

THE FORUM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

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The transition countries in the region of South Eastern Europe share the historical burden of communism and four centuries of Ottoman dominance.

In spite of deep rifts inherited they are going to develop multilateral collaboration as expressed in the Dubrovnik and Skopje Pledges (2001/2005).

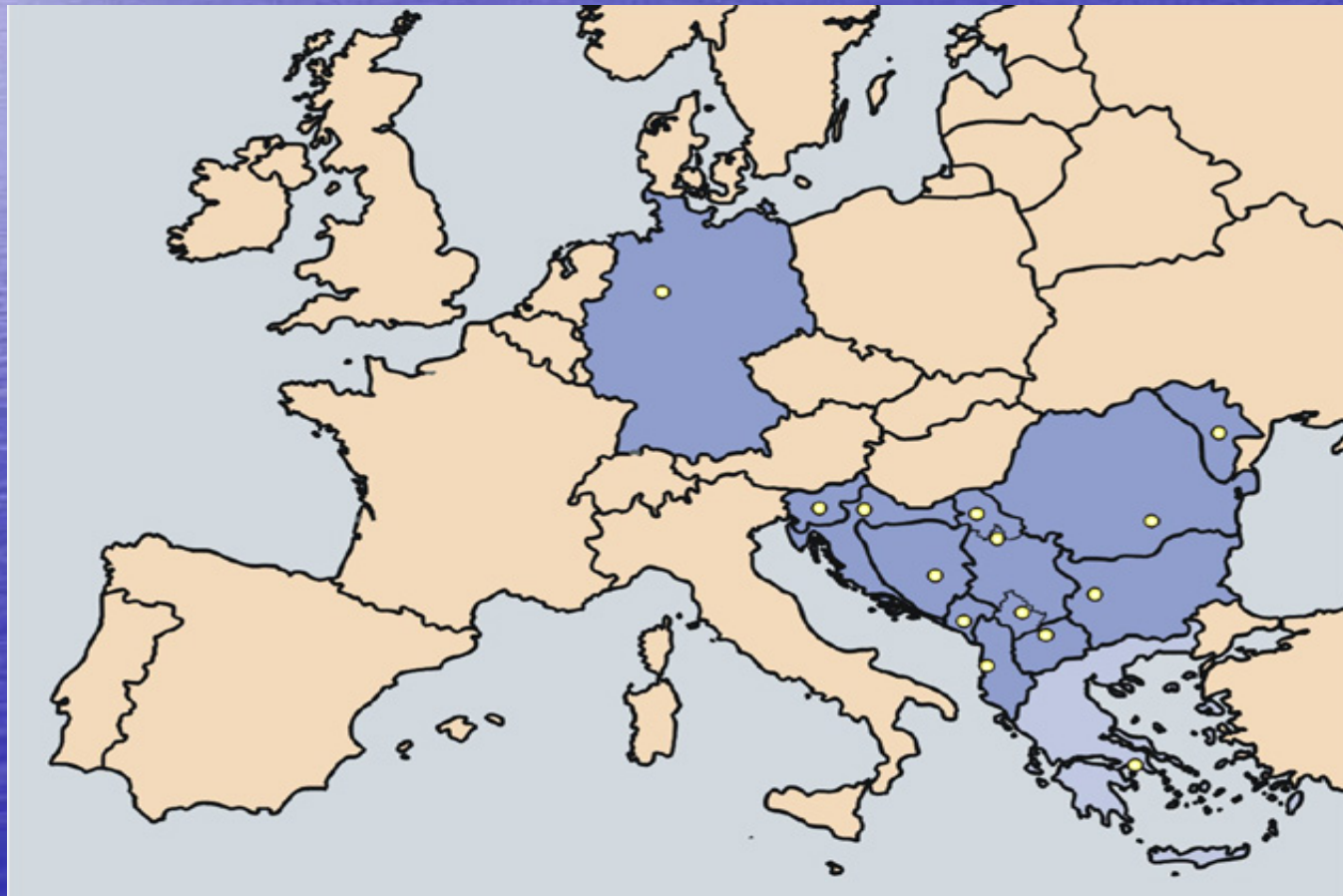
Recently a common public health strategy has been drafted and a regional Forum for Public Health been agreed (www.snz.hr/fph-see).

This meeting is meant to provide an overview of relevant developments in South Eastern Europe with reference to the interplay between the new Schools of Public Health, National Public Health Associations and Institutes of Public Health.



