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Dear Ms Sõber,

Invitation to the intercountry workshop on the WHO-IOM-EU EU4Health joint action 18-19 February 2025, Bucharest, Romania

I am pleased to inform you of the upcoming WHO Regional Office for Europe's intercountry workshop on the WHO-IOM-EU EU4Health joint action. Since October 2023, as part of the health response to the war in Ukraine, WHO, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the European Union (EU) have been implementing a joint action in 10 Member States - Bulgaria, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Slovakia- with the aim to strengthen their health systems.

The intercountry workshop aims to convene representatives from the 10 Member States to facilitate the exchange of lessons learned and good practices in the technical areas addressed by the joint action. The workshop is designed to strengthen the capacity of the Member States in these technical areas, and promote communication among national health authorities on strategies to meet the health needs of refugees and displaced people from Ukraine.

The workshop will encourage the participants to reflect on their country contexts and share practices, challenges, and other relevant insights. Furthermore, it will aim to establish a platform where participants will find a common space to engage in dialogue, share innovative solutions, learn from each other's experiences, discuss common challenges, and identify opportunities for collaborative action. The workshop will be conducted in English.

To promote effective discussions, I kindly request you to nominate two participants representing the Ministry of Health or a relevant public health authority. I am pleased to inform you that WHO will cover the transportation and accommodation for the nominated representatives to the workshop.

Please liaise directly with Ms Simona Melki (<u>euvenphm@who.int</u>) for any questions you might have. I look forward to receiving your nominations by **9 December 2024**.

Sincerely,

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