

ACTIVITY REPORT OF CENTRAL & EAST EUROPEAN HEALTH POLICY NETWORK IN 2014

About CEE Health Policy Network

Central & East Policy Network (further CEE HPN, or network) is an international think-tank seated in Bratislava, which was established on February 22nd 2011.

The mission of the network is to influence the health care system change in CEE countries for the benefit of the consumer.

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

Membership

In 2014 CEE HPN had 9 members. (Peter Pažitný, Tomáš Macháček, Zsombor Kovácsy, Stefan Boguslawski, Paul van Hoof, Frederic Cyrus Roeder, Wesley Berkovsky, Peter Stachura and Alain Rinaldi (approved as a new member at the meeting in Bratislava)). Six members decided to prolong their membership and paid membership fee for 2015 in amount 500 EUR. (Peter Pažitný, Zsombor Kovácsy, Paul van Hoof, Wesley Berkovsky, Peter Stachura, Alain Rinaldi)

Membership Conditions

1. Attendance at least on two third of the CEE HPN meetings organized during the calendar year
2. Payment of membership fee of 500 EUR/year, which is due on November 15th for the next calendar year
3. Ability to work for free for the network
4. Ability to fund all travel, accommodation, food and local transport costs during the CEE HPN meetings
5. Volunteering in preparation of the meetings
6. Accept the Chatham rules during the meetings

The membership for new members must be confirmed at least by 51% of all regular CEE HPN members.

1st CEE HPN meeting in Budapest, April 24th - 25th, 2014

Participating members – Peter Pažitný (PP), Zsombor Kovácsy (ZK), Paul van Hoof (PH), Frederic Cyrus Roeder (FR), Stefan Boguslawski (SB), Peter Stachura (PS), Wesley Berkovsky (WB),

Excused member – Tomáš Macháček (TM)

CEE HPN Coordinator – Natália Urbanová (NU)

April 24th, 2014 – Informal dinner

April 25th, 2014 – CEE HPN meeting – A/ Administrative agenda

B/ Expert agenda

A/ Administrative agenda:

1. Approval of the Financial and Activity Report 2013 – approved
2. Approval of the CEE HPN Budget 2014 – approved
3. Redefining the CEE HPN vision – new vision was agreed (see above)
4. Individual vs. Institutional membership – Institutional membership was cancelled
5. Approval of the new individual membership conditions – approved (see above)
6. Set up of the CEE HPN structure – Directorate as a part of the organization structure was cancelled.
New organization structure – Executive Director, Supervisory Board, Members
7. Approval of the received CEE HPN membership registration forms from Alain Rinaldi – members agreed to invite AR to the next CEE HPN meeting, because the final membership approval is conditioned by his physical presence and presentation
8. Planning of the 2nd meeting of the CEE HPN – meeting in Bratislava, September 2014
9. Other

B/ Expert agenda – “Internal and International patient routes management”

- Agenda set by ZK

At the end of the meeting all members agreed 5 bullet points:

- Incentive – Provider/Patient
- Measurement of Outcomes
- Standards of Care
- Flexibility of System/Actors
- Predefined Success Measures
- The bullet points were presented at the press conference after the end of the meeting. PP and ZK attended at the press conference.

- For more details please see meeting minutes

2nd CEE HPN meeting in Bratislava, September 25th - 26th, 2014

Participating members - Peter Pažitný (PP), Zsombor Kovácsy (ZK), Paul van Hoof (PH), Peter Stachura (PS), Wesley Berkovsky (WB), Alain Rinaldi (AR)

Excused members - Frederic Cyrus Roeder (FR), Stefan Boguslawski (SB), Tomáš Macháček (TM)

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September 25th, 2014 – all-day expert workshop and evening reception organized by Health Policy Institute - “10 years of health care reform in Slovakia“

September 26th, 2014 – CEE HPN meeting – A/ Administrative agenda

B/ Expert agenda – “How to reform healthcare systems in CEE in the future?”

A/ Administrative agenda:

1. PP introduced Ms. Andrea Cox, new HPI development support and international affairs specialist responsible for international projects and communication with foreign HPI partners, regarding to ensure a future potential cooperation with other members and international partners
2. AR was approved as a CEE HPN member by all participating members and decided to attend the 2nd CEE HPN meeting and pay a proportional part of the membership fee in 2014 in amount 125 EUR
3. Membership in 2015 - all participating members were interested to continue as CEE HPN member in 2015 and pay 500 EUR as a membership fee, due on November 15th, 2014
Fee contribution will fully cover the planned budget for the first half of year 2015.
At the meeting in Brussels will be necessary to discuss and perhaps revise the amount of membership fee or try to find some other partners or sponsors.
4. Planning of the 3rd and 4th CEE HPN meeting in 2015
 - PH will be responsible for the organization of the 3rd meeting, – the meeting is planned to held in February/beginning of March 2015, in Brussels
 - WB will be responsible for the organization of the 4th meeting – the meeting is planned to held at the end of September/beginning of October 2015, in Valencia
5. Conditions how to become the CEE HPN partner:

Final wording of the minimum required criteria how receive status of the CEE HPN partner:

1. *Only institution can receive status of the CEE HPN partner*
2. *Annual financial or non - financial contribution in total amount 10 000 Euro.*
(Notes: Non financial contribution for example - reimbursement of travel, accommodation, website, publication expenses, etc.)

The partner’s conditions will be published if the members find some potential partner, who will be

able to share similar core values and principles within the network

6. Other

B/ Expert agenda – “How to reform healthcare systems in CEE in the future?”

- Agenda set by PP
 - Drivers for the reforms
 - Key reform concept in your country (government proposals versus opposition and think – tank proposals)
 - Key stakeholders in your country – main supporters and main opponents
 - Political map (interactive exercise)

- For more details please see meeting minutes

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Bratislava, February 2015

MEMBERS OF THE CEE HPN until 31st December 2014:

- **Slovakia**
Peter Pažitný
- **Czech Republic**
Tomáš Macháček
- **Germany**
Peter Stachura
- **Hungary**
Zsombor Kovácsy
- **Lithuania**
Frederic Cyrus Roeder
- **Poland**
Stefan Boguslawski
- **USA**
Wesley Berkovsky
- **Netherlands**
Paul van Hoof
- **Switzerland**
Alain Rinaldi

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