

VPPN Knowledge Sharing Session Learning from sub-regional experiences in cross-country collaboration in the procurement of medicines and vaccines unicef lor every child 29 October 2020

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	Tifenn Humbert is a Public Health Pharmacist with more than twenty years of experience in pharmaceutical policy, with a special focus on access to medicines and health technologies, procurement supply and chain management (PSM), health system strengthening and health logistics.
Ms Tifenn Humbert, Technical Officer, Access to medicines and health products Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO, Copenhagen, Denmark	She joined WHO in 2012 as Procurement Officer at the WHO global Services Center in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) where she was responsible of the global procurement of medical items for WHO, and emergency health procurement (the vaccines emergency stockpiles, WHO emergency health kits). Since April 2016, she is part of the WHO Regional Office in Copenhagen, in the Health Technologies and Pharmaceuticals, Division of Health Systems and Public Health. She provides technical support to the countries in the WHO EURO region in Strategic Procurement and access to medicines under the umbrella of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Since March 2020, she is also part of the Emergency team and responsible to support Member States in the WHO EURO region with Medical Supply Chain response for the Covid-19.
	She has a master's in public health in Developing countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicines (LSHTM). Before working with WHO, she was working with UNICEF (Regional Office for West and Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal as HIV/AIDS Program Officer to assess the availability of ARVs medicines in the region; with UNICEF Supply Division in Copenhagen, Denmark to procure ARVs medicines and vaccines. She also worked in emergency projects with medical NGOs (Médecins Sans Frontieres, Pharmaciens sans Frontieres) in Kenya, Kosovo, Mali and Soudan in the area of procurement, stock management and capacity building of health products.
60	Oleg Benes is a medical epidemiologist with over 30 years of national and international experience in public health disease surveillance and immunization.
Dr Oleg Benes, Technical Officer, Vaccine- preventable Diseases and Immunization at WHO/Europe	Since joining the Vaccine-preventable Diseases & Immunization Programme at WHO Regional Office for Europe in 2010, he worked closely with Member States on assessing the immunization systems, developing national policies and building capacity on vaccine safety surveillance, securing vaccine supply, strengthening vaccine management, cold chain and safe delivery of immunization services. He coordinated investigation and response of vaccine safety events in countries and sustained vaccine safety collaboration and exchange with Global partners and the Member States.
	He has co-authored several Global, Regional and National publications and provided inputs to technical debates of WHO advisory bodies, such as the Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine

	Safety (GACVS), the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization and The European Technical Advisory Group of Experts (ETAGE). Since 1989 to 2010 he worked in his country of origin - the Republic of Moldova, in the capacity of national focal point for vaccine preventable diseases, national focal point for communicable disease surveillance and response and lately as Director of the national public health, being instrumental in polio eradication activities, measles and diphtheria control, new vaccine introduction, promoting public health policy and in developing an electronic national integrated disease surveillance system.
Ms. Eveli Bauer, Chief specialist, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Department, Estonian Health Insurance Fund	 Eveli Bauer has around 15 years of professional experience as public procurement specialist in the health sector. In Estonia, she is one of the leading partners in the Baltic Procurement Initiative which is responsible for cross-border joint procurements of medicines and vaccines for all three Baltic countries. As a spokesperson within the Baltic Procurement Initiative, she has extensive experience of presenting the cross-border joint procurements and networking in international level (Estonian Presidency High Level Pharmaceutical Policy Meeting, EC Procurement Experts in the Health Sector Meeting etc). In Estonia, she is member of a task force that works on the introduction of centralised procurement of medicines. She has higher education in economics and finance. As of January 2019, she is EU certified public procurement expert within Public Procurement Excellence Programme (EC initiative).
Mr Francis Arickx, Advisor general, Head of Directorate, Directorate Pharmaceutical Policy, Health Care Department, National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (RIZIV INAMI), Brussels, BE, Representative of BeNeLuxa Initiative	 Francis Arickx, Advisor general, Head of Directorate, Directorate Pharmaceutical Policy, Health Care Department, National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (RIZIV INAMI), Brussels, BE, Representative of BeNeLuxa Initiative Francis Arickx is the head of the directorate Reimbursement of Medicines and Pharmaceutical Policy within the Health Care Department at the National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (NIHDI RIZIV/INAMI) in Belgium where he manages the departments responsible for administrative and scientific assessment and appraisal of reimbursement claims for medicines, orphan drugs, medical nutrition, Francis Arickx is the former secretary general for the Commission for Reimbursement of Medicines and acts as representative/expert for the Institute and Belgium on a number of national and European platforms (NM CAPR, MEDEV, EUnetHTA,). He is one of the country coordinators for the BeNeLuxA Initiative (www.beneluxa.org), and today the overall coordinator of the Initiative.
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