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Dear Sir,

**WHO European National Healthy Cities Networks
Annual Meeting
Antalya, Turkey, 25–27 April 2018**

The WHO European Healthy Cities Network is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2018, as well as preparing for the new phase of its work, Phase VII, which will be launched in January 2019. The political vision and work of this new phase is outlined in the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors: Healthier and Happier Cities for All, which was adopted by over 40 Mayors and 85 high-level city political representatives at the Summit of Mayors held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 12–13 February 2018.

The WHO European Healthy Cities Network is currently in Phase VI of its operation, which runs until 31 December 2018. The accreditation of the WHO national networks will expire at that point and all networks will be required to reapply for WHO accreditation for Phase VII.

In order to prepare for the process of reaccreditation for Phase VII, this Annual Meeting of European National Healthy Cities Networks, kindly hosted by the Turkish Healthy Cities Association and the Metropolitan Municipality of Antalya, will bring together Member States, political leaders and network coordinators to discuss, debate, and shape the role of national networks in the strategic implementation of the vision set out in the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors.

It is my pleasure to invite you to nominate a representative to participate in the Annual Meeting of WHO European National Healthy Cities Networks and contribute to the discussions on the future of the national networks in the Region.

The meeting will explore ways to strengthen the governance of, and synergies among, national networks and national agendas, strategies, and priorities, and will enable representatives of the networks to share recent examples of good practice. It will also examine ways of increasing the

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coherence between the activities of national governments and Healthy Cities national networks, in particular with regard to the role of Healthy Cities as vehicles for implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the local level. Furthermore, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the expansion of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network across the European Region, with a focus on sharing good practice in order to support the development of new national networks.

Please find enclosed the scope and purpose and an information circular with logistic information about the meeting. The working language will be English.

Nominations should be sent by 16 April 2018 to eurohealthycities@who.int, with a copy to rundstroemm@who.int.

Participation expenses for this meeting are not covered by WHO. However, lunches and refreshments will be provided during the event, as well as a social programme. I look forward to welcoming you to Antalya and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours very truly,



Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab
Regional Director

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Scope and Purpose
Provisional Programme
Information Circular
Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors
Briefing Note on National Networks of Healthy Cities

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Scope and purpose

The WHO European Healthy Cities Network is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2018, as well as preparing for the new phase of its work, Phase VII, which will be launched in January 2019. The political vision and work of this new phase is outlined in the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors: Healthier and Happier Cities for All, which was adopted by over 40 Mayors and 85 high-level city political representatives at the Summit of Mayors held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 12–13 February 2018. Central to the Copenhagen Consensus are six themes: people, place, participation, prosperity, planet and peace.

The Copenhagen Consensus was adopted as a vision to guide the work of the Network until 2030, and is aligned with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Health 2020, and the roadmap developed by the WHO Regional Office for Europe to assist Member States in implementation of the 2030 Agenda. National networks make up the backbone of the Healthy Cities movement in the WHO European Region, and will play an essential role in delivering on the vision for Phase VII of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. National networks provide technical and strategic support to the efforts of their member cities to improve health and well-being for all, and to reduce health inequalities and overcome barriers to the local implementation of WHO-inspired and national policy frameworks. Every national network has developed according to the unique needs of its member cities, its available resources, and cultural and legal frameworks. The priority for the next phase of work is to strengthen and support national networks to take a leading role in developing and supporting the WHO European Healthy Cities movement across the region.

The Annual Meeting of European National Healthy Cities Networks will bring together political leaders and network coordinators to discuss, debate, and shape the strategic implementation of the vision set out by the Copenhagen Consensus. The meeting will explore ways to strengthen the synergy between national networks and national priorities, as well as enabling the networks to share recent examples of good practice.

Objectives

The meeting will have four key objectives:

- (1) to outline the strategic objectives for national networks in Phase VII;
- (2) to identify examples of good practice and ways of strengthening synergy and coherence among Member States and national networks as part of the implementation of Phase VII;
- (3) to identify models of governance of national and subregional networks and models of cooperation among national networks;
- (4) to share examples of good practice and lessons learned from Phase VI in the light of the preparation for Phase VII, and specifically the expansion of the network and creation of new national networks.

