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To : EPSO Balkan region working group members and other possibly interested EPSO contacts.

From: EPSO Joint Office

Dear **EPISO BALKAN** working group members and new participants,

Our next EPSO BALKAN region working group meeting will take place in **Porto, Portugal, Wednesday 10th of April 2019 – 14:00 -16:00 pm** at the Alfândega Congress Centre, address: Rua Nova da Alfândega, Edifício da Alfândega 4050-43 Porto

Please find below the invitation and agenda from the chair of the EPSO Balkan working group Ardita Baraku:

Dear all,

As the time for the EPSO conference in Porto is approaching, we are informing you of the subjects for discussion within the EPSO Balkan Working Group (BWG).

In the last conference in Bulgaria we have come to 5 possible subjects for discussion:

- inspection of ethical topics, such as barriers to compulsory immunization of children;
- inspection of cosmetics and para medical services in health institutions or businesses;
- medical check-ups;
- resource allocation and prioritization in Balkan inspectorates;
- specific indicators used during inspection in Balkan countries.

The proposed agenda for the EPSO BWG is as follows:

- **Presentation of Health Inspectorates of newly joined countries.**

(New countries, which we hope to join EPSO BWG, will make a 15-minute power point presentation, about their Health Inspectorate - how they work, competences, staff, challenges etc.)

- **Discussion about indicators used during inspection in Balkan countries.**

The idea is to discuss indicators in terms of their usage to define priorities. Each country will prepare for discussion about the following items:

- What are your priorities for 2019 year, (and how did you select them – which indicators)
- How do you prioritize what will you inspect (and which indicators help you decide this)
- Which indicators do you use, i.e. to decide when to close institution, when to grade it as below level, when to alert the Minister, etc.
- Which indicators do you use to define is the institution well lead (how is the management of the institution, is it a part of inspection, etc).
- We can try to find if there is anything in common within the countries.

As far as the other topics proposed, after careful consideration and having in mind overall developments within EPSO, we suggest that the ethical topics-barriers to compulsory immunization be discussed in the EPSO conference in September 2019, in Malmö, Sweden, while the other three topics will be reviewed for the following conferences.

Please find **at our website**:

Information about the previous working group meetings and other related information

<http://www.epsonet.eu/balkan.html>

- Please find **in the link to the latest information of our upcoming events**, further information about the conference <http://epsonet.eu/upcoming-conferences-2.html> .

Please let us know :

- if you or your other colleagues will be able to participate (if you have not already done so);
- If you like to share your work or other interesting documents with others;
- If you like to suggest new topics or have other ideas for this working group.

We are looking forward to a successful EPSO Balkan working group meeting in Porto.

Any other questions?

Please contact us.

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