Baltic health and finance officials meet international experts on improving health financing

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Senior decision-makers and stakeholders from the ministries of health, health financing agencies and academic institutions in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are to meet international experts to discuss financing and resource allocation in the health sector of the three Baltic countries. The meeting is being organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe on 26 and 27 August in Tallinn, Estonia, and will be facilitated by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and the Health Systems Financing Programme of the Regional Office.

Reform of financing systems is seen as a key health policy issue for the Baltic countries. The participants will look into critical health policy challenges such as the role of private financing, addressing threats to solidarity in health financing systems, and reforms in contracting and provider payment.

For the first time since their countries joined the European Union, high-level decision-makers from the three Baltic countries will have the opportunity to address future directions and identify priorities for health financing reform. The meeting will foster cross-border policy-making networks and exchange of ideas on effective strategies and best practices, drawing on evidence and experience from across Europe.

The meeting will take place at Reval Hotel Olümpia, Liivalaia 33, 10118 Tallinn, Estonia, Journalists are invited to the press conference organized by the Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia and the WHO Regional Office for Europe on Thursday, 24th August at 13.00, at the Hotel Olümpia, Alpha 2nd hall.

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies supports and promotes evidence-based health policy-making through comprehensive and rigorous analysis of the dynamics of health care systems in the WHO European Region. It is a partnership between the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the governments of Belgium, Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain and Sweden, the European Investment Bank, the Open Society Institute, the World Bank, the London School of Economics and Political Science and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

Health Systems Financing Programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe
The Health Systems Financing Programme supports Member States in designing and assessing their health financing systems and reforms, guided by the objectives of
solidarity, financial risk protection, and the promotion of health system efficiency and transparency. This support is carried out through policy dialogue with countries, facilitating exchange of evidence and experience between countries, and collaborating with partner agencies that are more directly involved in supporting countries to implement health financing reforms.

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