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EUHPF
Strategic Priorities
and Work Plan 2009-2010

The final proposal of the Working Group
on Strategic Priorities

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Process

- Written proposals by members (summer 08)
- Meeting of the Working Group in Luxembourg (September 08)
- 1st draft based on contributions by members of the working group
- 3 rounds of written consultation
- The draft finalised in November 08
- The draft was presented to the EUHPF in January 2009
- 9 organisation sent their further comments
- Final editing by the Working Group in February 2009
- The final text is now ready for adoption by the EUHPF

Priority policy areas

- Economic change: health as an economic driver and cost

- Demographic change: its impact on health systems and health needs

- Environmental change: its impact on organisation of health services and impact on health

- Social change and public health

- Technological change: innovation and development

Cross-cutting themes

- Health related rights of citizens

- Health inequalities within and between EU member states.

- Better integration of research into policy-making

Specific areas of interest

- Formal competences of the EU institutions, institutional setup and budgetary provisions for health related activities;
- Progress of implementation of the EU Health Strategy;
- Implementation of the Public Health Programme (2003-2008) and programming for the Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health (2009-2013);
- Integration of health in:
  - Social and employment policy
  - Economic development (growth and competitiveness) policy
  - Internal market
  - Regional cohesion policy
  - Agriculture and rural development policy
  - Consumer protection
  - Environment
  - Transport
  - Research
  - Education
  - Information and Society
  - Neighbourhood and Development Aid policies
  - Tax
  - Budget
- Principles of health promotion and disease prevention;
- Access to health information, health education and health literacy;
- Patients safety and quality of care;
- **The EU health workforce**
- Potential and conditions for effective use of new technologies in health
- **Potential and conditions for the development of new approaches to increasing public health capacity**

Recommendations for Specific Priorities for 2009-2010

1) Growth and Jobs

Contribute to the revision of the Lisbon strategy

- Monitor furthering of the Social Agenda for opportunities, access and solidarity;
- Evaluate the impact of the Lisbon strategy on health inequalities
- Provide recommendations for priorities of a post-Lisbon strategy

2) Better regulation

Review the implementation of impact assessment and evaluation tools in the context of HIAP

3) Specific EUHPF response to the White Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change

4) The implementation of the Health Strategy

Advice the EU institutions and monitor their efforts in the context of implementation of the Health Strategy

Next Steps

We have the Strategy and the Work Plan. What's next?

➢ Working groups?

➢ Initiatives by EUHPF organisations and their members?

➢ Do we want to prepare a message for the new Parliament and the new Commission?

➢ Other ideas?