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COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS, VMA - ROOM VM1, 2 RUE VAN MAERLANT, BRUSSELS

CONFERENCE on “Sustainable Societies: Health and Social Investment in the EU”

DRAFT AGENDA

13.00 **Registration, networking and light lunch**

14:00 **Welcome by EuroHealthNet and Chair**, Mrs. Nicoline Tamsma, President of EuroHealthNet and Coordinating Advisor for International Affairs at the National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), the Netherlands

Setting the scene

- Dr Claudia Stein, Director of the Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation, WHO Europe (*confirmed*) - Lessons from the European Health Report and implications for sustainable societies
- Mr Karl-Friedrich Falkenberg, Hors Class Senior Adviser for Sustainable Development, European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission (*confirmed*) – The Sustainable Development Goals - offering the prerequisites of a healthy life for everyone

14:40 **Policy Debate:** The EU landscape is changing. Is the EC able to advance investments for a sustainable society at national and local level? How?

- Ms Manuela Geleng, Acting Director / Head of Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission (*confirmed*)
- Mr Jürgen Schefflein, Policy Officer, DG SANTE, European Commission (*confirmed*)
- Mr Thomas Dominique, Chair of the Social Protection Committee (*confirmed*)

15:40 **Coffee / tea break**

16:00 **Examples of investment from EU member states and regions** (Chair: Caroline Costongs, Managing Director of EuroHealthNet)

- Ms Cathy Weatherup, Head of Health Inequalities and International Health, Welsh Government, UK (*confirmed*) and a video message from Ms Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
- Ms Elena Andradas, Director General, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, Spain (*confirmed*)
- Mr Jonas Frykman, Senior Advisor, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, and Ms Elisabeth Rahmberg, Public Health Director, Region Västra Götaland, Sweden (Joint initiatives for social sustainability – health and wellbeing as a resource for our children) (*confirmed*)

17:00 **Final debate**

17:20 **Conclusions**, Mr. Bosse Pettersson, Vice-President of EuroHealthNet, Senior Public Health Policy Advisor, National Board of Health and Welfare, Sweden

17:30 **End of conference**



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