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Dear Dr Berdzuli,

Fifth Evidence-informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) Europe Multicountry Meeting on Using Research Evidence for Policy-making, Bratislava, Slovakia, 14-16 June 2017

I have the pleasure of informing you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe plans to organize the above annual multicountry meeting with key stakeholders.

EVIPNet is a WHO initiative that started in 2005 to build capacity of Member States to develop health policies based on the best available research evidence. EVIPNet Europe was launched in October 2012. It supports the implementation of the European Health Information Initiative, the European policy framework Health 2020 and the Action plan to strengthen the use of evidence, information and research for policy-making in the WHO European Region.

The primary objective of the fifth multicountry meeting is to strengthen network-wide organization and coordination, and to support the implementation of evidence-informed policy-making at national level. An outline of the scope and purpose of the meeting is enclosed.

We welcome representatives from Member States who are part of EVIPNet Europe. The working languages will be English and Russian, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate 1 participant and one alternate who is:

- actively involved and experienced in health systems research or policy-making; and/or
- serving as a knowledge broker bringing the research and policy communities together and has the capacity of taking on a role in EVIPNet Europe.

Regrettably, due to limited funding at this stage, this Office will only be able to cover the costs of one participant to attend this meeting.

I look forward to receiving your nomination(s). We would appreciate if you could send the name(s), functional title(s) and address(es) of the proposed participant(s) to Ms Kalina Shtilianova (shtilianovak@who.int) at your earliest convenience, but not later than **Monday, 24 April 2017**.

We shall then communicate with the nominees directly and provide them with the necessary documentation and administrative information in good time.

Ms Tanja Kuchenmüller, Technical Officer, Knowledge Management, Evidence and Research for Policy-Making (euevipnet@who.int), is responsible for coordinating this activity and it would be appreciated if you could address any technical queries to her.

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

Yours very truly,



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Scope and purpose

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