

146th Session of WHO Executive Board

**Briefing on country work – the case of Lithuania**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 12.30-14.20**

**Salle C**

30'	Arrival (sandwiches will be available during this time outside the room)
10'	Welcome by Dr Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe
15'	Health Achievements and Challenges in Lithuania Prof. Aurelijus Veryga, Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania
10'	Quick questions/reflections and discussion
15'	Role of the WHO Country Office Mrs Ingrida Zurlyte, Head of Country Office Lithuania
20'	Discussion and closing



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Rationale	<p>Briefings on country work are usually organised at EB or WHA as part of innovative ways of reporting to MS in order to enhance the overall accountability of the organisation.</p> <p>Those briefings have a double purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To increase MS understanding of WHO's work at country level by giving them the opportunity to get closer to the reality of WHO CO work in supporting the country to implement its priorities</li><li>- To increase WHO's work visibility at country level by exposing WR/HCO to MS and governing bodies</li></ul> <p>Those briefings are complementary to EB/SCRC members visits to countries which were organized over the past 3 years with the aim of demonstrating how WHO works in different countries and settings.</p>
Objectives	<p>In the case of Lithuania, the briefing will focus on showing how the work of WHO and the country cooperation is contributing to important strategic decisions while strengthening and shaping the work of the WHO and the health system of the country in the areas of universal health coverage and financial protection and NCDs prevention and control.</p> <p>The briefing will strive to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provide insight to the way WHO works in high income country, member of the EU and OECD;</li><li>- Bring the Baltic perspective and the added value of sub-regional cooperation for achieving results of WHO's work in the country and ensuring that WHO provides efficient and effective support to the Member State.</li></ul>

Outline of the session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome by WHO Regional Director for Europe Dr Hans Kluge</li> <li>• Presentation by the Minister of Health of Lithuania on health achievements and challenges</li> <li>• Role of the WHO Country Office Lithuania in supporting Lithuania to implement its public health priorities, Mrs Ingrida Zurlyte, Head of Country Office Lithuania</li> </ul>
Related documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EUR/RC69/12 Rev.2 Putting countries at the centre in the WHO European Region</li> <li>• EUR/RC68/Inf.Doc./4 Rev.1 Countries at the centre: the strategic role of country offices in the WHO European Region. Report on visits of European governing body members to countries</li> </ul>
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