



Ninth High-Level Meeting
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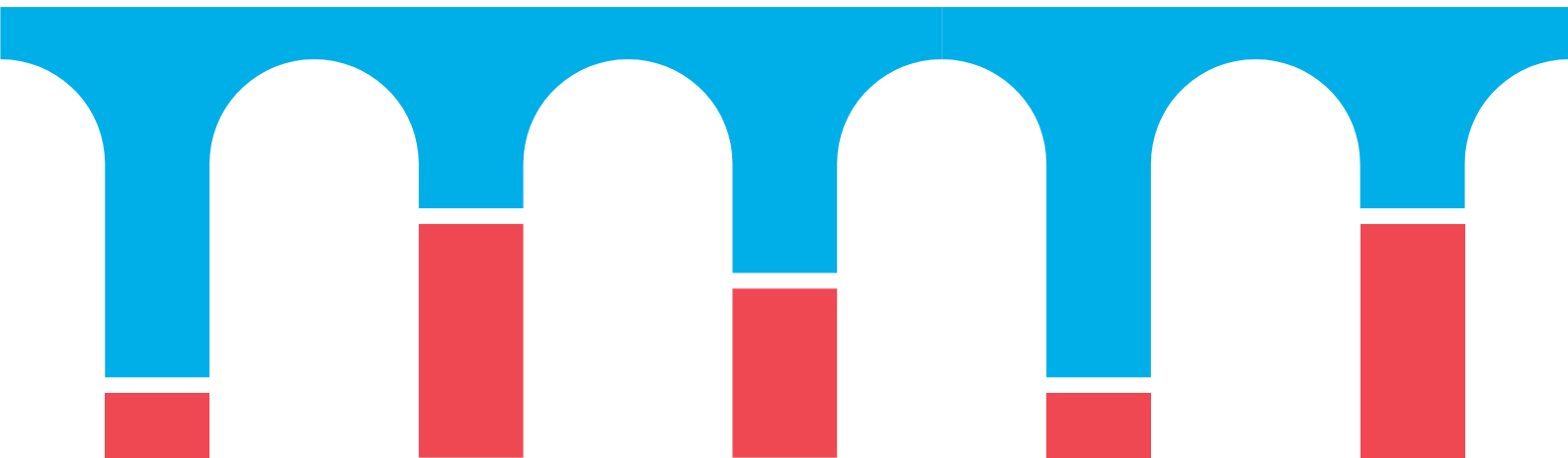
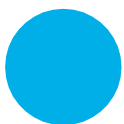
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Wednesday 10 May 2023

19:00 Welcome reception

Lydie Polfer, Mayor of Luxembourg City

Luxembourg City History Museum

14 Rue du St Esprit, 1475 Luxembourg

Thursday 11 May 2023

Cercle Cité (Cercle Municipal)

Place d'Armes, L-2012 Luxembourg

Ceremony Master: Jean-Claude Schmit, Chief Medical Officer, Luxembourg

Zoom link day 1

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Time	Session
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:30	Official opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paulette Lenert, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health, LuxembourgXavier Bettel, Prime Minister of LuxembourgHans Henri P. Kluge, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe
09:30–10:00	Group photo and coffee break
10:00–11:00	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Director, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe Advancing health, equity and well-being <p><i>Moderator: Gundo Weiler, Director, Country Support Emergency Preparedness and Response, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i></p>

	<p>The aims of this session are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the advancement of equity and the well-being economy in small countries; • showcase country examples of implementation of the well-being economy; • discuss how this approach can be used for innovation in public health. <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for the Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Scotland, United Kingdom) (online) • Chris Brown, Head, WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development <p>Heads of delegation panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paulette Lenert, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Luxembourg • Willum Þór Þórsson, Minister of Health, Iceland • Maja Manoleva, Deputy Minister of Health, North Macedonia • Donata Meroni, Deputy Director of Public Health and Head of Health Monitoring and Cooperation Unit, Health Networks, European Commission <p>Concluding remarks</p>
11:00–11:10	<p>Globalizing the Small Countries Initiative (SCI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Fearne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Malta (online)
11:10–12:30	<p>Innovation in preventing and providing quality response to noncommunicable diseases</p> <p><i>Moderator: Kremlin Khamarj Wickramasinghe, Division of Country Health Programs, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i></p> <p>The aims of this session are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the role of commercial determinants of health in the development of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and strategies to address them; • explore opportunities and barriers to enhance the implementation of the “NCD Best Buys” in small countries; • consider the integrated approach to delivering primary health care services to provide high-quality responses to NCDs. <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Gilmore, Professor of Public Health, Bath University, United Kingdom (online) <i>Commercial determinants of health</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gauden Galea, Strategic Adviser to the Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe (online) <i>Update on NCD action in small countries in the WHO European Region</i> <p>Heads of delegation panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popi Nicolaidou Kanari, Minister of Health, Cyprus Dragoslav Šćekić, Minister of Health, Montenegro Sonia Browne, Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Barbados Azra Herceg, State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Slovenia Alexandre Bordero, Director, Department of Health Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Monaco Frederico Guanais, Deputy Head, Health Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development <p>Open floor</p> <p>Concluding remarks</p>
12:30–14:00	Heads of delegation lunch/delegation lunch
14:00–15:00	<p>Access to medicines</p> <p><i>Moderator: Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Director, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i></p> <p>The aims of this session are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discuss key aspects of access to medicines in small countries; explore collaborative opportunities in access to medicines in small countries. <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Garner, Acting Programme Manager, Health Technologies and Pharmaceuticals, WHO Regional Office for Europe <i>Issues and challenges in access to medicines faced by small countries in the WHO European Region, and possible solutions</i> <p>Heads of delegation panel</p> <p>Panellists will address the following questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the key challenges faced by your country with respect to access to medicines and health products? Which of these potential policy solutions would your country be interested in taking forward with the WHO Regional Office for Europe's Access to Novel Medicines Platform? <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dragoslav Šćekić, Minister of Health, Montenegro Roberto Ciavatta, Minister of Health, San Marino Popi Nicolaidou Kanari, Minister of Health, Cyprus

