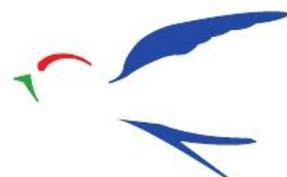




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Agenda of Ministerial Councils, Conferences
and Regular Meetings



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FOREWORD

Health is indeed a priority during the Term of the Italian Presidency, as the number of health-related events and objectives confirm. Health-related issues have an enormous impact on the overall growth and development of the European Union, making them a central issue of public policies.



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That is why, starting with the guidelines of the "Europe 2020" strategy and the programme of the Italy-Lithuania –Luxembourg Trio, we intend to propose initiatives based on the principle of "health in all policies" to our colleagues of other Member States, above all because interventions with an impact in fields such as education, infrastructures, the environment, finance and economy, help to improve both the health of populations and the general economic situation of individual countries, and thus of Europe as a whole.

We intend to encourage a constructive dialogue between Ministries, and between these and the European Institutions, in order to improve the well-being, health and the quality of life of our citizens, and the competitiveness of the European Union.

This pamphlet gives a list and brief description of the health-related events and meetings organised during our Presidency, which will range from prevention to the organisation of services and the quality of healthcare, food safety and computerization, research and innovation in the medical field and veterinary health care.

Considering the geographical position of our Country in the Mediterranean area, and the ever-increasing importance and topicality of migratory flows for the European Union, Italy will also offer an opportunity for across-the board reflection on health in the Mediterranean.

These are going to be six very demanding months, that we will conduct with great commitment and enthusiasm, as is fitting for a field as important as public Health, confiding in the convergence of Member States, the European Commission and Parliament, in the interests of the community.

**Minister of Health
Hon. Beatrice Lorenzin**



Programme of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU – Health sector

Due to their cross-cutting nature, health-related issues represent a priority for the Italian Presidency, which will be engaged in involving the third sector, such as active healthcare organisations.

The Presidency will promote healthy lifestyles and prevention, within the conceptual framework of the “3rd Health EU Programme”, also taking into account gender differences, with a special view to the prevention of respiratory diseases and cancer.

The Italian Presidency will invite its European partners to consider the outcome and perspectives of the fight against HIV/AIDS – ten years after the Dublin Declaration on the partnership against this disease. Priority will be given both to vaccines as an effective tool for public health, also aiming at the adoption of Council conclusions, and to antimicrobial resistance. As regards healthcare, more work will be done to guarantee the quality of services in order to ensure the greater safety of patients. Given the adverse economic cycle, special attention will be given to the issues of efficiency, efficacy and the cost-effectiveness of healthcare delivery.

The Italian Presidency intends to promote public discussion on patient safety and care-related infections. Discussions will also be held on dementia, on pain treatment and palliative therapies. Health research plays a primary role with regard to the aforementioned issues and a discussion on this specific issue will be launched during the Informal Meeting. Ministers will consider the benefits for patients arising from research and innovations in the pharmaceutical and medical devices sectors.

The Italian Presidency will focus on the review of the Regulations on medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic medical devices.

The Presidency will also explore whether and how to take forward the review of the Directive 89/105/EEC on the transparency of measures regulating the prices of medicinal products for human use and their inclusion within the scope of public health insurance systems.



Veterinary, Food Safety and Phytosanitary Issues

Among the strategic priorities to be pursued during the six-month Presidency, legislative harmonization on animal health represents an important issue, also with reference to the impact on farmers of bio-security measures to prevent the spread of diseases. The Italian Presidency intends to make progress in achieving consensus on EU legislation, which would effectively address the concerns about consumers' health and animal welfare. The new proposal tabled by the Commission at the end of 2013 on animal cloning and novel food may present a new start for finding a balanced solution preventing the marketing of food from animal clones, while avoiding any obstacles to research and innovation. The Presidency will work on the proposal for an EU Regulation on animal health. Reinforcement of the epidemiological surveillance system for certain diseases such as Avian Influenza, Blue Tongue and West Nile Disease will be proposed. In particular, a global conference will be held in Italy, in agreement with the European Commission and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). Furthermore, in accordance with EU recommendations and the public health problems raised by consumers and patients, the Presidency will encourage the review of Regulations on veterinary medicines as well as on the use of medicated feeds in farm animal therapy, inter alia in order to achieve a reduction in the use of antibiotics in products of animal origin. As regards food safety, the review of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on official controls is already in progress through the proposal for Regulation (EU) No 256/2013. This measure is part of a package aiming to achieve a legislative update of health and safety throughout the agro-food chain. In addition, the Presidency will be involved in the review of the Regulations on protection against harmful organisms for plants; the production and marketing of plant propagation material; and official controls and other official activities intended to ensure the application of laws on plant health and phytosanitary production. Moreover, the Italian Presidency will be committed to reaching an agreement with the European Parliament within the negotiations on the novel food file. An additional strategic priority is the reinforcement of cooperation between Member States' competent authorities in the fight against fraud. The Italian Presidency, in cooperation with the Commission, will examine whether the current legislation concerning both food supplements based on plants and plant derivatives - "botanicals" - and probiotic



