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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

**Invitation to the second expert meeting of the Coalition of Partners
Helsinki, Finland
28-30 November 2017**

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland, is convening the second expert meeting of the ***Coalition of Partners to Strengthen Public Health Services and Capacities in the European Region***. The Coalition of Partners (CoP) is an initiative to accelerate implementation of the European Action Plan to Strengthen Public Health Services and Capacities (EAP-PHS), which is fully aligned with the European health policy framework Health 2020 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The CoP was launched in January 2017, in view of fostering concerted and systematic international collaboration to support countries to strengthen the enabler functions of public health services (PHS): *Human Resources for Public Health; Financing of PHS; Organization and Governance of PHS; and Public Health Legislation*. The scope and purpose for this meeting is attached, as is an informal invitation with more detailed information.

The **aim** of the second expert meeting of the CoP will be to **accelerate current actions and seize further opportunities** for the CoP to respond meaningfully and practically to the needs of countries to strengthen their PHS, while working towards a powerful and effective collaboration.

It is my pleasure to invite you to nominate a participant to attend the event in the capacity of the WHO Temporary Adviser. Given the focus of the event, it would be appropriate to nominate a participant at the political level (e.g. deputy-minister responsible for public health services at the MoH) or the senior technical level (e.g. Director of National Institute of Public Health).

All participants are asked to cover the costs of travel and accommodation in Helsinki. Should it be necessary, the WHO could cover the expenses of only one participant from your country. The working language will be English with simultaneous interpretation into Russian.

We kindly request you to send your nominations as soon as possible, but not later than 1 November 2017, to the Secretariat on e-mail: euphs@who.int. We shall then communicate with the participant directly and provide him/her with the necessary documentation and administrative information in due time.

Thank you for your kind consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,



Dr Hans Kluge
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Scope and Purpose
CoP meeting invitation in Helsinki

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