STABILITY PACT

FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

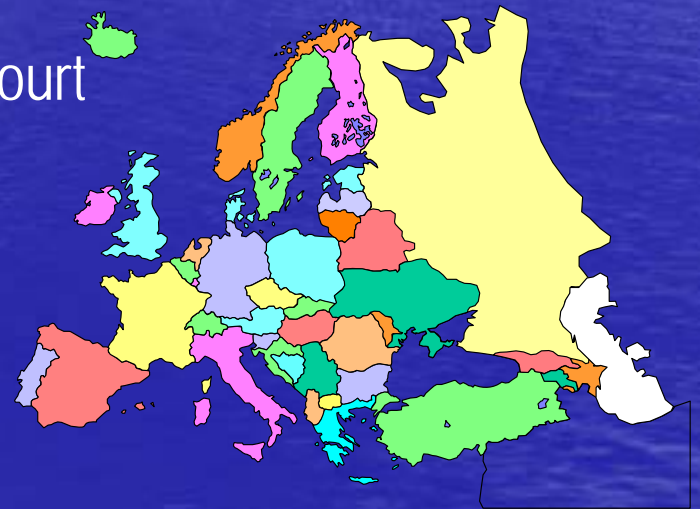


PUBLIC HEALTH TODAY:

- The traditional framework has changed completely:
 - Globalisation (e.g. Migration)
 - CHE (e.g. Bio-terrorism)
- Transition towards democratic market economies
- Perspective of accession to the European Union
- European Public Health standards

CHALLENGES OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

- ◆ The wider European sphere
- ◆ Harmonisation vs. local diversity
- ◆ The Public Health Mandate
- ◆ The Rulings of the European High Court
- ◆ The Bismarck-Beveridge merger
- ◆ The New Public Health
- ◆ The Bologna Process



The Mission of FPH-SEE

FPH-SEE is an open arena
set to enhance the quality of
training and research
for the practice of public health
in South Eastern Europe.

The Public Health Agencies

Schools of Public Health (SPH)

Associations of Public Health (APH)

Institutes of Public Health (IPH)

QUALITIES OF PUBLIC HEALTH & THE RESULTING INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE OF SPHs IN EUROPE

Qualities

Scientific foundation

Reformist orientation

Societal dimension

Autonomous position

Profile

Based in academia

Involved in practice

Relating to administration

Obligated to an ethical code

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THE TASK PROFILE OF A MODERN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- a) Training for research and services
- b) Monitoring population health
- c) Applied research on public health
- d) Consulting the decision makers
- e) Community oriented intervention

