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Dear Ms Gabunia,

**Evidence-informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) Europe Virtual Workshop for countries from
Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) on using research evidence for policy-making
October-November 2020**

We have the honour to inform you that the WHO Regional Office for Europe, in close collaboration with the WHO Country Office in Uzbekistan, is planning to organise the **EVIPNet Europe virtual workshop** for EECA countries.

EVIPNet Europe is an initiative by the WHO Regional Office for Europe to build capacity of Member States to develop health policies based on the best available research evidence in view of accelerating the achievements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The virtual workshop will build on the EVIPNet Europe multicountry meeting for the EECA countries that took place in February 2020 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The aim of the upcoming workshop is to build capacity in evidence-informed policy-making, more specifically to share knowledge and build skills on developing an evidence brief for policy (EBP).

The virtual workshop will be conducted in a series of webinars with the duration of three hours once or twice a week, including lectures and practical individual and group works. Please see the enclosed provisional programme. The webinars will be conducted in English with simultaneous translation into Russian.

We have the pleasure in inviting you to nominate participants from your country, representing the organizations and institutions involved in evidence-informed policy-making process. We look forward to receiving the names, functional titles and contact details (including e-mail addresses) of the proposed participants sent to Ms Anne-Birgitte Gradman (gradmana@who.int) at your earliest convenience, but not later than 18 September 2020. We will then communicate with the participants directly and provide them with the necessary documentation and administrative information.

We have previously worked successfully with Ms Ketevan Goginashvili and Ms Nino Jinjolava who attended previous multicountry meetings. Ms Ketevan Goginashvili and Ms Nino Jinjolava meet the nomination for this meeting.

As the workshop will be virtual, please feel free to nominate more participants, who could benefit from attending the workshop.

Should you have questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail to euevipnet@who.int.

I hope you will consider this request and look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours very truly,



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