

Memorandum of Understanding
for Collaboration between the World Health Organization, Regional Office for
Europe and the EuroPharm Forum,
2009-2012

This Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration establishes a framework for co-operation between the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the EuroPharm Forum to develop and implement joint initiatives to support the implementation of WHO policies in the European region.

Background

The mission of the EuroPharm Forum is to improve health in Europe according to policies and strategies set by the WHO. This work is effected through dialogue and cooperation with and among national pharmaceutical associations, and technical input and advice are provided by the WHO Regional Office for Europe. The Forum aims to strengthen the position of pharmacists by showing their value to people involved in health issues.

The EuroPharm Forum activities are based on WHO documents on the role of the pharmacist and on the Good Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical Care concepts. In 2008 EuroPharm Forum was invited to join the WHO European Ministerial Conference on Health Systems. This Conference resulted in the Tallinn Charter signed in June 2008, and EuroPharm Forum is committed to implement the principles and objectives of the Charter through their national associations.

Until 2006, the relationship between the WHO Regional Office for Europe and EuroPharm Forum was reflected through the hosting of the EuroPharm Forum secretariat by the WHO Regional Office for Europe. Furthermore, a representative of the WHO Regional Office for Europe participated as observer in the meetings of the Executive Committee of the EuroPharm Forum. In 2007 the Secretariat was transferred to Pharmakon, and a representative of WHO Europe continues as observer to the Executive Committee, thus maintaining the important links between the EuroPharm Forum and WHO. This memorandum of understanding details and describes the future relationship and the collaboration between WHO Regional Office for Europe and EuroPharm Forum.

Collaboration

The WHO Regional Office for Europe and EuroPharm Forum aim to achieve the following goals:

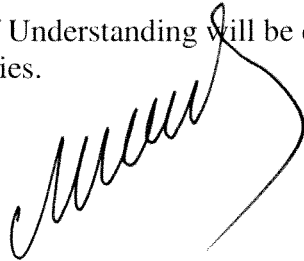
1. The WHO policies and strategies are known to the EuroPharm Forum members
2. The WHO policies and strategies are discussed among the EuroPharm Forum members
3. The EuroPharm Forum Strategic Plan and Professional Programmes reflects WHO policies and strategies.
4. The outcomes, tools and materials as described in the EuroPharm Forum strategic plan are in accordance with WHO policies and strategies
5. The WHO Regional Office for Europe informs as appropriate the EuroPharm Forum on relevant issues regarding WHO health policies and strategies. Likewise the EuroPharm Forum informs the WHO Regional Office for Europe on relevant issues regarding EuroPharm Forum policies and strategies
6. The WHO Regional Office for Europe as appropriate and feasible provides technical input and advice on collaboration on specific projects mentioned in the EuroPharm Forum strategic plan
7. New areas of collaboration are explored every second year or as appropriate
8. Information on events and activities that may be of common interest are shared between the two parties.

Conditions

The WHO Regional Office for Europe or the EuroPharm Forum may, at any given time, terminate the collaboration established in this Memorandum of Understanding. Should the parties wish to terminate the collaboration, a 3-months notice in writing shall be given.

The WHO emblem and name are to be used only after prior written approval of the WHO Regional Office for Europe. WHO can at any time withdraw its technical contribution to specific projects in which cases the EF shall refrain from further use of the WHO emblem and name if such use has been granted.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be evaluated every third year and enters into force upon signature by both parties.



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