

# ACTIVITY REPORT 2022 CENTRAL & EAST EUROPEAN HEALTH POLICY NETWORK

## About the CEE Health Policy Network

In 2011 established Central & East European Health Policy Network (further CEE HPN, or network) is an international think-tank seated in Bratislava.

The vision of the network is to have a strong and growing network of health policy experts from different CEE countries. The network is recognized as a point of influence towards sustainable consumer-oriented healthcare systems.

#### Members

All members possess a high knowledge of the local health care system and share common values such as individual responsibility, public money protection, fair competition, fair access to health care services, transparency and innovation. Members work for free for the network and their activities are coordinated by L'ubica Löffler, analyst and consultant at Pažitný & Kandilaki, Slovakia.

In the middle of October 2021, L'ubica Löffler contacted all CEE HPN members regarding prolongation of their membership for 2022. Approved CEE HPN membership conditions are published here: https://www.ceehpn.eu/how-to-become-member

All members decided to prolong their membership in the network for 2022 and paid membership fee. With additional one new member, at the beginning of 2022 the CEE HPN had in total 8 members, namely Peter Pažitný, Wesley Berkovsky, Paul van Hoof, Alain Rinaldi, Santiago Delgado, Martin Kundrát, Adam Kruszewski and Robert Vincze. At the end of the year, Paul van Hoof announced his decision to leave the network and thus his membership in the Supervisory board ended as of December 31st, 2022.

During the annual meeting in November 2021, members agreed to form an Observer status for those who are following CEE HPN activities but have not decided yet to become the members. Status Observer could be granted to new applicants for CEE HPN membership for their first year. They could participate on regular meetings (virtual monthly meetings), contribute to the network with their experience/knowledge but they would have no voting rights and would not pay membership fee for this first year. After this year they would have to decide to stay or leave. Since June 2022, Adam Mart'ák has been participating in CEE HPN monthly meeting using Observer status.



### Fulfilment of the activities planned for 2022

During the year 2022, **virtual meetings** taking place once a month have become a core activity of the network. These meetings give members an opportunity to exchange news, ideas, contacts and coordinate themselves on the regular basis.

Despite the fact that **annual meeting** of CEE HPN scheduled for June in Madrid could not take place because of ongoing acquisition of Ribera Salud, CEE HPN members have been in close contact through the year thanks to virtual monthly meetings.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, an event dedicated to topic **Capital investment in hospitals** took place in Bratislava. Almost 40 different stakeholders came to discuss the massive investment debt of Slovak hospitals and different possibilities how to bring capital into hospitals. Invited speakers talked about their own experience, three case studies were presented. These were also described in more detail in the first paper from Working paper series. The whole paper and also presentations from the event are available on our webpage.

In 2022, the network has actively increased its activities on **social media**. On Facebook alone, CEE HPN posted 52 new posts and gained several hundred new followers. Network used social media mostly to inform followers about network activities and news in CEE region. Moreover, some posts were written in order to popularize healthcare policies that are patient-oriented.

#### Planned activities for the year 2023

In 2023, the CEE HPN would like to continue with monthly meetings and activities on social media as well as events strengthening patient-oriented health care.

#### Planned activities

- Events emphasizing patient-oriented healthcare The first event will take
  place in June in Bratislava and it will be dedicated to oncology diseases. Different
  stakeholders will be invited to discuss prevention, diagnostics and treatment of
  cancer. The second event should take place in autumn in Prague and the proposed
  topic is ophthalmology.
- 2. **Monthly virtual meetings** once a month members and observers will meet online
- Activities on social media Facebook and LinkedIn accounts will be used to inform followers about news in CEE region, our activities and health policies that are implemented for the benefit of the consumers.
- 4. **New design for web page** CEE HPN web page will change its site design, structure and content to meet the criteria for interesting and useful web page.

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## MEMBERS OF THE CEE HPN from 1st January 2022:

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