



MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

LATVIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

2015 Jan - Jun



PRIORITIES

- Encouraging **healthy lifestyle** and **physical activities**
- Highlighting the importance to fight with **MDR-TB**
- Facilitate the discussions on the future of the **alcohol policy**
- Emphasise the importance of **patient centred health care**

In the Council

- Reach an agreement with the EP on the proposal for Regulations on **medical and *in vitro* medical devices**
- Reach an early second agreement on the Regulation on **psychoactive substances**



WORKING PARTY ON PUBLIC HEALTH *AT SENIOR LEVEL*

Topics to be discussed:

- Cost effective use of medicines
- Update on activities and development of EU Health strategy
- Engagement of EU in international health forum

17 February, 2015



HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Healthy lifestyle: Nutrition and Physical activity for children and youngsters

Topics to be discussed:

- Healthy eating habits
- Impact of school environment and school's food policy
- Physical activities
- Mobile applications, modern technologies and other innovative solutions

23-24 February, 2015, Riga



MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON TUBERCULOSIS

Topics to be discussed :

- Financing; sustainability of TB prevention and control; health systems capability to respond;
- Vulnerable populations and social aspects regarding TB prevalence; enhancing of community involvement

31 March, 2015, Riga

- ECDC side event to the conference for countries with the highest MDR TB prevalence
- Other events to highlight TB
 - Eastern Partnership Summit 21-22 May, Riga
 - TB side event during WHA 22-26 May, Geneva



CHIEF MEETINGS: CMO, CNO, CDO

Topics to be discussed:

- Patient-centred health care
- Work-related illnesses and healthy workforce
- Evidence based nursing
- Cancer screening programmes within the EU

7-8 April, 2015, Riga (one day and a half)

**Joined with Meeting of Government Chief Nursing Officers in the
WHO European Region**

8-9 April, 2015, Riga (one day and a half)



INFORMAL MEETING OF THE EU MINISTERS FOR HEALTH

Intended topics to be discussed:

- Discussions on **future health priorities** and directions for the European Union
- **Alcohol policy** in the EU

21-22 April, 2015, Riga

Health attachés' meeting on 23 April, Riga



E-HEALTH WEEK

Topics to be discussed:

- Patient – centred healthcare & Empowerment of patients
- Using technologies to improve the quality of healthcare
- Innovations in e-Health
- Cross-border exchange of health data
- Patient data protection issues

11-13 May, 2015, Riga



OTHER RIGA-BASED EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
4-5 February	Conference of Heads of European Medicines Agencies (HMA)	Riga
15-17 April	Meeting of Competent Authorities for Medical Devices	Riga



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WELCOME TO RIGA!