Outcomes

The meeting will work towards achieving three key outcomes:

- (1) input and contributions from national networks to the development of strategic objectives for national networks in Phase VII;
- (2) identification of case studies of good practice and of approaches to strengthening synergy and coherence between Member States and national networks;
- (3) identification of models of governance of national and subregional networks.

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Provisional programme

Day 1. Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Hotel Su Antalya, Meltem Mahallesi, Dumlupınar Bulvarı, No:205 07050, Muratpaşa, Antalya, Turkey

08:00– 09:00 Coffee and registration

09:00–09:30 **Opening and welcome remarks**

Representatives of Turkey

Dr Pavel Ursu, WHO Representative, Turkey

Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

Chair: Professor Haik Nikogosian, WHO Senior Adviser

Meeting moderator: Ms Tamsin Rose, WHO Senior Adviser

09:30–10:00 **Session 1. Moving towards Phase VII: national networks and the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors**

Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

10:00–11:00 **Session 2. Moving towards Phase VII: fostering coherence through national networks – national, subnational and local coherence**

This session will cover the role of national networks in linking healthy cities to the national agenda and national priorities in public health and development, with a focus on healthy cities as a mechanism and vehicle for implementing different national strategies. It will include discussion of the following:

- the role of national networks in national implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors;
- the role of national networks in national implementation of whole-of-government approaches, health in all policies, and national health and development policies;
- Enablers, challenges and opportunities.

Presentations: Coherence between levels of governance: integration of healthy cities into national processes, how and what?

Representatives of Member States

Representatives of national networks

Discussion

Co-Chairs: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network, and Dr Pavel Ursu, WHO Representative, Turkey

11:00–11:30 Coffee / tea

11:30–13:00 **Session 3. Moving towards Phase VII: fostering coherence through national networks – international and non-State actors**

This session will cover the role of national networks in linking healthy cities to regional and international agendas; and the roles of non-State actors, with a focus on opportunities for engagement and partnership. It will include discussion of the following:

- the role of national networks in the European Union, Eurasian Economic Union, Commonwealth of Independent States and other regional forums;
- the role of national networks in providing platforms for other groupings of cities;
- enablers, challenges and opportunities.

Presentations: Coherence between levels of governance: local action through international partnerships

Representatives of Member States

Representatives of national networks

Discussion

Co-Chairs: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network, and Dr Pavel Ursu, WHO Representative, Turkey

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 **Session 4. Moving towards Phase VII: national networks' strategic objectives**

The adoption of the Copenhagen Consensus of Mayors has resulted in six themes for Phase VII: people, place, participation, prosperity, planet and peace. The implementation of these themes through national networks will require building on existing good practice and identifying new areas for action. This session will explore strategic objectives for national networks for Phase VII, in the light of the 2030 Agenda and the need to build public health capacity at the local level.

Presentations: Good practices from Phase VI and planning for Phase VII

Representatives of national networks

Representative of NHS Health Scotland

Discussion

Co-Chairs: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network, and Professor Haik Nikogosian, WHO Senior Adviser

15:30–16:00 Coffee / tea

16:00– 17:30 **Session 5. Moving towards Phase VII: models of governance of national networks and cooperation between national networks**

The diversity of national networks is a strength and asset for the Healthy Cities movement. Phase VII brings new challenges and opportunities, including expansion into new countries in the European Region. At the same time, there are increasing opportunities for learning and cooperation between different national networks, which calls for different models of subregional networks, such as the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association. This session will explore the diversity of governance models across the WHO European Healthy Cities Network and existing subregional networks.

Presentations: Examples of governance of national networks and cooperation between national networks

Representatives of national networks

Discussion

Co-Chairs: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network, and Professor Haik Nikogosian, WHO Senior Adviser

17:30–18:00 **Summary and concluding remarks**

Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

Dr Pavel Ursu, WHO Representative, Turkey

Chair: Professor Haik Nikogosian, WHO Senior Adviser

Moderator: Ms Tamsin Rose, WHO Senior Adviser

Day 2. Thursday, 26 April 2018

Hotel Su Antalya, Meltem Mahallesi, Dumlupınar Bulvarı, No:205 07050, Muratpaşa, Antalya, Turkey

09:00–11:00 Session 1. Utilizing knowledge and improving practices among national networks

This session will include discussions on the evaluation of Phase V and membership criteria for Phase VII. It will include both plenary and break-out sessions.

