Resolution
European Immunization Agenda 2030

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the European Immunization Agenda 2030 (document EUR/RC71/10);

Recognizing the importance of immunization as one of the most successful and cost-effective interventions in public health, and thus the high return on investments from immunization;

Noting the substantial contribution of successful national immunization programmes to reducing mortality and morbidity from vaccine-preventable diseases, improving the health of populations, preventing antimicrobial resistance, promoting equity in health across the life course and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

Recognizing the progress made in the WHO European Region through implementation of the European Vaccine Action Plan 2015–2020, while also acknowledging that immunization gaps between and within countries in the Region can lead to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases;

Recalling the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023, and the European Programme of Work 2020–2025, “United Action for Better Health in Europe” (EPW) adopted through resolution EUR/RC70/R3, and acknowledging the European Immunization Agenda 2030 as one of the flagship initiatives of the EPW;
Recalling its previous resolutions on Strengthening national immunization systems through measles and rubella elimination and prevention of congenital rubella infection in WHO’s European Region (resolution EUR/RC55/R7), Renewed commitment to elimination of measles and rubella and prevention of congenital rubella syndrome by 2015 and Sustained support for polio-free status in the WHO European Region (resolution EUR/RC60/R12) and Action plan for the health sector response to viral hepatitis in the WHO European Region (resolution EUR/RC66/R10);

Recognizing the health and economic consequences of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and of any future pandemics or emergencies, and noting the critical role that vaccination can play in mitigating the risks from such events;

Acknowledging the need for political commitment, country ownership, and collective actions of all relevant stakeholders to achieve universal immunization, which encompasses the most marginalized and underserved communities with the aim of leaving no one behind;

Understanding that the expected duration of this resolution is until 2030;

1. **ADOPTS** the European Immunization Agenda 2030 and its vision, goals, strategic priorities, focus areas, monitoring and evaluation and accountability framework and governance structure;

2. **SUPPORTS** the implementation of the European Immunization Agenda 2030 as a flagship initiative of the EPW;

3. **URGES** Member States:¹

   (a) to enhance commitment to immunization as a public health priority, and commit to achieving the vision and goals outlined in the European Immunization Agenda 2030;

   (b) to ensure that immunization programmes work in coordination with other health programmes to strengthen the delivery of primary health care services and contribute to universal health coverage and sustainable development through the effective delivery of immunization services to vulnerable and marginalized communities;

¹ And regional economic integration organizations, as appropriate.
(c) to develop data-driven immunization policies and strategies aligned to the country context, ensure adequate and sustained financing of immunization programmes, enhance governance and capacity of the health workforce at all levels, and explore and establish collaborations within and outside the health sector to strengthen the access to and delivery of immunization across the life course;

(d) to enhance efforts to achieve high and equitable immunization coverage in every subnational area and community by formulating appropriate service delivery modalities and devising local-level solutions through evidence-informed understanding of local challenges;

(e) to promote and generate high demand for immunization in all communities and across the life course by understanding the drivers of and barriers to vaccination, and working closely with local communities to develop and implement appropriately tailored interventions that counter any identified hesitancy towards vaccines and vaccination;

(f) to ensure the timely availability of vaccines of assured quality by strengthening national regulatory processes, procurement capacity and mechanisms, and vaccine supply chains to prevent any vaccine shortages;

(g) to explore subregional collaboration on appropriate vaccine procurement mechanisms, including supporting vaccine manufacturing capacity, and fostering a dialogue on voluntary licensing and technology transfer in collaboration with relevant bodies;

(h) to strengthen disease surveillance systems to allow for rapid detection of and response to vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks, to strengthen preparedness for and deployment of vaccines and effective vaccine safety surveillance, and to ensure the resilience of immunization programmes to sustain performance during emergencies;

(i) to promote operational research and explore innovative approaches to increase the reach of immunization programmes, improve efficiencies and close immunity gaps in communities; and

(j) to report on the monitoring indicators of the European Immunization Agenda 2030 in line with the reporting timelines and existing reporting requirements and systems;

4. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
(a) to support Member States by advocating for investment in immunization within the domain of primary health care;

(b) to support Member States in the implementation of COVID-19 vaccination and data-driven tailored routine immunization strategies that respond to the needs of individuals and communities and achieve the goals of the European Immunization Agenda 2030;

(c) to establish a high-level immunization board comprising independent experts from various domains to advocate for political commitment and allocation of adequate financial resources to strengthen and sustain immunization and vaccine-preventable disease surveillance programmes in Member States in order to realize the vision and goals of the European Immunization Agenda 2030;

(d) to develop a monitoring and evaluation and accountability framework to monitor progress against the monitoring and evaluation indicators of the European Immunization Agenda 2030, mostly using pre-existing data sources, and to give advice and technical support to Member States in establishing their own monitoring and accountability mechanisms at the national and subnational levels;

(e) to establish and strengthen subregional implementation mechanisms and platforms to facilitate the exchange of practical country experiences, with a focus on overcoming implementation barriers, to accomplish the vision and goals of the European Immunization Agenda 2030;

(f) to support Member States in strengthening national procurement capacity and mechanisms, and in strengthening vaccine supply chains to avoid any vaccine supply shortages;

(g) to support operational research and innovative programmatic approaches and strategies through evidence-informed decision-making, including developing a better understanding of communities’ demand and acceptance of vaccination to close subnational immunity gaps and accelerate the scale-up of successful strategies, to ensure the resilience of national immunization systems;

(h) to foster alignment between regional and national public health institutions, national and subnational stakeholders and partners, and encourage them to coordinate their efforts, and to provide strategic direction to support the implementation of the European Immunization Agenda 2030; and
(i) to report to the Regional Committee every two years on progress made in implementing the European Immunization Agenda 2030, and to submit a midterm report to the Regional Committee at its 77th session and a final report at its 82nd session.

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