

MEMORANDUM
of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission
and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

The Eurasian Economic Commission and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, hereinafter “the Parties”,

in line with the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 and the Constitution of the World Health Organization, opened for signature on 22 July 1946,

recognizing the mutual benefit of constructive cooperation between the Parties in the field of health care,

taking into account the Eurasian Economic Commission’s activities to assist the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union in achieving their goals with regard to protecting the health of citizens,

also taking into account that the main purpose of the World Health Organization is to reach the highest attainable standard of public health,

recognizing the need for cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe,

reaffirming their commitment to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the generally recognized principles and norms of international law,

and proceeding based on the principles of mutual respect, transparency and integrity,

understand the following:

1. The Parties intend to cooperate, within their respective competencies, in the following areas:

regulating the circulation of medicines and medical products, including their development and production, safety, quality and efficacy assessment, registration and other stages of circulation;

developing measures to prevent the outbreak and spread of communicable and large-scale noncommunicable diseases, including poisoning, as well as the dangerous consequences of public health emergencies of international concern;

implementing antiepidemic (preventive) measures to prevent the import and sale of products (goods) that are regulated by State health and epidemiological supervisory authorities and that pose a danger to human life and health, and to the environment;

regulating public health, in line with the International Health Regulations (2005);

regulating and preventing the circulation of products that are hazardous to human life and health;

preventing the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance;

ensuring health protection for workers and their families in their country of employment;

ensuring the accessibility of the most recent advances in public health protection;

providing hi-tech medical care;

developing health information systems and providing remote medical services (using telemedicine technologies); and

other areas of cooperation on issues of mutual interest.

2. Cooperation under this Memorandum will be carried out by the

Parties through:

the sharing of normative and technical documentation and other information and documents of mutual interest (excluding restricted documents and confidential information);

consultations on issues of mutual interest;

participation in events (conferences, seminars, meetings etc.) organized to implement the present Memorandum, or events held by the other Party; and

other forms of cooperation agreed by the Parties.

3. The conditions and procedures for holding joint events as part of the implementation of the present Memorandum will be agreed in writing by the Parties on a case-by-case basis.

4. The Parties may, as needed, develop joint programmes and action plans for the implementation of the present Memorandum.

5. Each Party shall designate persons responsible for coordinating interaction with the other Party for the implementation of the present Memorandum, and will notify the other Party accordingly.

The Parties will cooperate and hold consultations on issues related to the implementation of the present Memorandum at least once a year.

6. The present Memorandum does not constitute an international agreement and does not entail or create any financial or legal obligations for the Parties.

7. Issues related to the implementation of the present Memorandum will be resolved through consultations and discussions between the Parties.

8. The present Memorandum is effective from the date of its signature by the Parties.

9. The present Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties, and any amendments hereto will be formally incorporated into the Memorandum by the signature of a protocol in that regard.

10. Either Party may terminate the present Memorandum by giving written notice to the other Party. The application of the present Memorandum shall then cease on the expiration of a period of 90 calendar days from the date on which the written notice was received.

Signed in Minsk on 13 October 2021 in duplicate, one copy in Russian and one in English, both having the same content. In the event of any discrepancy between the two texts, the English version shall take precedence.

**For the Eurasian Economic
Commission**



**For the World Health Organization
Regional Office for Europe**

