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CED WORKING GROUP ORAL HEALTH

NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL MEETING

Next Meeting: 6 November 2018

Public Event – Health Inequalities: Oral Health for All

- The CED public event took place on 19 June and was hosted by MEP Nessa Childers.
- It was attended by approx. 25 people, with speakers from the EP, Commission, academia, dental practitioners, NGOs and the CED.
- It was a good opportunity to exchange views on the need for more policy action in the field of provision of and access to dental care for disadvantaged populations.

White Paper – From Care to Cure

- The White Paper is a follow-up to the public event on 19 June on Oral Health Inequalities and is intended to be shared with the Commission once adopted by the CED GM (foreseen for May 2019).
- The Working Group is discussing the outline of a White Paper at the next meeting on 6 November. The paper focusses on the necessary shift towards more prevention in oral health.

Joint Action on Health Inequalities

- The Joint Action on Health Equities in Europe (JAHEE) kicked off on 21-22 June (€2.5 million EU co-funding).
- The Joint action will contribute to achieving greater equality in health outcomes for all social groups in the participating countries, including a specific focus on migrants and vulnerable groups. Furthermore, it will focus on the socio-economic determinants of health and lifestyle-related health inequalities. The Joint Action's specific objectives are to:
 - contribute to the planning and development of policies to tackle health inequalities at European, national, regional and local level;
 - implement actions that provide the best opportunity to tackle health inequalities in participating Member States;
 - strengthen a cooperative approach in tackling HI and facilitate exchange and learning among Member States;
 - facilitate transferability of good practices.

- The Joint action includes eight work packages that will focus on the promotion, design and implementation of concrete actions that can improve the health and well-being of EU citizens and achieve greater equity in health outcomes across all groups in society.
- The CED is currently not involved in this Joint Action.

Update of the WG OH Mandate

- The mandate will be updated for the May 2019 GM.
