

Consultation session in the field of HEALTH

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RESULTS

During the consultation session on Health in the frame of the WBC-INCO.NET project, **five regional research priorities** of common interest were agreed upon among the participants. The meeting was attended by national expert delegations from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244), Montenegro and Serbia, as well as external experts from the European Commission and from health research institutes from EU Member States. Furthermore, the regional research priorities were refined to a more detailed **specification level**. The specific interest of the Western Balkan countries to each of the priorities was highlighted.

The regional research priorities in the field of Health are given in the table below:

Priorities	Specification	Specific WBC interest	Comment
Oncology	Cancer registries (topic from FP6 revisited)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack and improvement 	
	Translational medicine (training of professionals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countries in transition 	
Cardiovascular diseases	Stroke research (early detection guidelines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonise guidelines for early detection as a model case 	Existing network on stroke
Public Health	Prevention of disease and risk factors, specific epidemiological cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition • Post traumatic stress • Emerging problems 	
	Emerging food and water borne zoonoses (zoonotic infections), pollution of water (tourists)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human potential • Enough existing cases • Water resources • Nutritional value 	
Mental Health	Long term influence of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) on mental health – parallel to terrorist attack cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the model of war 	See FP6 project
Infectious diseases	Epidemiological research on viral Hepatitis A, B, C, E (emerging)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening and Status quo • Research • Vaccine 	