Chair: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

Meeting moderator: Ms Tamsin Rose, WHO Senior Adviser

11:00–11:30 Coffee / tea

11:30–13:00 Session 2. Good practice exchange: implementation of the life-course approach – the first 1 000 days of life and motherhood

The implementation of the life-course approach is a strategic priority for Health 2020 and the Healthy Cities movement. This session will allow national networks to share good practice from across the European Region.

Presentations: Examples of action from across the European Region

Representatives of national networks

Chair: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 Session 3. Good practice exchange: strengthening action for well-being – community mental health

Action to improve well-being is at the heart of both Health 2020 and the Healthy Cities movement. This session will allow national networks to share good practice from across the European Region.

Presentations: Examples of action from across the European Region.

Representatives of national networks

Chair: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

15:30–16:00 Coffee / tea

16:00–17:30 Session 4. Moving towards Phase VII: plan of action for 2018–2019
This session will identify key milestones and propose activities for national networks in preparation for the International Healthy Cities Conference, Belfast, United Kingdom, 1–4 October 2018, and the start of Phase VII in 2019.

Discussion: All participants

Chair: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

17:30–18:00 Session 5. Summary and concluding remarks

Chair: Ms Monika Kosinska, Regional Focal Point, WHO European Healthy Cities Network

Day 3. Friday, 27 April 2018

Hotel Su Antalya, Meltem Mahallesi, Dumlupınar Bulvarı, No:205 07050, Muratpaşa, Antalya, Turkey

10:00–13:00 Site visits

A number of site visits will be made available for participants.

13:00–14:00 Lunch and end of meeting

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Briefing note on national networks of healthy cities

The WHO Regional Office for Europe has a dual approach to strengthening healthy cities. The first is through a network of cities from across the European Region that work directly with WHO: the European Healthy Cities Network, currently with 98 member cities. The second is through national networks of healthy cities.

National networks can apply for accreditation by WHO and are then assessed on the basis of criteria linked to the current phase of the European Healthy Cities Network (Phase VI). There are now 29 national networks: 21 WHO-accredited national networks (see Box 1) and eight non-accredited national networks (see Box 2).

Box 1. WHO-accredited national networks

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Box 2. Non-accredited national networks

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine.

National networks provide a platform for sharing and learning, supporting towns and cities to create the political, technical and administrative environments in which innovative projects can be developed and delivered. National networks provide countries with a rich resource of implementation-based public health knowledge and expertise. They can function as implementation vehicles for national health and development priorities, strategies, plans, and agendas, as well as for global agendas such as the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

National networks create an effective platform for giving visibility to local issues of health and well-being, and for facilitating cooperation across different levels of government. They maximize limited local resources by providing local governments with direct support through training, opportunities to share best practices, and access to national and international expertise. Their functions and achievements have made national networks fundamental to the success of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network.

Different models of national networks

The table below outlines different models of national networks. It provides a guide only; each country context is different, and each requires a model suited to the particular demands, challenges, and opportunities that this context creates.

Type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Independent <i>The network is not a part of or subject to the influence of any other organization</i>	- Independent voice and decision-making - The network can freely promote the views of cities and pursue partnerships regardless of changes in the political and policy environment - Highly responsive to city needs - The four networks with this type of organization all have full-time coordinators	- No direct access to in-kind resources for staff and coordination costs - Heavy reliance on external funding and membership fees
City-led <i>A network city hosts the coordination and provides network leadership</i>	- Independent local voice but influenced by the lead or host city - Highly responsive to city needs - The host city takes on the coordination costs - The coordinator has close contact with the political leader of the network - The coordinator has keen insight into the everyday challenges of running a healthy city	- Changes in local political leadership and economic decisions can negatively influence the resources available to the network - The host city may not be geographically central, or be the country's capital, making it more difficult to establish national contacts and partnerships - The coordinator often works for the network part time as part of another full-time role in the host city
Institution-led <i>The national network is organizationally part of a host institution (such as a school of public health or an association of local authorities) that provides leadership</i>	- The network benefits from the reputation and respect of the institution or organization, adding credibility to the network - The host institution provides access to in-house expertise on research, training and evaluation - The host takes on coordination costs - The host has a strong understanding of national issues and access to consultation processes - The network benefits from the organization's existing partnerships	- Academic institutes rely on research grants and external funding, which can have high administrative costs - Healthy cities may lose priority in resource allocation - There is a risk (but this is not the rule) that national priorities alone define the work of the network, making it simply an implementation network, rather than cities identifying and articulating their collective needs and priorities - Developing understanding between cities and national institutions and forming mutually beneficial relationships can be time-consuming initially; but in the long term this produces advantages, such as by bridging research and practical policy implementation

