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Ms Riina Sikkut
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Ministry of Social Affairs
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Dear Madam,

Invitation to participate in the Pan-European Leadership Academy: Tier 3

February 2025

Tier 3 of the Pan-European Leadership Academy (ELA) is a prestigious leadership development programme aimed at equipping senior health officials with the skills needed to address critical public health challenges. The programme focuses on enhancing leadership capabilities in health system transformation, crisis management and cross-sector collaboration, while fostering a peer-learning environment that encourages long-term collaboration and capacity building. I enclose for your kind information the concept note for ELA Tier 3.

In this regard, I am writing to formally nominate your country to participate in the upcoming launch of ELA Tier 3, which will take place on 26–27 February 2025, co-organized by the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy. Tier 3 is designed for Chief Medical Officers (CMOs), and officials of similar seniority across Europe including within the European Union, the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The ELA event in February, held under the guidance of Professor Walter Ricciardi and myself, marks the formal launch of Tier 3 and will be a key opportunity to:

- strengthen leadership capacity: equipping senior health officials with the tools and skills to effectively lead and manage health crises and health system transformations simultaneously;
- engage in peer learning and networking: providing a “safe space” for open discussions, knowledge exchange and networking with peers from across the Region; and
- work towards collaborative solutions: engaging with senior public health figures and “transformers” who have successfully led health reforms, learning from their lived experiences.

The event will span a full day, with a working dinner the evening prior, and will include scenario-based discussions and practical training focused on real-world health leadership challenges.

To support the preparations for the launch of Tier 3, we will be holding a virtual briefing in the morning of 6 December 2024. This session will provide an opportunity to elaborate on the specific offer of the Tier 3 programme and how it differs from other EU CMO networks and events. This briefing would ideally be attended by the CMOs themselves for them to gain a deeper understanding of the programme's unique value and to help ensure their full engagement.

We kindly request that you confirm the participation of your designated official by 18 November 2024.

We look forward to your country's engagement in this transformative leadership programme and to collaborating on strengthening public health leadership across the Region.

Yours very truly,



Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
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Concept note: Pan-European Leadership Academy, Tier 3

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