

# WHO strategy directions on multidisciplinary PHC and integrated health services

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# Outline

- Main WHO strategic directions
- Country studies in PHC
- Importance of PHC
- Multidisciplinary approach in PHC
- Trend shift from hospital care to PHC
- Evidence on the contribution of primary health care to address NCDs
- Integrated health services



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# Main strategies and priorities in health care In the WHO European region



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# Strengthening Public Health Services and Capacity – the ten Essential Public Health Operations (EPHOs)

VISION: Sustainable Health & Well-Being

## CORE EPHOs

## ENABLER EPHOs

### INTELLIGENCE

EPHO 1 + 2  
Surveillance

Monitoring

*Informing health assessments and plans*

### Primary health care

Health Promotion  
**workers**

EPHO 4

EPHO 3

EPHO 5

Health Protection

Disease Prevention

Governance

EPHO 6

PH Workforce

EPHO 7

Funding

EPHO 8

Communication

EPHO 9

Research

EPHO 10

# Action Plan for healthy ageing 2012-2016

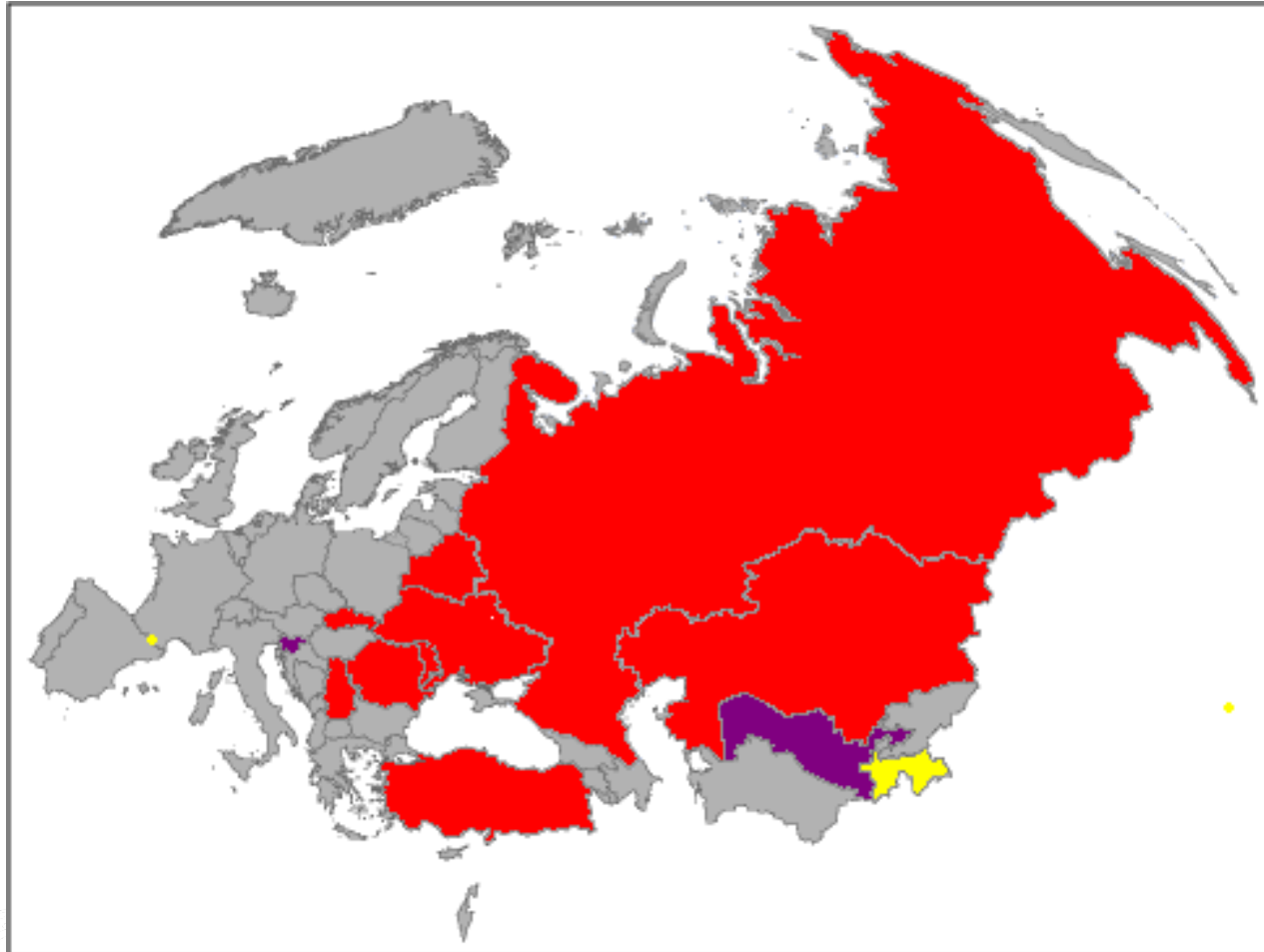


**Active Ageing**  
**Good health adds life to years**



**Healthy ageing:**  
a reinforced  
programme of work  
for new synergies in  
cooperation with  
partners

# Evaluation of primary care in more than 10 countries in the WHO region



Primary care  
evaluation tool

Quality  
measurement

Primary care  
evaluation tool  
in process

# Why is PHC so important?



- Lower hospitalisation
- Less use of specialist and emergency care
- Increased patient satisfaction
- Less risk of overtreatment
- Close to home
- More efficient use of resources

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# Multidisciplinary approach on PHC



- Alma Ata Declaration 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2013
- World health report: PHC, Now more than ever 2008
- Deliberate policy actions needed
- Scientific input from memberstates