Ministry-led <i>The national network sits within a government ministry (for example the health, interior, or local government ministry) that provides a budget, oversight, and leadership</i>	• The host ministry takes on coordination costs and provides a direct budgetary contribution to the network • The network benefits from political leadership, as well as direct communication with and access to the ministry and government • The network benefits from the influence and prestige of the ministry • The government and political leadership are fully aware of the network and its activities	• The network has less independence from the government • The network can be used as a political tool, meaning that priorities are not necessarily those of healthy cities
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Information circular

Dear meeting participant,

We are pleased to provide you with the following information regarding the practical arrangements for the above event.

1. Dates and location of the meeting

The meeting will be held on 25–27 April 2018.

The venue is the Hotel Su Antalya, Meltem Mahallesi, Dumlupınar Bulvarı, No:205 07050, Muratpaşa, Antalya, Turkey (Amanzi II Hall): <http://hotelsu.com.tr/>



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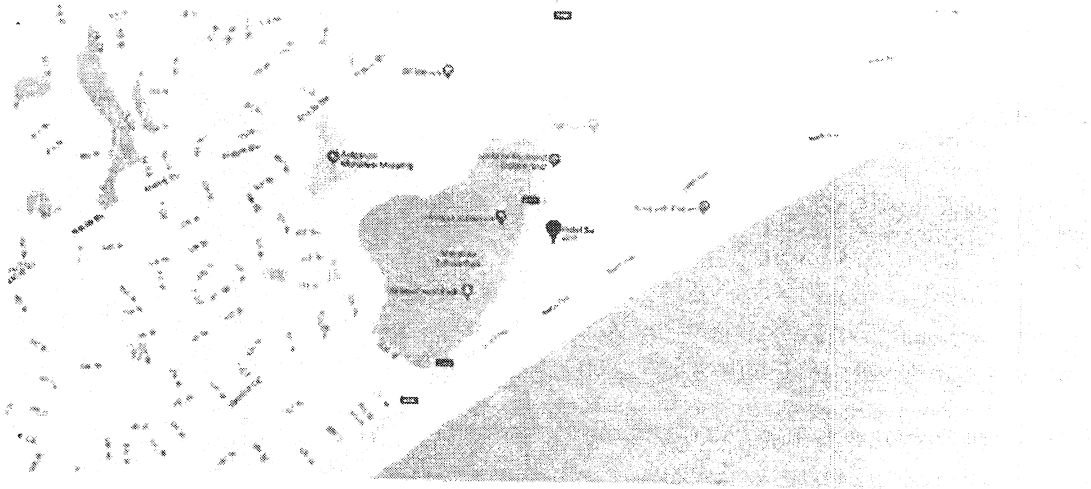
2. Language

The working language for the meeting will be English.

3. Accommodation options

Su Hotel

<http://hotelsu.com.tr/>



Prices: 200 TL (€40.40) per night for a single room or 250 TL (€50.50) per night for a double room.

