

**Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the  
*FORUM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE*  
(*FPH-SEE*)**

The Forum for Public Health in South Eastern Europe (FPH-SEE) is established in the context of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA). It is organised as a *non-governmental* and *non-profit* consortium of public health institutions in the South Eastern European Region (SEE) aiming at exchange of experience, mutual support and common activities for a New Public Health.

**Mission**

FPH-SEE is an open arena set to enhance the quality of training and research for the practice of public health in South Eastern Europe.

**Objectives**

- 1) To develop up to date teaching materials for the public health sciences online and in print-versions with a focus on specific problems and experience in South Eastern Europe
- 2) To determine and analyse in a comparative way health indicators for South Eastern Europe
- 3) To support the institution building for public health, especially with regard to Schools of Public Health, Institutes of Public Health and Public Health Associations
- 4) To organise professional meetings, workshops and conferences in the South Eastern European Region
- 5) To publish a common section in suitable journals which appear regularly in South Eastern Europe
- 6) To execute and publish together public health research in the South Eastern European Region

- 7) To review existing health policy options comprising all relevant issues of the New Public Health and to develop corresponding strategies and recommendations.
- 8) To share experience in public health practice.

## Membership

The FPH-SEE consortium comprises member institutions with a mission in the field of public health from all countries in South Eastern Europe, especially Schools of Public Health, Public Health Associations and National Institutes of Public Health. New members are accepted by a majority vote of all members in good standing (if necessary by written agreement of absent members). The founding members are:

### 1) Public Health Associations:

Albanian Forum of Public Health

Association of Social Medicine and Public Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Association of Epidemiologists and Specialists of Hygiene of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

National Association for Health Policy and Management in Bulgaria

Public Health Association of Croatia

Public Health Association of Macedonia

Public Health Association of Romania

Public Health Association of Serbia

### 2) Schools of Public Health (incl. MPH programmes):

Centre- School of Public Health, Belgrade

School of Public Health, Chisinau (invited)

School of Public Health, Skopje

Faculty of Public Health, Sofia

Faculty of Medicine and National Institute of Public Health, Tirana  
Faculty of Public Health, Varna  
Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, Zagreb

3) Departments of Social Medicine:

Faculty of Medicine, Ljubljana  
Faculty of Medicine, University of Novi Sad

3) National Institutes of Public Health:

Institute of Public Health, Bucharest  
Institute of Public Health of the Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Public Health Institute, Ljubljana  
Institute of Public Health of Montenegro, Podgorica

### Management

The activities of FPH-SEE are coordinated by a Coordinating Board (CB) which is nominated ad personam by majority vote of all members (if necessary by written agreement of absent members). The Committee should comprise between 5 and 7 members and has a mandate for a 2-years-period. The Committee elects a chairperson by consensus and works with the support of a secretariat in Podgorica. Decisions are made if possible by consensus, otherwise by majority vote of all members of the CB (if necessary by written agreement of absent members).

Signatures of founding members at the meeting of FPH-SEE in Zagreb  
April 8-10, 2006

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