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ala Nemerenco, Minister of Health, Republic of Moldova <p>Open floor</p> <p>Concluding remarks</p>
15:00–15:30	Coffee break
15:30–16:30	<p>Innovation in improving mental health at community level</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ingibjörg Sveinsdóttir, Ministry of Health, Iceland</i></p> <p>The aims of this session are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> update ministers and delegations on mental health actions in small countries; update delegates on the outcome of the online SCI meeting on mental health hosted by Iceland (24 March 2023); obtain feedback from small countries on possible forthcoming activities in the field of mental health. <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Director, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willum Þór Þórsson, Minister of Health, Iceland Ledia Lazeri, Regional Adviser – Mental Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe <p>Heads of delegation panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paulette Lenert, Minister of Health, Luxembourg Popi Nicolaidou Kanari, Minister of Health, Cyprus Heidi Alasepp, Deputy Secretary-General of Health, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Estonia Helena Mas Santuré, Acting Secretary of State for Health, Andorra (online) Alexandre Bordero, Director, Department of Health Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Monaco <p>Open floor</p> <p>Concluding remarks</p>
16:30–17:00	<p>Information session</p> <p>The aim of this session is to update delegates on high-level developments.</p> <p><i>Update on health and tourism</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia Carmona Redondo, Programme Officer, Market Intelligence and Competitiveness Department, World Tourism Organization

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bettina Menne, SCI Coordinator, WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development <p><i>Update by Member States</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popi Nicolaidou Kanari, Minister of Health, Cyprus Roberto Ciavatta, Minister of Health, San Marino Peggy Vidot, Minister of Health, Seychelles
19:30	Dinner

Friday 12 May 2023

Ceremony Master: Bettina Menne, WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development, WHO Regional Office for Europe

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Time	Session
09:00–09:30	Signing of the Luxembourg Ministerial Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paulette Lenert, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Luxembourg Hans Henri P. Kluge, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe
09:30–10:00	Celebration of the International Nursing Day <i>Moderator: Margrieta Langins, Nursing and Midwifery Policy Adviser, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i> Roundtable open to media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paulette Lenert, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Luxembourg Marie Friedel, University of Luxembourg Anne-Marie Hanff, Luxembourg Institute of Health Hans Henri P. Kluge, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe
10:00–10:15	Coffee break
10:15–11:15	Update on progress on advancing human resources for health <i>Moderator: James Buchan, WHO Consultant, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i> The aims of this session are to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update delegates on regional health and care workforce developments; • report back on progress in developing human resources for health national strategies by 2025 in small countries; • discuss next steps. <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Director, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomas Zapata, Regional Adviser, WHO Regional Office for Europe <i>Report on the Regional High-level Meeting on health and care workforce (Bucharest 22–23 March 2023) and actions taken by small countries.</i> <p>Heads of delegation panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Ciavatta, Minister of Health, San Marino • Jean-Claude Schmit, Chief Medical Officer, Luxembourg • Heidi Alasepp, Deputy Secretary-General of Health, Ministry of Social Affairs Ministry of Health, Estonia • Frederico Guanais, Deputy Head, Health Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development • Donata Meroni, Deputy Director of Public Health and Head of Health Monitoring and Cooperation Unit, Health Networks, European Commission <p>Open floor</p> <p>Concluding remarks</p>
11:15–12:15	<p>Leveraging digital transformation in small countries</p> <p><i>Moderator: Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat, Director, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i></p> <p>The aims of this session are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a comprehensive understanding of the current state of digital health in the WHO European Region; • guide future efforts to improve digital health programmes in small countries. <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Novillo, Regional Advisor, WHO Regional Office for Europe (online) <i>The WHO Europe Regional digital health action plan, 2023–2030: where do small countries stand (small country digital health profiles)?</i> <p>Heads of delegation panel</p> <p>Panellists will address the following questions.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your country's approach in preparing the health workforce for the digital transformation of the health-care sector? • What measures have been put in place to ensure that digital technologies are accessible and effectively utilized by all individuals? <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aiga Balode, Secretary of State, Ministry of Health, Latvia • Neville Calleja, Director, Directorate for Health Information and Research, Ministry of Health, Malta <p>Open floor</p> <p>Concluding remarks</p>
12:15–12:30	<p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the meeting • Announcement of the next meeting
12:30–14:00	Lunch
From 14:00	Social programme options for delegates
13:30–14:30	<p>SCI Communicators Network meeting (online)</p> <p><u>Zoom link</u></p> <p><u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88647439412?pwd=aEJ5QTlrRmRPYlpqUmJYTS_tDbkVxZz09</u></p> <p>Meeting ID: 886 4743 9412; Passcode: dYmL2z</p> <p>The aims of this meeting are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brief SCI communications officers on the outcome of the overall meeting; • discuss misinformation and how to deal with it.
14:30–16:00	<p>Closed meeting of SCI focal points (in person and online)</p> <p><u>Zoom link</u></p> <p><u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvdOmsrTktGtXRpV4nGmgY-Bu7xoCS9Rp</u></p> <p>The scope of this meeting is to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the SCI meeting outcomes; • the 2023–2024 workplan of the SCI.