



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
for collaboration between  
South-eastern Europe Health Network and  
United Nations Population Fund

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) establishes a framework for collaboration between the South-eastern Europe Health Network (hereinafter referred to as “SEEHN”) represented by Prof. Dr Miodrag Radunovic, Minister of Health of Montenegro, and the United Nations Population Fund (hereinafter referred to as “UNFPA”), represented by Mrs. Doina Bologa, UNFPA Country Director for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and FYROM, Serbia, to share knowledge and experience and to develop and implement joint activities.

## **1. Background**

1.1 The mission of SEEHN, as a political and institutional forum, is to coordinate and maintain regional cooperation in public health in order to further the reforms of the health systems in the member countries, and thus contribute to economic and social development. The goal of SEEHN is to improve the health of the people in the South-Eastern Europe region, providing and sustaining the ownership and leadership of the countries in the region in implementing concerted action in the priority areas for health defined by the ministers of health of the member countries. The SEEHN member countries are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Macedonia and Israel. Alongside, SEEHN has a number of partner countries and partner organizations (including the World Health Organization, the Council of Europe, the Council of Europe Development Bank, the Regional Co-operation Council, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank, the EuroHealthNet and the International Organization for Migration).

UNFPA is an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity, and is the organization that supports countries in using population data for policies and programmes to reduce poverty and to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect.

1.2 The Coordination of SEEHN is hosted by the SEEHN Secretariat, which is placed in, Skopje, Macedonia.

1.3 UNFPA Regional office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia is located in Istanbul, Turkey.



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**Realizing** that adherence to international law in the improvement of national legislation may be crucial in achieving sustainable socio-economic development of independent states and strengthening well-being of society;

**Desiring** to contribute to the social and economic potential of the Member States in SEE, drawing on the accumulated years of programme and project implementation experience, related to UNFPA programme areas in various countries around the world as well in the SEE

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to cooperate as follows:

Where possible, SEEHN and UNFPA will cooperate as well as encourage and facilitate exchanges by:

- a) Organizing discussions on population dynamics, reproductive health, and gender equality related policies at meetings organized by regional health development centres;
- b) Facilitating exchange of experience, good practices and legal information among the SEE member states on the implementation of population, reproductive health and gender equality related policies;
- c) Mutual participation in congresses, meetings, conferences and symposia organized by the parties;
- d) Cooperation between the networks, their various bodies and their technical experts;
- e) Cooperation on mutually selected subjects;
- f) Cooperation on joint development and/or implementation of projects and activities.

### **3. Resources**

All collaboration activities will be limited to the availability of necessary human and financial resources.

### **4. Review of Collaboration**

4.1 The collaboration will be reviewed by the parties in connection with meetings, annually or as appropriate.

4.2 This MoU will be evaluated every third year.

### **5. Events and activities**

Information on events and activities that may be of common interest will be shared between the two parties.

### **6. Term of the MoU**

6.1 The MoU enters into force upon signature by both parties for a period of three years from that date.



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6.2 SEEHN or UNFPA may, at any given time terminate the collaboration established in this MoU. Should a party wish to terminate the collaboration, a three months' notice in writing shall be given.

6.3 SEEHN or UNFPA can, at any time, withdraw technical contribution to specific projects prior to appropriate notice.

#### **7. The SEEHN emblem and name**

The SEEHN emblem and name may not be used, unless there is prior written approval of the SEEHN Secretariat, on a case-by-case basis.

#### **8. The UNFPA emblem and name**

The UNFPA emblem and name may not be used, unless there is prior written approval from its Regional office, on a case-by-case basis.

#### **9. Disputes**

Any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of the MoU shall, unless amicably settled, be subject to conciliation. In the event of failure of the latter, the dispute shall be settled by arbitration. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the modalities to be agreed upon by the parties or, in the absence of agreement, in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. The parties shall accept the arbitral awards as final.

*Done in Podgorica, on 27th November 2013 in two originals in the English language.*

**For SEEHN:**

**Prof. Dr Miodrag Radunovic**

**For UNFPA:**

**Mrs. Doina Bologna**