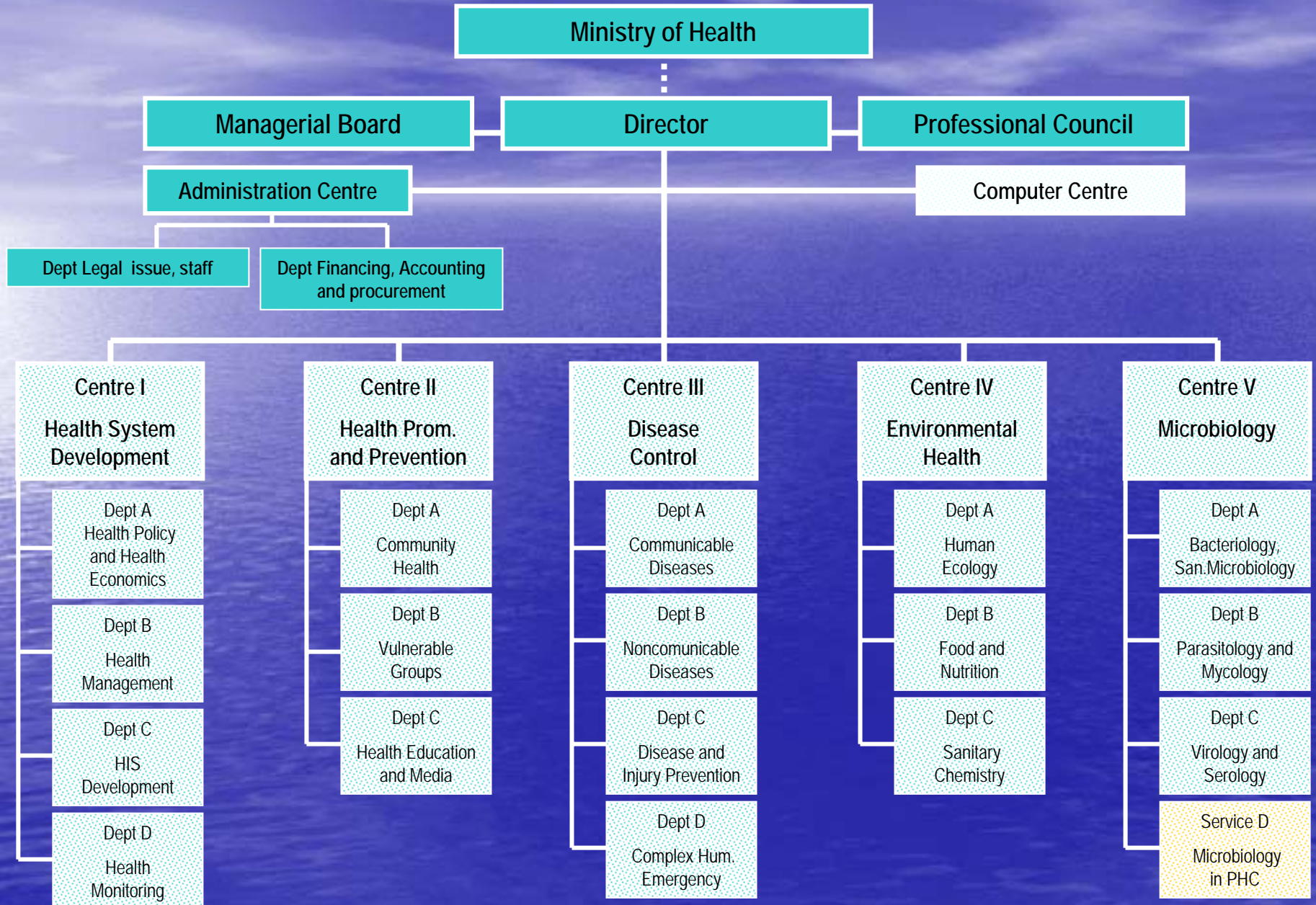
THE TASK PROFILE OF A NEW ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- a) Integration ("One Voice")
- b) Professional development
 - a conference
 - a journal
 - a guideline(s) (incl. competencies)
 - a code of ethics
- c) Certification
- d) Public representation
- d) Defending professional interests ("Union");
linked to membership fees

THE TASK PROFILE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- a) Health policy and management
- b) Health monitoring
- c) Health promotion and disease control
- c) Environmental health
- d) Microbiology

Proposed Scheme of New Structure for National Institutes of Public Health



INHERITED PROBLEMS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN SEE

- a) Inadequate task mix
- b) Overstaffing
- c) Continuing education inconsistent
- c) No budgetary autonomy
- c) No transparent accounting

THE DOUBLE PARADIGM OF HEALTH SCIENCES

...an ensemble of individual disciplines stemming from two scientific paradigmata (the medical & natural sciences and the social sciences),

focusing on a common subject, the analysis of and the evidence based intervention into health and disease processes,

determined by population, environment and social system (incl. the health system).

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1. Network of PH agencies & professionals (not countries)
2. Development of PH strategies („Regional Strategy“)
3. Institution building (SPH, PHA)
4. Common training programmes & conferences (Dresden)
5. Internet-based postgraduate training (modules)
6. Regional mobility of students & teachers
7. Agreement on common MHIS
8. Joint public health research (TEMPUS)
9. A forum for publication (Newsmail, journal)
10. Development of a common Internet-platform
11. Enhancement of peace & human rights in SEE

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN SEE

1. European Journal of Public Health, EUPHA
2. Internet Journal of Public Health Education, ASPHER
3. Journal of Public Health, Germany
4. Journal of Public Health Policy, WFPHA
5. Public Health Reviews, ISRAEL

REGIONAL JOURNALS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN SEE

1. Croatian Medical Journal, CROATIA
2. Health Care, SERBIA
3. Healthcare Management, BULGARIA
4. Journal of Preventive Medicine, ROMANIA
5. Matera Socio Medica, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
6. Medical Investigations, SERBIA
7. medici.com, SRPSKA
8. Medicinskih Komunikacija, SRPSKA
9. SEE Journal of PH & Healthcare Management, FPH-SEE (propos.)
10. Srpski Archiv, SERBIA

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*FROM THE SKOPJE DECLARATION (2001)
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We believe that the future well-being of our one and only world ... resides in the prevention of violence; the eradication of poverty, and the promotion of democratic principles. Furthermore, we believe that public health constitutes one basic element and practical ingredient, for mankind's hope for the future.

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