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Sexual Health Forum Brussels, 13 January 2010

Scope and Aim of the meeting

The overall aim of the forum is to raise knowledge and awareness that sexual health has a decisive influence on the overall health status of current and future generations. These effects outreach medical and social aspects. They are a crucial factor for the development of the personality and the well being of young people.

The forum will be a step on the way to a strategy on sexual health for young people at the EU-level after the first meeting of the Sexual Health Forum on 13 March 2009 on sexual health for young people. Sexual Health touches on multiple levels of educational, ethical, medical, social and cultural customs and particularities. These may vary in Member States but there are issues of common interest such as sexually transmitted infections and teenage pregnancies as well as sexual violence to which focused research and an exchange of good practices could offer solutions. The need to address these issues at European level results from young people's mobility within the European Union and globally. Mobility is a reality in Europe and worldwide and key to economic prosperity. The mobility of young people for educational, professional or cultural reasons has to be appropriately accompanied by easy access to health information and health services. Young persons, who in their majority enjoy good health, are particularly vulnerable to sexually transmitted diseases, eg Chlamydia which mainly affects young persons between 15 and 24 years. A thorough knowledge related to sexual health and access to low threshold youth adequate health services are important factors contributing to safe mobility in Europe and to better health of young people in Europe in general.

In today's meeting scientists, health officials and stakeholders will share results of research on behaviour and its impact on sexual health and well-being and the influence of alcohol on sexual behaviour as well as foundations of a policy for sexual health and the skills and competences young people need to maintain and improve their sexual health.



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AGENDA

09.30 - 10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00 – 10.20	Opening – Towards a sexual health strategy at a European level Robert Madelin, Director General, DG SANCO
10.20 – 11:20	<u>Need for Action at European level - Medical issues:</u>
10:20 - 10:50	STIs in young people – the Swedish experience Dr. Monica Idestrom, Ministry of health, Stockholm
10:50 -11:20	Chlamydia screening strategy in the UK Dr. Jane Clarke , UK Department of Health National Chlamydia Screening
11:20-12:30	<u>Social issues</u>
11:20- 11:50	REPROSTAT 2: A systematic review of factors associated with teenage pregnancy in the European Union. - Survey on sexual health of young people in four EU Member States. Miguel Oliveira Silva, Professor, University of Lisbon
11:50- 12:10	Alcohol and teenage pregnancies Dr. Penny Cook Centre for Public Health, Liverpool
12:10- 12:30	Sexual health information on schools Dr. Christine Klapp, Virchow Hospital, Berlin

12:30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.:00 – 15:30	<u>Basis of a potential European strategy</u>
14:00-14:30	Healthy sexuality - a new form of morality Alain Giami, Research Professor, Inserm (Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale), Paris, France
14:30 - 15:00	What key skills or competencies are important for young people to have or to develop in order to maintain and improve their sexual health? Hanneke de Graaf, Nisso Rutgers, Utrecht, Netherlands
15:00-16:00	Round Table of Member States (Malta, Poland and Finland), Youth Forum (K. Vanem, T. Radnija), M de Looze (Utrecht University) What kind of sexual education do we need to reach young people? Discussion.
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30 -17:00	Next Steps and closing Robert Madelin (DG SANCO)