEQUALITIES

15 DECEMBER 2005 14.45-17.30

Chair: Eerho Lahtinen, SU. Rapporteur: Natasha Muscat, MT

The aim of this parallel session is to consider what additional action to take to support the needs of Member States in further developing their policies and programmes to tackle health inequalities, as well as how further to develop EU action in this area. The outcome of the sessions will be reported to the High Level Committee and will also be used to inform the work programme for the Expert Working Group on Socio-economic Determinants and Health Inequalities.

14.45 – 15.00 UK Presidency priority on health inequalities – Nick Boyd

Implications for Member States and the EU of the Summit: Health Inequalities Governing for Health, and other work on health inequalities which has taken place as part of the UK Presidency.

15.00 – 15.15 EU action – Charles Price - European Commission

How the Commission is addressing the health inequalities agenda and plans for future work.

15.15 – 15.30 Closing the Gap Project – Clive Needle EuroHealthNet

The project which is partly funded by the EU brings together 19 national agencies for health promotion in a network which is reviewing the current state of action on health inequalities and identifying means of further support.

15.30 – 16.30 National Perspectives.

Current situation on action on health inequalities in each country, proposed next steps and what is sought from EU wide collaboration on this area.

Finland	Eerho Lahtinen
France	Philippe Harant
UK (Wales)	Ceri Breeze
Lithuania	Romalda Baranauskiene

16.30 Coffee

16:45 – 17.30 Discussion of questions (see over).

Questions

1. What were the most important conclusions and policy implications from the UK Presidency Summit on Health Inequalities? What are the needs of Member States in the further development of their action on health inequalities which could be supported or provided through collaboration with other countries and at the EU level?
2. How can we improve the links between projects on health inequalities and national administrations ? In what areas would further projects be useful?
3. What else could be done to strengthen the health inequalities dimension of future EU public health policies and action ?
4. What parts of the mandate of the Expert Working Group would the High Level Committee particularly like to emphasis/develop? What deliverables and reports should the Expert Group provide to the High Level Committee? What time and resources would Member States be able to commit to ensure the success of the work?