products needs to be reviewed, with particular reference to removing the gaps in the application of the legislative framework for claims, which represents a relevant area of interest for the food production sector at national level.

A primary objective of the Presidency will be the reinforcement of EU negotiations with the more relevant third Countries, in order to guarantee a greater compliance with international health rules laid down in the Health and Phytosanitary Agreement, as well to promote the export of agri-food products.



EVENTS TO BE HELD DURING THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE HEALTH SECTOR:

MINISTERIAL COUNCILS, CONFERENCES AND REGULAR MEETINGS

The program of events of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the health sector includes two Ministers of Health Meetings, eighteen Conferences and several other periodic meetings. The coordination is managed by the Directorate-General of Communication and of European and International Relations - Director-general: Dr. Daniela Roderigo.

A) MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS OF HEALTH

- Informal meeting of the Ministers of Health, *Milan 22-23 September 2014*
- Council of Ministers of Health, *Brussels 1 December 2014*

B) CONFERENCES

- Conference on “Innovation systems and prospects of health”, *Milan 21-22 September 2014*
- Ministerial Conference on “Women’s health: a Life-Course approach”, *Rome 2-3 October 2014*
- Conference on “e-Health”, *Rome 7- 8 October 2014*
- International Conference on “Food frauds”, *Rome 23-24 October 2014*
- Conference on “Lessons learned” and recommendations one year after the implementation of the Directive 2011/24/EU, *Venice 23 – 24 October*
- Ministerial Conference on “Health in the Mediterranean”, *Rome 27-28 October 2014*



- Conference on “Rare disease: Europe’s challenges”, *Rome 31 October 2014*
- Conference on “Quality, safety and costs of care”, *Rome 3-4 November 2014*
- 4th International Conference on “Blue Tongue and other Orbivirus diseases”, *Rome 5-7 November 2014*
- Workshop on Interaction between national and local dimensions: the development of health policies, *Brussels 6 – 7 November 2014*
- Conference on “Dementia in Europe: a challenge for our common future”, *Rome 14 November 2014*
- Ministerial Conference on “The fight against HIV/AIDS ten years after the Dublin Conference”, *Rome 27-28 November 2014*
- 2nd Annual Joint Action Conference on “The Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting”, *Rome 4 – 5 December 2014*
- Conference on “Equity in Health: how to promote networking to move from policy to action”, *Florence 12 December 2014*
- European Conference on “Youth mental health: from the continuity of psychopathologies to the continuity of treatments”, *Venice 16-18 December 2014*
- Conference on “Neurodevelopmental disorders, with specific reference to communication and language disorders in the age of development and to Autism spectrum disorders”, *Rome 17 December 2014*
- Presentation of the Report on the Health Status of Country (RSSP) 2012-2013, *Rome 18 December 2014*
- International Conference on Medical Devices, *Rome 18-19 December 2014*
- Conference on “Antimicrobial resistance”, *Rome 22-23 December 2014*



C) REGULAR MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

- Working Party on Public Health - Senior level, *Brussels 15 July 2014*
- 1st Meeting of Heads of Human and Veterinary Medicines Agencies, *Rome 16-17 July 2014*
- Presidency Meeting of the Coordination Group for Mutual Recognition and Decentralized Procedures (CMDv) and the Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP), including the joint meeting of the two groups, *Rome 22-23 September 2014*
- Meeting of Health Attachés, *Milan 23-24 September 2014*
- EFSA Advisory Forum Meeting, *Venice 24 -25 September 2014*
- Meeting of the Heads of European Food Safety Agencies, *Venice 26 September 2014*
- Meeting of Chief Veterinary Officers, *Milan 1-3 October 2014*
- Meeting of Chief Medical, Nursing and Dental Officers, *Rome 6 -7 October 2014*
- Meeting of Competent Authorities on Medical devices, *Rome 16 -17 October 2014*
- Meeting of Competent Authorities for HTA, *Rome 29 October 2014*
- 2nd Meeting of Heads of Human and Veterinary Medicines Agencies, *Rome 27-28 November 2014*

