



*A DECADE OF ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN
SEE*

DECISION

on

Establishing Regional Health Development Centers of the SEE Health Network

*Taken at the
Twenty-fifth SEE HN Meeting
In Sofia, Bulgaria, 16-18 June 2011*

The SEE Health Network, at its 25th Meeting held on 16-18 June, 2011 in Sofia, Bulgaria, all the representatives of all the SEE Health Network member states being present,

- *Having reviewed the priorities in the SEE HN member states and discussed ways and means of building concerted political action, specifically in the fields of communicable diseases, antibiotic resistance, mental health, transplantation, human resources in health, strengthening public health services, blood safety, and accreditation health in the SEE HN member states, and continuous quality improvement of health care, in relation to furthering public*
- *Having acknowledged achievements of the SEE HN in the fields of communicable diseases, mental health, transplantation, strengthening public health services and blood safety,*
- *Having acknowledged the need to further develop SEE HN work in antibiotic resistance, human resources in health development and accreditation and continuous quality improvement of health care,*
- *Having acknowledged the impact of development in all above stated technical areas in the larger area of public health, as has been underlined by all the European and international institutions acting in the public health,*
- *Having considered that further sustained and coordinated development measures in all above stated technical areas, would provide an appropriate instrument to resolve some of the key priority problems of the vulnerable populations in the SEE HN member states and, from a public health point of view, influence other areas by identifying key actors and promoting concerted action.*
- *Having noted that existing activities regarding all above stated technical areas in the SEE region need to be revised in the light of the European Union's (EU's) policies and legislation that are mandatory for member states and candidate countries, and taking advantage of the technical guidance provided by the Council of Europe recommendations and WHO integrated strategy in this field.*
- *Having concluded that all above stated technical areas need to acquire sufficient standing in all government policies, legislation and regulations, as well as in future obligations of the countries to implement EU legislation in this field.*
- *Having thoroughly reviewed the applications of respective member states of the SEE HN for establishing RHDC on specific technical area of work in public health,*

And according to Articles V, VIII and X and in regards with Annex 2 and III of the Memorandum of Understanding of the SEE HN Member States (2008 and Beyond), we, hereby, endorse the following:

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ESTABLISHING REGIONAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS OF THE SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN HEALTH NETWORK

I

Regional Health Development Centers of the SEE Health Network, hereinafter: RHDC, shall be established, as follows:

- RHDC on Communicable Diseases in Tirana, Albania,
- RHDC on Antibiotic Resistance in Sofia, Bulgaria,
- RHDC for Mental Health in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- RHDC on Organ Donation and Transplant Medicine in Zagreb, Croatia,
- RHDC on Human Resources in health Development in Chisinau, Moldova,
- RHDC on Strengthening Public Health Services in Skopje, Macedonia,
- RHDC on Blood Safety in Oradea, Romania, and
- RHDC on Accreditation and Continuous Quality Improvement of Health Care in Belgrade, Serbia

II

This RHDC shall operate on the basis of the Dubrovnik Pledge, the Skopje Pledge, the Memorandum of Understanding (2008 and beyond) and all the other political and operative documents and decisions of the SEE HN.

III

This RDHC shall organize its work with biennial programs approved by the SEE Health Network and shall provide semi-annual reports to the SEE Health Network at its regular semi-annual meetings, on the basis of close indicator-based monitoring and evaluation of their activities.

IV

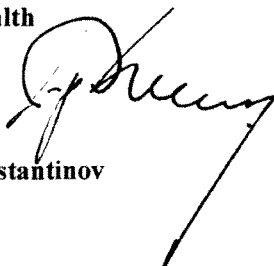
SEE Health Network member states shall maintain continuous commitment and support, including by mobilizing national human and financial resources for implementation of the activities related to proper functioning of the RDHC, and supervising progress and monitoring the impact of implementation at national and regional levels, according to the SEE Health Network political and legal documents.

V

SEE Health Network member states extend an invitation to other partners, donors and international organizations to consider supporting implementation of the activities of the RDHC.

Signed in Sofia, Bulgaria, on the 17 June 2011

**President of the SEE HN
Minister of Health**



Dr. Stefan Konstantinov

**Chair of the SEE HN
Executive Committee**



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