



**High-Level Ministerial Forum  
“Tuberculosis – a regional emergency”**

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## **SCOPE AND PURPOSE**

### **Goal and objectives**

The goal of the High-Level Ministerial Forum on tuberculosis is to accelerate progress in the WHO European Region towards achieving the global targets for tuberculosis control and the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target of having “halted and begun to reverse the incidence” of tuberculosis by 2015.

### **The objectives are:**

- to secure the political and financial commitment needed for effective tuberculosis control in the priority countries of eastern Europe, in line with the Global Plan to Stop TB 2006–2015;
- to address the threat that tuberculosis poses across Europe in the context of globalization, population movement and inner-city living conditions;
- to increase the awareness and financial commitment of European and other international donors to the current tuberculosis emergency in the European Region;
- to establish a regional Stop TB Partnership, aimed at catalyzing political, financial and technical support to put Europe on the road to the elimination of tuberculosis.

### **Outcomes**

The expected outcomes of the Forum are:

- increased awareness of the tuberculosis emergency in the countries of Europe and globally;
- political and financial commitment from eastern European countries to achieving the MDG by 2015;
- the commitment of additional resources by European and other international donors to ensure that the whole of Europe achieves the MDG;
- adoption of the Copenhagen Declaration on Tuberculosis to guide future European action;
- the launching of the Stop TB Partnership for Europe.