



Conference statement on improving health information systems for migration health

The participants of the Consensus Conference (Pecs, 7-8 October 2019) reached agreement that there is a need for greater harmonisation and international cooperation on migrant health information systems (data collection, analysis and dissemination). The conference recalls previous WHO resolution 70.15, the Strategy and Action Plan for Refugee and Migrant Health in the WHO European Region and the WHO Global Action Plan and recommends:

- Measures to facilitate harmonisation of definitions, variables, indicators and categories to ensure cross-border comparability of data and addressing the gaps in data collection in order to ensure compatibility and completeness of data
- Improving international cooperation and governance of data management in order to share and transfer data if there is a justifiable need to share data
- Encouraging inclusion of migration-related variables in routine data collection; encouraging data linkage where this is possible and practically feasible

This could be achieved through the following means:

- Provision of technical guidance on taxonomy and methodologies of data collection and interpretation that the proceedings of this conference will inform. This should be a scientific publication.

- Establishment of a multi-stakeholder scientific task force to be concerned with the topic and challenges related to data collection, mapping of existing health information systems and methodologies, contributing to the development of the technical guidance and translation of evidence into policy.
- Training and capacity building on approaches to mainstreaming migration into health information systems.

The conference was organized jointly by WHO Regional Office for Europe and University of Pécs.

Participants were present from the following institutions:

- ❖ Academic Medical Centre of Amsterdam,
- ❖ Azienda Unità Sanitaria Locale Reggio Emilia (AUSL), Bielefeld University,
- ❖ Buckinghamshire New University,
- ❖ Consortium for Health Care and Social Services of Catalonia,
- ❖ Cordelia Foundation,
- ❖ Doctors of the World,
- ❖ European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC),
- ❖ European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights,
- ❖ European Public Health Association (EUPHA),
- ❖ International Organization for Migration (IOM),
- ❖ Istituto Superiore di Sanità,
- ❖ National Centre for Global Health (Italy),
- ❖ National Public Health Centre (Hungary),
- ❖ NATO Centre of Excellence for Military Medicine (COEMED),
- ❖ Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA EU),
- ❖ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, University of Amsterdam,
- ❖ University of Copenhagen,
- ❖ University of Pécs,
- ❖ University of Szeged,

- ❖ Uppsala University,
- ❖ Wageningen University and Research,
- ❖ WHO Collaborating Centre at University of Pécs,
- ❖ WHO Country Office Albania,
- ❖ WHO Regional Office for Europe,
- ❖ WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific,
- ❖ WHO Country Office Turkey