Schedule, information and events documentation are published on the institutional web-portal of the Italian Ministry of Health www.salute.gov.it



INFORMAL MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF HEALTH

Milan, 22-23 September 2014

Milan Congress Centre (MiCo) – 1, Piazzale Carlo Magno



The Informal Meeting of the EU Ministers of Health is an important turning point of the whole Presidency. The agenda actually includes topics that are very relevant for the health and wellbeing of EU citizens: pain therapy and palliative care; innovation for the benefit of patients; actions carried out by the EU against the Ebola epidemics which is interesting some African Countries; cancer prevention in EU Countries, where cancer represent the second cause of death.

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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH

Brussels, 1st December 2014

Rue de la Loi 175 - Justus Lipsius



This is the meeting of the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (EPSCO), which works to increase employment levels and improve living and working conditions, ensuring a high level of human health and consumer protection in the EU. Two out of the four yearly meetings are exclusively dedicated to public health policies.

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Conference on “Innovation systems and prospects of health”

Milan, 21-22 September 2014

Milan Congress Centre (MiCo) – 1, Piazzale Carlo Magno



The conference aims at highlighting the currently ongoing initiatives to support the development of innovative medicines and making patient’s access to new treatments easier and more rapid.

This conference stems from the need to collect and offer a comprehensive presentation of all initiatives undertaken in this area by the EU institutions, through the work programmes of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), the IMI projects of the European Commission, the work carried out by DG Enterprise on orphan drugs, as well as the developments in the use of instruments of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) for the evaluation of the relative effectiveness of medicinal products.

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Ministerial Conference on “Women’s health: a Life-Course approach”

Rome, 2-3 October 2014

Auditorium of the Ministry of Health

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In modern society, women have to face not only their main functions but also the new problems related to the work environment and to a longer life expectancy which is longer compared to men. In order to allow women to live a healthy life and to protect their fertile phase, it is necessary to give priority to interventions of health promotion, prevention of “gender” diseases, appropriateness and quality of fertility, pregnancy and maternity management, as well as of life stage of elderly people where there is a prevalence of women with peculiar health and social problems.

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Conference on “e-Health”

Rome, 7-8 October 2014

Sforza room, Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel

5, Via G. Frescobaldi



The European Conference on Telemedicine (CET) is an international event which gathers health care organizations, institutions, physicians and researchers from all around the world, to discuss key strategic issues related to the development of telemedicine. The main subject will be the 'continuum of care', a concept that contemplates an integrated system of therapy that guides and follows patients in space and time, managing their therapies both in the case they are included into the National Health System and in private healthcare systems.

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Conference on “Lessons learned and recommendations one year after the implementation of the Directive 2011/24/EU”

Venice, 23 – 24 October 2014

Cultural Centre Don Orione Artigianelli

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On 9 March 2011 the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union adopted the Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (Directive 2011/24/EU). Member States will have to transpose this Directive into national systems by 25 October 2013.

This event aims at comparing and identifying how Member States transposed the Directive, what results have been achieved so far. The Conference will also consider future prospects of cross-border collaboration, through an analysis of governance models at different levels and the identification of best practices.

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International Conference on “Food frauds”

Rome, 23-24 October 2014

Auditorium of the Ministry of Health

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The conference aims at increasing the attention on the global challenge represented by Economically Motivated Violations (EMV) of food regulation; improving the interdisciplinary collaboration and communication between the parties involved in the fight against EMV, starting from control and judicial authorities up to consumers and industry.

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Ministerial Conference on “Health in the Mediterranean”

Rome, 27-28 October 2014

Auditorium of the Ministry of Health

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The conference intends to address five issues on public health in order to promote progress, health and stability of the countries bordering the Mediterranean:

1. International Health Regulation
2. Antimicrobial Resistance
3. Lifestyle
4. Health and Migration
5. MoH PH projects in the Mediterranean area

The Conference will offer the occasion to promote the leading role of Italy, both within the context of relationships with the countries of the Euro-Mediterranean basin and with a view to solidarity and strengthening of partnership activities and shared growth of the health systems in the Euro-Mediterranean area.