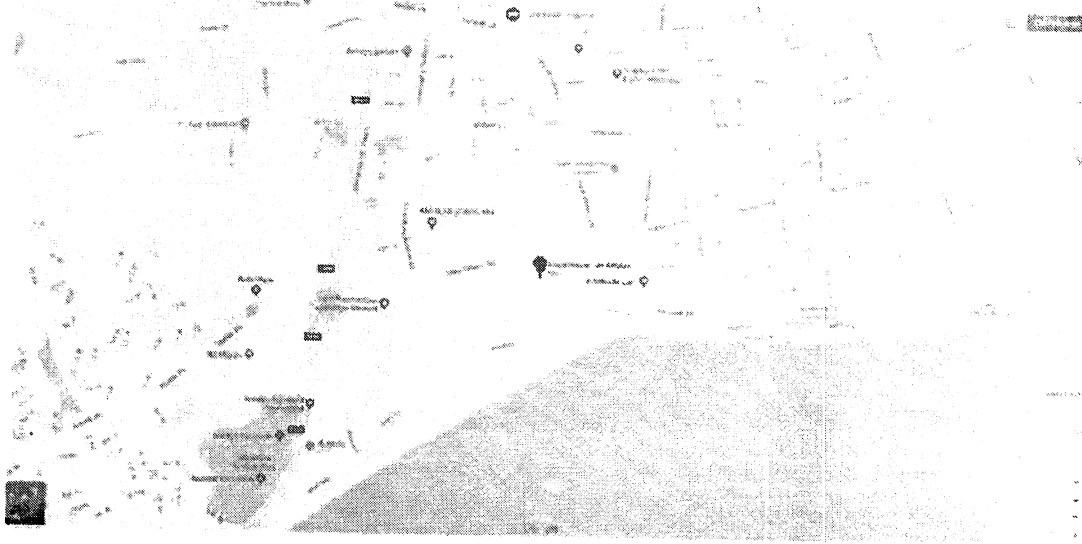
For reservation at these prices, please give the reference code: "WHO Healthy Cities".

Reservation deadline: until 10 April 2018.

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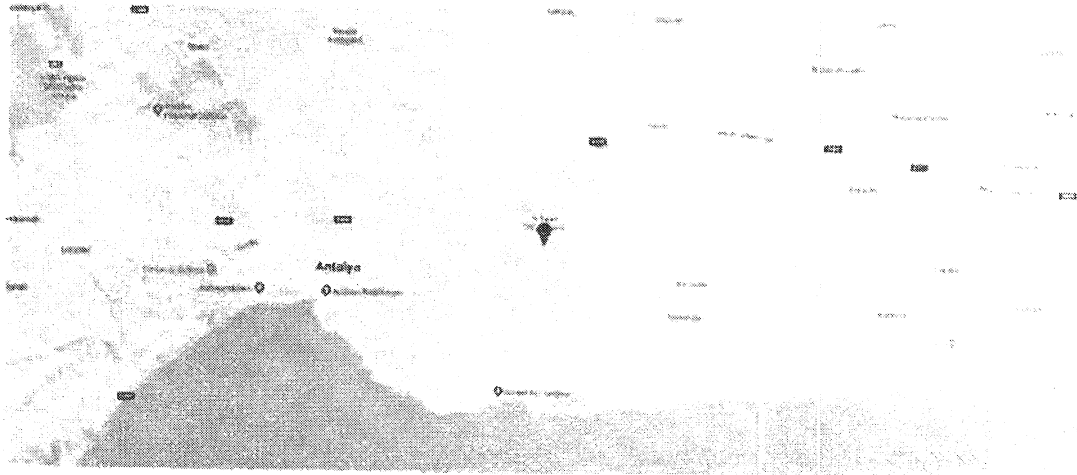
Prices: €80 per night for a single room or €110 per night for a double room.

For reservation at these prices, please give the reference code: "WHO Healthy Cities".

Reservation deadline: As soon as possible.

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4. Antalya airport



The distance from Antalya airport to the meeting venue (Su Hotel) is approximately 18 km.

Public transport is available from Antalya airport to the city centre:

For Hotel Rixos Downtown: Take bus number 600 from “HAVAALANI” station (number 14001) to “Y.YIL-8” station (number 10156).

For Su Hotel: Take bus number 800 from “HAVAALANI” station (number 14001) to “MİGROS” station (number 10160).

Public transport fare: approximately 10 TL

Taxi fare: approximately 75 TL

5. Financial Information

The currency used in Turkey is the Turkish Lira (TL). €1 = 4.86 TL

We hope we have covered all the administrative points you need to know in connection with the meeting. Should you have any queries however, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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