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Health and Food Safety Unit

CLUSTER MEETING

MIGRATION AND HEALTH: PATHS FOR INTEGRATION - HOW THE EUROPEAN UNION CONTRIBUTES TO PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES INCLUDING HEALTH OF REFUGEES AND OTHER MIGRANTS

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY (DG SANTE)-
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VAN MAERLANT 2, BRUSSELS**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

The aim of this event is to provide an insight on key European initiatives to improve the health of vulnerable migrants, integrate them into national healthcare systems, and train health professionals.

Since 2015, hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees have entered Europe, either escaping conflict in their country or in search of better economic prospects.

Most migrants are healthy when they arrive in the EU, but they can be affected by conditions and factors before their travel and during their journey. They may be suffering from physical exhaustion, extreme distress, dehydration or cold. These challenges, combined with other issues such as non-adequate living conditions or unhealthy lifestyles can impact their physical and mental health. They may also suffer from chronic diseases.

No person entering the EU should be left without access to basic healthcare, and no EU country can or should be left alone to manage the public health dimension of such an unprecedented crisis.

To support those Member States under particular pressure, the Commission has – since 2015 - launched special calls for grants and tenders, with the aim of improving healthcare for vulnerable migrants, integrating migrants into national healthcare systems and training healthcare professionals and other care providers.

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:45	<p>Opening</p> <p><i>Xavier Prats Monné</i> Director General for Health and Food Safety DG Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) <i>European Commission</i></p>
	<p>Keynote speeches:</p> <p>European Policies and Actions on Migration and Health <i>Isabel de La Mata</i> Principal Advisor for Health and Crisis Management DG Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) <i>European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Simon Mordue</i> Deputy Director-General for Migration and Home Affairs DG Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) <i>European Commission</i></p>
	<p>Overview of the panel discussions <i>Paola D'Acapito</i> Project Officer Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Chafea) <i>European Commission</i></p>
10:45-11:15	<p>Coffee break Option for interviews with keynote speakers</p>
11:15-12:15	<p>Panel discussion 1:</p> <p><i>From the view of the National Health Authorities: emergency response to health needs of migrants and refugees</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Geoff Meade, Journalist</i> <i>Panellists: Coordinators and testimonials from 2015-2017 funded actions</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>

12:15 – 12:45	Keynote speech: Health equality for refugees and other migrants: Today and in the future <i>Vytenis Andriukaitis</i> EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety <i>European Commission</i> Questions and Answers
12:45-13:30	Lunch Break Option for interviews with panellists and project coordinators
13:30-14:30	Panel discussion 2: <i>From the view of the National Health Authorities: integration into national health systems</i> <i>Moderator: Geoff Meade, Journalist</i> <i>Panellists: Coordinators and testimonials from 2015-2017 funded actions</i> Questions and Answers
14:30 -15:30	Panel discussion 3: <i>From the view of the (Non) health professionals and (care) providers: towards coordinated and integrated approaches, adapting to changing scenarios</i> <i>Moderator: Geoff Meade, Journalist</i> <i>Panellists: Coordinators and testimonials from 2015-2017 funded actions</i> Questions and Answers
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-16:50	Panel discussion 4: <i>From the view of the Refugees and other migrants: only a target or active contributors?</i> <i>Moderator: Geoff Meade, Journalist</i> <i>Panellists: Coordinators and testimonials from 2015-2017 funded actions</i> Questions and Answers
	Closing remarks Isabel de La Mata Principal Advisor for Health and Crisis Management DG Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) <i>European Commission</i>
16:50-17:30	Option for interviews with panellists and project coordinators

