
**Ministerial Breakfast Meeting on TB Regional EECA Project on
Strengthening Health Systems for Effective TB and DR-TB
prevention and care
Managing health systems change for better TB care outcomes**

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Background

TB-REP is the first regional Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFTAM) project in WHO European Region to tackle TB and MDR-TB through a comprehensive health system strengthening initiatives, concentrating on (a) introduction of model of TB services delivery with strong involvement of ambulatory versus in-patient care, (b) strategically preparing and planning human resources and (c) arranging sustainable financing mechanisms to pay for services and incentivise providers. WHO Regional Office for Europe, acts as sub-recipient and technical lead in this 3-year multi-partner Global Fund funded project, covering the period of 2016-2018 with the Centre for Health Policy and Studies in Moldova (PAS) as the Principal Recipient.

This session builds on a session held on the same project in the previous RC. This year it will showcase countries which performed well and highlight the results which have been achieved in the last three years, building the case on how to sustain and scale up progress.

This is to be seen within, taking account of and to be supported and informed by the SDG era, ongoing national health and developmental reforms, and WHO Regional Office for Europe guiding policies and guidance, such as the health 2020 policy and the TB Action Plan 2016-2020 and the first ever TB high level United Nations General Assembly on September 26 this year. Furthermore, this event is to be seen in light of the upcoming 40th anniversary event of the Alma-Ata declaration on strengthening primary health care, and an event on expanding access to affordable and quality assured medicines in Minsk, in November 2018. Besides a similar and complementing multi-partner and –country project, building on and further catalysing TB-REP, also equally supported by the GFATM, will commence in quarter one of 2019. Its potential opportunities in reaping additional benefits and progress in the areas of TB prevention and care related health system strengthening and transformation will be presented and discussed. If time allows, a brief brainstorming on a vision on how this project could catalytically spearhead and act as pathfinder for Health-systems approaches to other disease and health areas, could be envisaged.

Objectives

1. To present the final outputs and outcomes of the project, including and key achievements and how challenges were overcome.
2. To discuss measures to sustain the achievements beyond end of 2018 including “Improving quality of care and prevention of DR TB in EECA” project (TB REP 2).

Expected outcomes

1. Participants updated on the progress and results of the regional project
2. Good practices in implementation of reform of models of care and financing of services presented
3. Ideas on how and to which extent health system transformation can support sustainable replication and expansion, and potential positive spill-over effects are presented and discussed.
4. Participants updated about objectives and main activities of the “Improving quality of care and prevention of DR TB in EECA” project (TB-REP 2).

Agenda and scenario

Ministerial Breakfast Meeting will be organized in a roundtable format with all eleven Ministries of Health or their representatives, Global Fund, PAS and WHO/Europe and possibly representatives of Ministries of Finance and other relevant institutions as well as TB REP focal points.

08:00-08:50	TB-REP Project	
5 min	Welcome and introduction	Dr Masoud Dara and Global Fund representative
10 min	Update on key achievements of the project and introduction to TB REP 2	Dr Stela Bivol (TBC) and WHO Europe representative
30 min	Panel discussion with Ministers of Health of TB-REP participating countries	All, moderated by Dr Hans Kluge and Dr Masoud Dara
5 min	Closing Remarks	Dr Hans Kluge