

Stop TB Partnership

SUMMARY SHEET			
Agenda Nr. 1.05-4.2	Subject	EU Strategy	
For Information	For Discussion	<u>For Decision</u>	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>The purpose of the strategy is to facilitate better engagement of the Stop TB Partnership with the European Union to ensure the future success of TB control within the EU and internationally so that the EU becomes a champion of TB control.</p>			
<p>Summary</p> <p>The enclosed draft strategy (DOC 1.05-4.3) attempts to address three key issues (these issues are separate in terms of approach but interlinked in that they raise the level of awareness and access by Stop TB Partners within the European institutions).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The need to raise the profile of TB within the EU to create a supportive political and social environment; EU Partners will need to be properly briefed on developments in tuberculosis and our advocacy materials should reflect EU concerns. Stop TB Partners should coordinate regular approaches and contacts to the EU. Exhibition at EU Parliament March 2006 - World TB Day. We should also aim to expand our "partner network" of sympathetic European organizations and individuals through contact with umbrella bodies who influence the policy direction and debate in an EU context. The need to strengthen TB control activities in Europe; Setting Tuberculosis within the EC internal public health framework will be critical to achieving European TB control and will also support EU engagement in reaching global TB control goals. Creating ownership of TB among health officials particularly to tackling TB in EE (notably MDR-TB) is critical. The need for funds to support TB including TB-HIV control globally ; For EU funding, making the case for TB in the context of overall economic development and poverty alleviation will be critical. Much of the EU funding, in the new <i>Programme of Action to confront HIV, TB and Malaria through External Action</i>, will flow through GFATM. Our advocacy efforts would aim to secure adequate Sustainable Funding for Global Plan 2006-2015 (through GFATM and the Programme for Action and the establishment of an umbrella grant for Technical Assistance) while ensuring country level EU delegations make TB control a priority and allocate specific funding for TB control. Funding for Research may also be available. 			
<p>Decisions requested from the Stop TB Coordinating Board</p> <p>1) To discuss and endorse the strategy as the way forward for the Stop TB Partnership's engagement with the European Union.</p>			
Next steps and time frame			
WHAT	WHO	WHEN	FOCAL POINT
Operationalisation of the strategy and identify European Partners to take it forward	Secretariat, Working Group on A & C, and European Partners	June 2005 onwards	A&C Working Group and Secretariat

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