



WBC-INCO.NET - Setting of regional research priorities

Consultation Session on Health
May 12 and 13, 2009 in Tirana/Albania

Annotations

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

9:00 - 11:00	<p>Open Session Edmond Agolli, Ministry of Education and Science of Albania, MOES</p> <p>Welcome Adriana Gjonaj, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Albania Welcome address N.N., Ministry of Health, Albania</p> <p>Introduction to WBC-INCO.NET and Task T2.4 Outlook on expected results a) Regional research <u>priorities</u> b) <u>Recommendations</u> for further cooperation with WBC and major generic activities</p> <p>Ulrike Kunze, International Bureau of the BMBF, Germany Tanja Knezevic, Ministry of Education and Science of Montenegro, MPIN</p> <p>FP 7 Work Programme on Health – Responding to research priorities Joana Namorado, European Commission</p> <p>First discussion on a) Regional research priorities Moderator: Karine Sargsyan, Medical University of Graz, Austria</p> <p>Chair: Andreas Kahle, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany</p>
11:00 - 11:20	<i>Coffee</i>

In this first session, we would like to set the scene for the Consultation Session giving an introduction in the WBC-INCO.NET and outlining the major issues of the workshop. Especially, we would like to look ahead on the expected results on, firstly, regional research priorities and, secondly, giving recommendations for further cooperation possibilities with the Western Balkan Countries (WBC) and major generic activities. For both topics, an outline will be given as input for the workshop participants.

One of the aims of the workshop is to specify regional research priorities of common interest for the WBC and the EU Member States, which can then be used as input for the FP7 Work Programme of the Theme of Health. Therefore, an overview of the FP7 Work Programme is given. In order to achieve the goal of specifying common priorities for all the WBC, input from the participating WBC researchers and other experts is needed to take into account and to incorporate the regional needs.

11:20 - 12:20	<p>Presentation of S&T systems and regional research priorities (Part 1)</p> <p><u>Presenters</u> Genard Hajdini, Expert, Institute of Public Health, Albania N.N., Bosnia and Herzegovina Prof. Dr. Ana Marušić, University of Split, Croatia</p>
12:20 - 13:40	<i>Lunch</i>
13:40 - 15:00	<p>Presentation of S&T systems and regional research priorities (Part 2)</p> <p><u>Presenters</u> Aspazija Sofijanova, FYR of Macedonia Dr. Lul Raka, Faculty of Medicine, University of Prishtina, Kosovo (under UN SCR 1244/1999) Prof. Dr. Bogdan Asanin, University of Montenegro Dr. Olgica Djurkovic-Djakovic, Serbia</p>

The aim of this session is to present the S&T systems in the WBC regarding the field of Health and to highlight the major findings of the national country reports assembled prior to the Consultation Session. For each presentation, a maximum of 20 min (including a short discussion) are foreseen.

Ideally, during the presentation each analytical expert will propose a list of 3 to 5 research priorities in the field of Health. The assembled national country report will be distributed to the other countries prior to the workshop via the nominated expert/MPIN.

15:00 - 16:30	<p>Discussion / refinement of regional research priorities (in 7 parallel working groups)</p> <p>Moderator: Karine Sargsyan, Medical University of Graz, Austria</p>
16:30 - 16:50	<i>Coffee</i>

16:50 - 18:00	<p>Report of the working groups Summing up of regional research priorities</p> <p>Moderator: Karine Sargsyan, Medical University of Graz, Austria</p>
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>

In these two sessions, we will discuss and identify regional research priorities based on the great lines of the FP7 Work Programme on Health and the presentations of the S&T systems and the national country reports by the WBC in the previous session. The discussion will take place in 7 parallel groups according to the national delegations. The participating stakeholders from the WBC will be asked to give input to propose concrete research topics and to finally set up a priority list of not more than 5 priorities by all WBC. Back in the plenary session, a matrix will be produced with all research topics of the WBC to finally reach consensus on about 3 to 5 regional research priorities commonly agreed on.

Ideally, as a final result all WBC agree on a list of 3 to 5 research topics which are of highest priority for the WBC in the field of Health and that are of common interest also for the EU. These research topics can then be used as input to the FP7 Work Programme, a regional call, actions under a Regional Research Strategy etc.

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

9:00 - 10:45	<p>Presentations by invited experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperation possibilities in the field of Health Marta Barrionuevo Hafner, Health Institute Carlos III, Spain b. Public Health Research in the Western Balkan Countries Helmut Brand, Maastricht University, The Netherlands c. Biobanking for biomedical research Karine Sargsyan, Medical University of Graz, Austria d. SEE Health Network Altin Ylli, Director of Public Health, Albania <p>Chair: Ulrike Kunze, International Bureau of the BMBF, Germany</p>
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee</i>

While discussions on day one were primarily devoted to regional research priorities, day two will focus on recommendations for further cooperation with the WBC. Prior to the discussion, external experts will highlight different aspects which are connected to the Health theme. This will include presentations with the objective to view the Health sector from different perspectives and to introduce further ways and instruments of cooperation to the workshop participants. This session will give the opportunity to raise new issues within the Health theme and to discuss new ways of cooperation between the participants of the Consultation Session and with other initiatives, networks, etc.

11:15 - 12:45	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Recommendations for further cooperation with WBC and major generic activities</p> <p>Moderator: Helmut Brand, Maastricht University, The Netherlands</p>
12:45 - 13:00	<p>Conclusions</p> <p>Edmond Agolli, MOES</p> <p>Tanja Knezevic, MPIN</p>
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30	<p><i>Consultation session ends</i></p> <p><i>Departure</i></p>

This last session of the workshop will be devoted to an open discussion about further cooperation possibilities with the WBC, and especially aspects of the Health area. Each WBC delegation will be asked to formulate practical recommendations for major generic activities and on how the cooperation between the WBC in the area of S&T (Health) can be further developed. Ideally, a list of recommendations given by the participating WBC and the external experts will be compiled which could then be incorporated into a regional research strategy for in the near future.

Possible topics covered could include: A major generic activity regarding exchange and mobility, procedures for the exchange and dissemination of information, networking, infrastructure development, regular, annual meetings between researchers and policy makers in the WBC to discuss issues of a regional research strategy, etc.