HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES
High-level Expert Conference under Finland’s EU Presidency
Kuopio, 20-21 September 2006

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

17.00-21.30  Registration at the hotels
19.45-23.00  Welcoming reception
20.15  Welcoming address
   Liisa Hyssälä, Minister of Health and Social Services, Finland

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

08.00-  Registration
09.00-09.50  OPENING SESSION

Jean Sibelius: Finlandia Op. 26
Kuopio Symphony Orchestra
Rauno Tikkanen, conductor

Liisa Hyssälä, President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union, Minister of Health and Social Services, Finland

Address on behalf of Member of the European Commission Markos Kyprianou
Michael Hübel, Head of Unit, Directorate-General SANCO, the European Commission

Address on behalf of the President of the European Parliament Josep Borrell Fontelles
Georgs Andrejevs, MEP, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the European Parliament

Marc Danzon, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Jean Sibelius: Alla Marcia (from Carelia Suite Op. 11)
Kuopio Symphony Orchestra
Rauno Tikkanen, conductor

09.50-11.00  PLENARY SESSION: SETTING THE SCENE – HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES

Chairs: Kimmo Leppo, Director-General, Health Department, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
Karin Knufmann-Happe, Head of Unit, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany

Health and Economic and Social Development
Professor Ilona Kickbusch

Where is the Potential for Better Health in the EU
Professor Martin McKee, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London
European Union Policies and Health

**Bernard Merkel**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General SANCO, the European Commission

**Discussion**

11.00-11.30 **Refreshment Break**

11.30-13.00 **PLENARY SESSION: HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES – EXPERIENCES AND PROSPECTS**

Ministerial Panel Discussion

*Moderator: Lasse Lehtinen, Member of the European Parliament, Finland*

*Participants:*

- **Liisa Hyssälä**, Minister of Health and Social Services, Finland
- **António Fernando Correia de Campos**, Minister of Health, Portugal
- **Andy Kerr**, Minister for Health and Community Care, Scotland
- **Klaus Theo Schröder**, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany
- **Dorjan Marušič**, State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Slovenia
- **Catherine Le Galès-Camus**, Assistant Director-General, WHO

13.00-14.30 **Buffet Lunch**

14.30-17.30 **PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS**

**Health Inequalities as a Multisectoral Challenge**

The aim is to present policymaking approaches for reducing health inequalities. Attention has to be paid especially to the unequal distribution of social and economic determinants of health, such as income, employment, education, housing and healthy environments, but also to the role of the health sector. Policies, programmes and projects that are devised to reduce health inequalities will be discussed during the workshop.

**Diet, Nutrition and Physical Activity: policies for counteracting the epidemic of chronic diseases**

The aim is to discuss what ways there are to improve the diet and nutrition, and increase physical activity of the population through policy actions at the European level. The objective of such actions would be creating and promoting supportive environments for healthy choices that would prevent in particular the epidemics of obesity, type II diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

**Alcohol Policies: balancing macroeconomic impacts and public health harms of alcohol**

While the production and trade of alcoholic beverages is a source of revenue for governments, industries and households, the harms related to the use of alcohol constitute in many countries a major economic and social burden, contributing to lack of equity in health. The workshop will take a multi-sectoral perspective to discuss the impact of alcohol and the potential for action at EU and MS level to curb alcohol related harm.
Transport – Environment – Health: shared policy goals?

The evaluation of health impacts is already a norm in environmental policies. Transport policies provide a good example of how potentially conflicting societal, environmental and commercial interests may have to be reconciled. With reference to the long experience of impact assessments, particular emphasis is put on the already existing technical procedures and the identification of challenges identified in their use. The workshop meeting aims at identifying and discussing opportunities arising from shared policy goals, as well as at exploring ways of developing further the tools and mechanisms that could support greater policy integration.

Mental Health and Public Policies

The workshop aims to demonstrate the added value of positive mental health to different sectors and policies, to illustrate the impact of some public policies on mental health and vice versa, and to build the case for routine mental health impact assessment of public policies. The workshop is linked to the WHO Mental Health Declaration and Action Plan for Mental Health, the EC Green Paper, the planned EU Strategy on Mental Health and the Presidency initiative “Health in all policies”.

Refreshment break when convenient for each WS separately

17.30-18.00 Cocktails and exhibition
Address: Petteri Paronen, Mayor of Kuopio

20.00-23.00 Dinner hosted by the City of Kuopio

Thursday, 21 September 2006

08.00-13.30 Registration at the conference venue

09.00-10.15 PLENARY SESSION: FEEDBACK FROM THE WORKSHOPS
Rapporteur and Chair: Clive Needle, Director, EuroHealthNet Liaison Office
Panel: Workshop Chairs

10.15-10.45 Refreshment break

10.45-12.00 PLENARY SESSION: WEALTH FROM HEALTH?
Chairs: Pekka Puska, Director-General, National Public Health Institute, Finland
José Pereira Miguel, High Commissioner for Health, Portugal

Addressing Social Determinants of Health: What Works?
Sir Michael Marmot, Chair, the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health

Addressing the Implementation Gap
Josep Figueras, Director, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Wealth from Health for Europe: Challenges for the Future
Peeter Laasik, Vice Minister, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

Discussion and conclusions by the chair
12.00-12.20  **CLOSING REMARKS**

*Markos Kyprianou*, Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection, the European Commission

Minister *Liisa Hyssälä*

12.20-13.30  **Buffet lunch**

13.20  Departure by bus to the airport

**Exhibition displays by:**
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- City of Kuopio
- The European Commission
- WHO
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