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Dear Ms Sõber,

### **74<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe Virtual Side Event**

#### **RACE to the Finish: European Regional Multi-stakeholder Consultation on the Fourth United Nations High Level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health**

I have the honour to inform you that the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe plans to hold the above-mentioned virtual side event on 22 October 2024 from 10:00 – 11:30 CET.

The aim of the event is to review the latest regional data on progress made toward attainment of the noncommunicable disease (NCD) targets ahead of the Fourth High Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (HLM4) in 2025, to recognize the urgency of the action needed to accelerate progress, and to discuss an agenda for action for the last five years of the SDG era.

The Region is not yet on track to achieve SDG target 3.4 related to NCDs and mental health, or the targets and indicators for the associated NCD Global Monitoring Framework, so there is no room for complacency. Everyone has a stake in accelerating action on NCDs and mental health.

I have pleasure in inviting you to nominate up to six (6) participants representing each of the following stakeholder groups: government, academia, professional societies, civil society, people with lived experience and youth. The participants will have the opportunity to review and submit online comments on a discussion paper outlining an agenda for action to accelerate attainment of the NCD targets in the remaining five years before the 2030 SDG deadline. An outline of the scope and purpose of the meeting is enclosed. A link to the discussion paper will be shared in late September.

The working language will be English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Russian.

I look forward to receiving your nominations, giving the names, functional titles, and addresses of the proposed participants at your early convenience. We shall then communicate with them directly and provide them with the necessary registration and document review links.

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Nominations should be sent to [euncd@who.int](mailto:euncd@who.int) no later than 23 September 2024. Allison Ekberg, Technical Officer for NCDs, is responsible for this activity and it would be appreciated if you would address your questions to her.

Sincerely yours,

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Scope and purpose



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