The Euro-Mediterranean projects, promoted and financed by the Ministry of Health, have hitherto been a virtuous model of how to implement international cooperation partnership. They are able to create a network of technical and political relationships among subjects despite they belong to different social realities. The common purpose is to improve the level of healthcare service offered by the national systems.

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Conference on “Rare Diseases: Europe’s challenges”

Roma, 31 October 2014

Aula dei Gruppi Parlamentari, Camera dei Deputati
74, Via di Campo Marzio



The Conference is intended to enable Italy, together with the Representatives of other Countries and the Representatives of the European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases (EUCERD), not only to find a shared moment to illustrate “the state of the art” and the difficulties in implementing national plans for rare diseases (Council Recommendation of 8 June), but also the key strengths developed in this field. The aim is to share the most up-to-date scientific knowledge and good practice, to identify synergies and practical means of transnational cooperation both in research and in public health in order to face and overcome this challenge.

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Conference on “Quality, safety and costs of care”

Rome, 3-4 November 2014

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The conference aims at addressing issues related to quality, safety and cost of care, trying to combine the clinical and organizational effectiveness point of view with the economic efficiency, which both represent a priority for all health care systems. The comparison between models available and related methodological instruments will allow to identify systems of financial-economic impact assessment and the subsequent appropriate use of resources. The primary objective is the application of models of economic impact assessment in the context of actions for the promotion of quality and safety in order to allow informed choices and to ensure appropriate and cost-effectiveness approach.

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4th International Conference on “Bluetongue and other Orbivirus diseases”

Rome, 5-7 November 2014

Auditorium of the Ministry of Health

5, Viale Giorgio Ribotta



Bluetongue and other animal diseases caused by Orbivirus remain a priority and sometimes an emergency for the Veterinary Services and the livestock industry. In order to guarantee a free trade of animals and related products, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Bank (WB) included these diseases among those that may need more attention and investments by enhancing food safety.

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WORKSHOP

Interaction between the national and local dimension: the development of health policies

Brussels, 6-7 November 2014

Committee of the Regions /European Economic and Social Committee, Jacques Delors Building, 99 - Rue Belliard



The European context opens up opportunities and challenges to the Regions, and a direct dialogue between European and Regional institutions is a need called for European institutions. This event aims at examining what kind of relation exists between the European and the Regional institutions, with a particular attention to the role played by Regions in developing health policies and to the collaboration and synergies implemented between Regions and national Government in this field.

In particular, the Workshop will consider some good practices implemented both in Italy and other European countries, aiming at identify which elements are characterizing the National-Regional collaboration and the strategies of interaction with the European Union, as well as at developing possible scenarios of evolution of models examined.

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Conference on “Dementia in Europe: a challenge for our common future”

Rome, 14 November 2014

Auditorium of the Ministry of Health

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In Europe the Alzheimer Disease (AD) is estimated to represent the 54% of all dementias and is more likely to affect the population aged 65 years and over. The prevalence of this pathology increases with age and women are more likely to be affected than men. The European population is ageing and dementias are one of the major cause of disability among the elderly and the fourth major cause of death in people aged 65 years and over.

The Technical Conference on Dementias is an opportunity of constructive discussion on the strategies adopted in Italy and in Europe in this field, in the perspective of developing prevention and treatment initiatives, focusing on elderly health promotion

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Ministerial Conference on “The fight against HIV/AIDS ten years later the Dublin Declaration”

Rome, 27-28 November 2014

Auditorium of the Ministry of Health

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The fight against HIV and AIDS achieved significant results in the last years, increasing lifespan of HIV-positive people. This was possible thanks to several information campaigns carried out for the prevention of infection transmission, but also thanks to the discovery of new drugs.

The Conference intends to reflect both on progress achieved and further progress which has still to be made.

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2nd Annual Joint Action Conference on “The Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting”

Rome, 4–5 December 2014

Auditorium of the Ministry of Health

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According to an estimate from the European Commission, supported by additional evaluation of WHO, Europe expects a shortage of 1.000.000 health workers by 2020. The general objective of this action is a platform for collaboration and exchange between Member States to prepare the future of the HWF.

The conference will focus on the implementation of planning process within Member States, Regions and Competent Authorities and on the concept of co-operation among Member States, in order to improve the planning of HWF, starting collaborations with other European programs.

