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Official framework



- Main responsible institution: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Each ministry should employ 12 persons to work on this project until the end of June 30th
- EU-RO 2019 Forum, a consultative structure, without legal personality, working under the aegis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs took place between January and March, being structured in seventeen thematic working groups, acting in the policy areas corresponding to the configuration of the Council of the European Union: Internal Affairs; Foreign Affairs and Defence; General Affairs; Agriculture and fishery; Economic and financial aspects; Research and Innovation; Competitiveness; Culture, youth and sport; Regional development; Education and Training; Energy; Justice; Environment and climate change; Employment and Social Policy; Health and Consumer Protection; Information Society; Transport.
- EU-RO 2019 Forum included: members of the delegations of Romania from the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Committee of the Regions, employers' organizations, trade unions, academics, professionals, NGO representatives, and experts from the government
- At the same time, Romania has to organize the celebration of the Great Union Centennial, and the French-Romanian season.

Health and Consumer Protection Working Group



- Access to medicines, with a stress on solving the parallel exportation and including HTA
- Reaching the targets of vaccinations for a Europe free of polio, hepatitis, smallpox and measles; the WG proposal included here Bucharest Declaration on the Elimination of Viral Hepatitis by 2030.
- Integrated control of cancer, by populations programs of screening for cancer
- Identification of interventions and means for the prevention of chronic non-communicable diseases

Proposed events:

- E-Health Week to be held in Romania
- Health Innovation Day / Week
- EU Cancer Moonshot
- International Consortium for Personalised Medicine Executive Committee
- HepHIVTB 2019 Bucharest: Multi-stakeholder Conference for HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and STIs, with a side event: meeting of all European Ministers of Health

After March 2018

- April: meeting of the representatives of the WG with the State Secretary responsible for international relations



What next?



- Romania is behind schedule – official statement
- The Ministry of Health has not hired yet the 12 staff
- May 17th – Bucharest hosts the meeting "Elimination of viral hepatitis in Romania: lessons learnt and the way forward" (ACHIEVE - Associations Collaborating on Hepatitis to Immunize and Eliminate the Viruses in Europe and VHPB - Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board)
- ARAS: will follow up in June on the CSF letter (Ministry of Health, Romanian MEPs, Health commissions in the Parliament), will require a new meeting with the State Secretary, will monitor the decision making process
- CSF: meet the Romanian representative in the Think Tank