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To: Dr Karmen Joller
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**“Mental Health in All Policies: Address Challenges and Design Shared Solutions”
High-level Conference
Paris, France, 16–17 June 2025**

Dear Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to support the nominations of up to three participants for the above-mentioned conference which is being organized by the WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) in collaboration with the French Ministry of Health and Access to Care through the European Union (EU) funded project “Addressing mental health challenges in the EU, Iceland and Norway”.

WHO/Europe established mental health as a flagship priority of its European Programme of Work, 2020–2025 (EPW), which aims to support Member States in transforming their mental health systems and services. The Government of France has established mental health as the national “Grande Cause” of 2025.

Currently, mental health services and systems are overwhelmed in many countries. There is insufficient investment and focus on prevention and promotion initiatives which can only be implemented successfully when ministries of health partner with other ministries.

WHO/Europe has held several bilateral policy discussions with many Member States under the EU project. The main common theme emerging from these discussions is the support countries need in bridging the work of health ministries with that of ministries of education, welfare, justice, finance, employment, culture, agriculture and others. The aim of this conference will be to present and exchange experiences on how to implement successful intersectoral policies and practices to improve the mental health of the population.

To ensure the representation from other ministries, we kindly ask you to nominate one representative from your Ministry of Health and to facilitate the extension of this invitation to two other representatives in your country, coming from any of the following areas: education, welfare, justice, finance and employment, based on your country’s context and priorities.

WHO/Europe will cover travel, accommodation and meeting expenses for up to three participants. The meeting will be held in English, with simultaneous translation into French. An outline of the scope and purpose is attached.



We look forward to receiving your nominations, including the name, functional title and email address, by 5 May 2025. We will then communicate directly with the nominees, providing them with the necessary guidance, documentation and administrative information in due time. We would appreciate it if you could address your reply to MHF@who.int with a copy to Ms Ida Strömgren, stromgreni@who.int and Ms Alix Giroud, alix.giroud@sante.gouv.fr.

Yours very truly,



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Scope and Purpose
Provisional Agenda

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