

### ERRIN Health Working Group – planned focus of activities 2010

<p>Aim of the Working Group/ Main areas of interest</p>	<p>Given their own political mandate, the ERRIN Health TWG member regions will deepen and aim to take actions connected to the international and cross-sectoral EU opportunities related to the different phases of understanding, preventing, treating diseases and better delivery of care in their regions. The ERRIN Health TWG focuses its strategy, themes and activities on the growing challenges to the health of the population which require a new strategic approach.</p> <p><u>MAIN ISSUE, THEMES:</u></p> <p>International opportunities for collaboration on Health research (FP7 - <i>Health; ENV, KBBE; RoK; ...</i> -, PTEs, JTIs and other health research related opportunities that will arise in 2010)</p> <p><u>MAIN AIMS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide TWG members with anticipations, updated information and clarification on EU level health research related issues.</li> <li>○ Provide the TWG members with enough knowledge to function as project facilitators towards their regional stakeholders.</li> <li>○ Foster collaboration with other relevant health oriented networks and eventually also observatories. (EUREGHA, ENRICH, Health Observatories)</li> <li>○ Further involvement of EU officials (briefing sessions, updated information, visibility)</li> <li>○ Further involvement of EU level relevant actors in the field of health research</li> <li>○ Further involvement of new MSs, ACs, Third Countries</li> <li>○ Network TWG members' regional stakeholders for autonomous partnership opportunities</li> </ul>
<p>Structure (Chair/Co-Chair, subgroups, if applicable)</p>	<p><u>CHAIR:</u> South Denmark European Office</p> <p><u>CO-CHAIR:</u> IWT</p> <p><u>SUBGROUPS:</u> It has been decided that we want to work with the following subgroups for</p>

	<p>2010:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Healthy Ageing &amp; Health Technologies (Chair: West Midlands together with SDEO)</li> <li>- Cancer (Chair: Basse-Normandie together with North West Health)</li> <li>- The Future of the hospital (Chair: South Denmark European Office together with ???)</li> <li>- Public Health and prevention (Chair: Veneto together with SDEO)</li> </ul> <p>The main reason to establish these subgroups is the desire to make the working group and the meetings more project oriented. The groups are lead by regions have certain expertise and desire to be active in the specific area, and the WG should be a tool for them to further develop their ideas and find partners.</p>
Strategic context 2010	<p>Member States (MSs) have the main responsibility for health policy and provision of healthcare to European citizens at national, regional and local levels. Given the need to respect subsidiarity, the EC states that MSs must be closely involved in the implementation of the Strategy, while the role of the EC role is not to duplicate their work. However, there are areas where Member States cannot act alone effectively and where cooperative action at Community level is indispensable (major health threats, issues with a cross-border or international impact - such as pandemics and bioterrorism - and issues relating to free movement of goods, services and people). To carry out this role, cross-sectoral work is required. Article 152 of the EC Treaty says that a "high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Community policies and activities".</p> <p>In the light of this, the ERRIN Health TWG focuses its strategy, themes and activities on the growing challenges to the health of the population which require a new strategic approach. In particular, great attention will be paid to the three objectives and the related expected EC actions specified in the CE White Paper and its accompanying Commission Staff Working document "Together for Health: A Strategic Approach for the EU 2008-2013" .</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVE 1: FOSTERING GOOD HEALTH IN AN AGEING EUROPE</b></p> <p>Demographic changes including population ageing are changing disease patterns and putting pressure on the sustainability of EU health systems. Supporting healthy ageing means both promoting health throughout the lifetime, aiming to prevent health problems and disabilities from an early age, and tackling inequities in health linked to social, economic and</p>

environmental factors.

Specific focus from the Commission with special interest for the subgroups

- Specific focus on Cancer through the partnership for action against cancer
- Interesting focus on health promotion in the FP 7 programme
- More involvement of regions through a closer co-operation between the Commission and CoR
- eHealth and Telemedicine through high level conference in Barcelona. Implementation of communication on Telemedicine

OBJECTIVE 2: PROTECTING CITIZENS FROM HEALTH THREATS

Pandemics, major physical and biological incidents and bioterrorism pose potential major threats to health. Climate change is causing new communicable disease patterns. It is a core part of the Community's role in health to coordinate and respond rapidly to health threats globally and to enhance the EC's and third countries' capacities to do so

Actions expected by the Commission

- Strengthen mechanisms for surveillance and response to health threats, including review of the remit of the European Centre for Disease prevention and Control (Commission)
- Health aspects on adaptation to climate change (Commission)

OBJECTIVE 3: SUPPORTING DYNAMIC HEALTH SYSTEMS AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Recent years have seen a great evolution in healthcare systems in part as a result of the rapid development of new technologies which are revolutionising the way we promote health and predict, prevent and treat illness. These include information and communication technologies (ICT), innovation in genomics, biotechnology and nanotechnology. This links to the Commission's overall strategic objective of Prosperity, ensuring a competitive and sustainable future for Europe

On top of these strategic areas, given in the European Health Strategy, the ERRIN Health Group wants to focus on the "Hospital of the Future – Innovation Challenges and Sustainable

	<p>Governance”.</p> <p><u>MAIN DEVELOPMENT AND CALLS EXPECTED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FP7 (Health research, mobility, ERA, CIP)</li> <li>○ JTIs initiative/calls (AAL, IMI,...)</li> <li>○ Relevant ERANET calls</li> <li>○ EU Public Health Programme</li> <li>○ EC communications and consultations on health related issues</li> </ul>
<p>Planned focus and form of acti 2010. What are the WG plans in terms of project develop- ment?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 meetings</li> </ul> <p>In order to keep continuity and to keep focus on the WG as a tool for project development, we will work with the same structure for the agenda for each meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) News on policies, where possible and relevant we invite EU officials.</li> <li>2) News on programmes, where possible and relevant we invite EU officials</li> <li>3) work progress / new ideas within the sub groups and</li> <li>4) A regional presentation.</li> </ol> <p>Moreover, different members will host the meetings, and we will always end by having lunch together.</p> <p>The reason that we want to keep this structure of the meetings is that we believe that the best way to develop projects together is to keep focus on specific themes over a longer period, so that the ideas can grow in partnership. In order to develop projects together, people have to know each other well, and we expect that having lunch will get people to talk more with each other, develop relations and common ideas.</p> <p>The ERRIN Health Group is NOT an objective in itself, it shall be a means to project development for it’s members.</p>

## Numbers

Number of regular participants at WG meetings	25
Planned number of TWG meetings	6
Planned number of conferences with external participants	2
Planned number of policy or call briefings with EU COM	4
Planned number of training seminars held, if applicable	1
Planned number of projects arised from the co-operation within the TWG	4
Closer co-operation with other health related networks and / or observatories	3