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Equity in Health: How to promote networking to move from policy to action

Florence, 12 December 2014

Auditorium Santa Apollonia

25/a , San Gallo street



This event aims to promote and stimulate the debate on the social determinants of health and on the reduction of health inequalities between and within the EU Member States. The aim of the Conference is to promote the dialogue among the main stakeholders, facilitate the exchange of experiences and best practices, stimulate and strengthening the capacity of networking and improving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of interventions.

The "Health in all policies", along with the cooperation and intersectoral actions, constitutes a promising approach to increase the accountability of other sectors towards the health sector, as well as the promotion of equity in health and the promotion of a more inclusive society. As collective goals, health and well-being for everyone, should be given high priority at the local, national, regional and international.

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European Conference on “Youth Mental Health: from the continuity of psychopathologies to the continuity of treatments”

Venice, 16-18 December 2014

San Servolo Congress Centre - Isola di San Servolo



More than 75% of mental disorders occur within the 25th year of age and affect young people, who represent 27% of the world population.

Given that mental disorders occur during the growing stage up to adulthood, it is timely to reflect on the adequacy of mental health services for children, adolescents and adults. The Conference aims at increasing healthcare professionals' awareness and knowledge about issues and opportunities to promote the development of models designed to guarantee the continuity and specificity of care.

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Conference on “Neurodevelopmental disorders, with specific reference to communication and language disorders in developmental age and to autistic disorders”

Rome, 17 December 2014

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The neurodevelopmental disorders include a wide variety of diagnostic categories such as intellectual disabilities, language disorders, autism spectrum disorders, learning disorders, attention deficit and hyperactivity disorders. Moreover, communication problems may be the only symptomatological "core" of a person and therefore a differential diagnosis is substantial for the diagnostic accuracy and for the choice of an appropriate therapeutic approach. These disorders, for some of which in the last decade an increased prevalence has been reported, result in a high sanitary, social and economic burden.

To foster people affected by these disorders' integration and the amelioration of the quality of life, Member states shall promote early diagnosis, rehabilitative interventions, family supports, training for the health workers and educators.

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Conference on "Presentation of the Report on the Health Status of Country (RSSP) 2012-2013"

Rome 18 December 2014

Auditorium, Ministero della Salute

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This event represents the occasion, for the Italian Minister of Health, to present the Report on the Health Status in Italy to national and international institutions and to the media. The reports refers to the years 2012-2013.

The Report on the Health Status in Italy is the most important document in the institutional communication of Italian public health. Through its publication, the minister of Health provides the Parliament, and consequently the citizens, with a periodic information on the health status of the population and on the implementation of health policies, in line with the provisions of national legislation.

Moreover, the Report represents an organic tool for the assessment of the activities that the Italian National Health System carries out to promote health and re-organize healthcare networks, placing patient in the centre of an integrated care system.

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International Conference on Medical Devices

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Auditorium Antonianum

1, Viale Manzoni



The regulatory framework for medical devices has been in force for 20 years.

In 2012, the European Commission adopted two proposals for regulations on medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices ("IVD"), aimed at revising the European regulatory framework, in order to ensure a higher level of safety to patients, users and health professionals and to guarantee the marketing of safe, effective and innovative devices in a timely manner, preserving competitiveness and technological innovation. Currently, the two proposals are under discussion by the Council.

The Italian Presidency of the EU has underlined the strong commitment of Italian authorities to collaborate with EU Member States and to promote constructive discussion able to ensure significant progress..

The objective of the Italian MoH is to achieve a Council common position within the end of the semester: by doing that, the Conference may represent the first opportunity to illustrate the results of the work shared with EU Member States and Institutions.

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Conference on “Antimicrobial resistance”

Roma, 22-23 December 2014

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A recent WHO report (April 2014) highlights how antimicrobial resistance is a global issue that public health has to face with and also that appropriate antimicrobial resistance monitoring and control systems are not widespread.

The issue should be addressed in the context of the “One Health” perspective, a cross-cutting approach involving human and veterinary public health, as well as industry sectors such as the food industry. This approach will be the one to characterize this event.