# Conference on PHC as the hub in integrated care

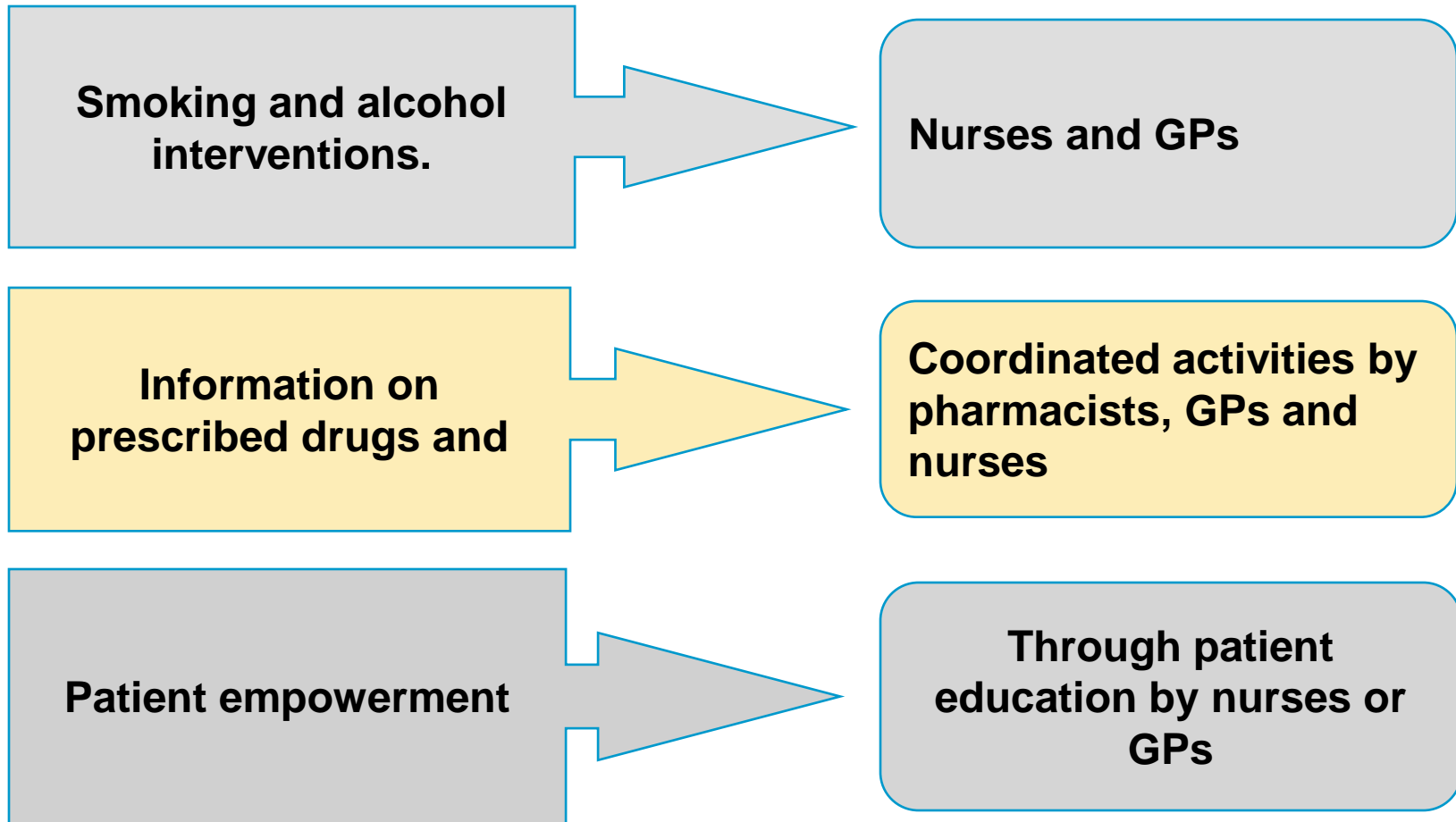


The Future of Primary Health Care in Europe IV  
Welcome to Gothenburg, Sweden  
September 3-4, 2012

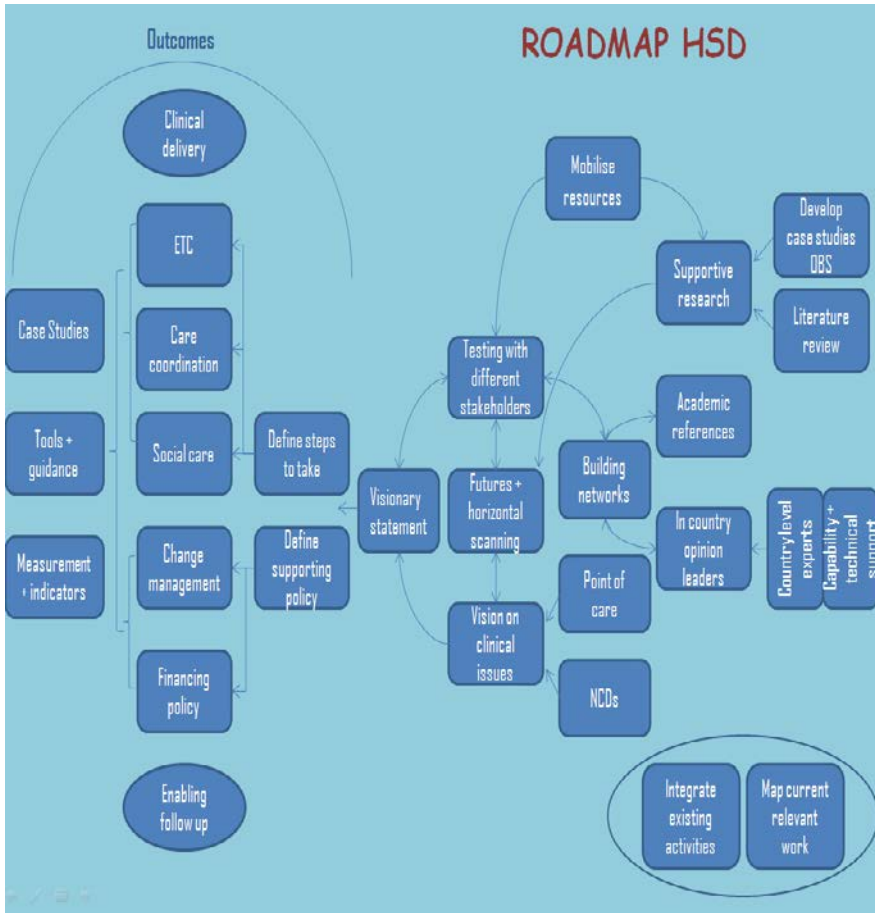


- Shift from hospital care to PHC
- Continuum of care across levels
- WHO policy brief March 2013
- Istanbul conference November 2013

# Evidence based interventions in PHC on NCDs



# Integrated health services



Expert meetings to explore integrated healthcare networks and hospitals' role Brussels and London '11 and '12

Regional consultation integrated health service networks planned for 2013

Roadmap for integrated care

RC 64 2014 Copenhagen: Ways forward in integrated health care

# To conclude



Thank you!

# Three research areas in PHC

## Co ordination of care

Development of patient pathways

Effective and efficient ways to address co morbidity

## Evidence based package

PHC interventions on NCDs

PHC interventions to shorten and prevent stay in hospitals

## International comparison

Comparison of data of 10 countries on PHC