

### **The World Health Organization is set to cooperate with HEPRO.**

- The project corresponds with our aims and the work deliverables of phase IV in the Healthy Cities Network, says Dr. Agis Tsouros, Head of the WHO Centre for Urban Health.

The WHO European Healthy Cities Network promotes policies and action for health and sustainable development at the local level and across the European Region, with emphasis on the determinants of health, equity and democratic governance.

The fourth Phase (2003-2008) of the WHO Healthy Cities programme has four core themes: Healthy Ageing, Healthy Urban Planning, Health Impact Assessment and Physical Activity and Active Living.

The member cities of the WHO Healthy Cities Network are committed to working on all four core themes in a context of a systematic and comprehensive approach to health development in the city. In this context two key instruments are used: city health profiles and city health development plans. The profiles map out the health, the lifestyles and the living conditions of the population, while the plans provide the basis for integrated action and inter-sectoral collaboration.

WHO provides leadership and strategic support and works in partnership with academic institutions, agencies that are concerned with urban development and cities and networks throughout Europe to develop policy, planning tools and know how to facilitate and accelerate change and innovation. These tools and knowledge from the experience of the members of the WHO European Network will benefit all European cities and cities in other parts of the world.

- We feel that HEPRO can make a significant contribution to the WHO Healthy Cities work in Europe and we are particularly excited at the prospect of cooperating closely with the HEPRO partners and colleagues on developing toolkits for health reporting and planning, said Dr Tsouros.

[You can read the agreement of cooperation between WHO and HEPRO here.](#)

## Ready to cooperate with HEPRO

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