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Working Party on Public Health - Senior level

Brussels, 15 July 2014

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Meeting of Heads of Human and Veterinary Medicines Agencies

1st Meeting: Rome, 16–17 July

2nd Meeting: Rome, 27–28 November

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Presidency meeting of the Coordination Group for Mutual Recognition and Decentralized Procedures (CMDv) and the Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP), including the joint meeting of the two groups

Rome, 22-23 September 2014

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Meeting of Health Attachés

Milan, 23-24 September 2014

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EFSA Advisory Forum Meeting

Venice, 24-25 September 2014

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Meetings of the Heads of Safe Food Agencies

Venice, 26 September 2014

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Meeting of Chief Veterinary Officers

Milan, 1-3 October 2014

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Meeting of Chief Medical, Nursing and Dental Officers

Rome, 6-7 October 2014

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Meeting of Competent Authorities on Medical devices

Rome, 16-17 October 2014

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Meeting of the Competent Authorities for HTA

Rome, 29 October 2014

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Events to be held during the Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the Health Sector

Month	Event	Location	Date
July	Working Party on Public Health - Senior level	<i>Brussels</i>	<i>15</i>
	1 st Meeting of Heads of Human and Veterinary Medicines Agencies(HMA)	<i>Rome</i>	<i>16-17</i>
September	Conference on "Innovation systems and prospects of Health"	<i>Milan</i>	<i>21-22</i>
	Informal meeting of the Ministers of Health	<i>Milan</i>	<i>22-23</i>
	Meeting of Health Attachés	<i>Milan</i>	<i>23-24</i>
	Presidency Meeting of the Coordination Group for Mutual Recognition and Decentralized Procedures (CMDv) and the Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP), including the joint meeting of the two groups	<i>Rome</i>	<i>22-23</i>
	EFSA Advisory Forum Meeting	<i>Venice</i>	<i>24-25</i>
	Heads of Food Safety Agencies	<i>Venice</i>	<i>26</i>
October	Chief Veterinary Officers (CVO)	<i>Milan</i>	<i>1-3</i>
	Ministerial Conference on "Women's health: a Life-Course approach"	<i>Rome</i>	<i>2-3</i>
	Meeting of Chief Medical, Nursing and Dental Officers	<i>Rome</i>	<i>6-7</i>
	Conference on "e-Health"	<i>Rome</i>	<i>7-8</i>
	Meeting of Competent Authorities on medical devices	<i>Rome</i>	<i>16-17</i>
	Conference on Lessons learned and recommendations one year after the implementation of the Directive 2011/24/EU	<i>Venice</i>	<i>23-24</i>
	International Conference on "Food frauds"	<i>Rome</i>	<i>23-24</i>
	Ministerial Conference on "Health in the Mediterranean"	<i>Rome</i>	<i>27-28</i>
	Meeting of the Competent Authorities for HTA	<i>Rome</i>	<i>29</i>
Conference on "Rare Diseases: Europe's challenges"	<i>Rome</i>	<i>31</i>	



November	Conference on “Quality, safety and costs of care”	<i>Rome</i>	<i>3-4</i>
	4 th International Conference on “Blue Tongue and other Orbivirus diseases”	<i>Rome</i>	<i>5-7</i>
	Workshop Interaction between national and local dimension: the development of health policies	<i>Brussels</i>	<i>6-7</i>
	Conference on “Dementia in Europe: a challenge for our common future”	<i>Rome</i>	<i>14</i>
	Ministerial Conference on “The fight against HIV/AIDS ten years after the Dublin Declaration”	<i>Rome</i>	<i>27-28</i>
	2 nd Meeting of Heads of Human and Veterinary Medicines Agencies	<i>Rome</i>	<i>27-28</i>
December	Council of Ministers of Health	<i>Brussels</i>	<i>1</i>
	2 nd Annual Joint Action Conference on “The Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting”	<i>Rome</i>	<i>4-5</i>
	Equity in Health: How to promote networking to move from policy to action	<i>Florence</i>	<i>12</i>
	European Conference on “Youth Mental Health: from the continuity of psychopathologies to the continuity of treatments”	<i>Venice</i>	<i>16-18</i>
	Conference on” Neurodevelopmental disorders, with specific reference to speech and language disorders in the developmental age and to Autism spectrum disorders”	<i>Rome</i>	<i>17</i>
	Presentation of the Report on the Health Status of Country (RSSP) 2012-2013	<i>Rome</i>	<i>18</i>
	International Conference on Medical Devices	<i>Rome</i>	<i>18-19</i>
	Conference on “Antimicrobial resistance”	<i>Rome</i>	<i>22-23</i>



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