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Background Note – why a two-year approach?

In light of the monitoring and evaluation of Committee 2, it is suggested that the Committee adopt a 2-year perspective when deciding on its political priorities. This will allow the Committee to set realistic priorities and will give the members sufficient time to achieve them, by implementing the initiatives adopted in the Committee's annual work programme.

Health and Social Affairs

Develop the regions' model of health and social care in the future – what will be the citizens' needs and expectations in 20-30 years' time?

This model will then serve as the basis for adopting and implementing regional strategies regarding, for example:

- ▶ the organisation, financing and delivery of healthcare and social services;
- ▶ the ehealth tools that can help deliver these services;
- ▶ the responses to demographic change that we need.
- ▶ Restructuring health and social services delivery: how can we move to informal/community care?
- ▶ Moving to prevention in public health services rather than treatment?

Demographic Change

Adopt AER priorities for action in order to respond to demographic change.

What will regions do in order to be prepared for the impact of demographic changes on their societies and systems:

- ▶ How can we encourage an increase in fertility rates? At the same time, how do we ensure a balance between work and family life?
- ▶ How can we promote active ageing?

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Establish the regions as a key actor in the development and implementation of ehealth policies and tools.

Increase the number of regions developing and implementing ehealth tools in Europe.

Create regional synergies to develop interoperable ehealth tools that will contribute to the responding to the demands of the health and social care model of the future.

Emergency Planning

Support the exchange of regional experience and best practice and consolidate the regions' emergency preparedness, through a series of training sessions.

Develop an AER solidarity network, for the exchange of expertise in support of emergency preparedness and response.

Develop an AER solidarity network, whereby regions can launch calls for assistance in preventing and responding to a crisis.

Launch an AER programme for the exchange of experts among the regions.

Raise awareness about the role of the regions in this area, in particular at European level, and help regions contribute to the national and European Risk Prevention strategies.

Gender Equality

Develop knowledge and best practice on the integration of migrant women, with a special focus on fostering entrepreneurship and economic independence among migrant women.

Ensure the gender perspective is taken into account in the formulation of the future model of health and social care delivery and on how to respond to demographic changes.

Preventing Alcohol-Related Harm

Increase awareness among the regions about the harm related to alcohol and encourage the adoption of regional responses.

Disseminate regional experience on what works, and what doesn't, in the prevention of alcohol-related harm.

Improve regional policies for the prevention of alcohol-related harm.

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