

BULGARIA

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3. Participation in EUROCHIP Meeting

| NAME | PLACE | DATE | PARTICIPANTS |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Panel of Experts | Ragusa (Italy) | 24-25/09/2004 | Zdravka Valerianova |
| Eastern Europe Group | Bucarest (Romania) | 23/06/2005 | Zdravka Valerianova |
| Screening Meeting | Sofia (Bulgaria) | 17/02/2006 | 11 participants |
| Screening Taskforce Meeting | Sofia (Bulgaria) | 22/05/2006 | 4 participants |
| Panel of Experts | Maiori (Italy) | 15-16/06/2006 | Zdravka Valerianova |
| Cervical Cancer Screening | Tallin (Estonia) | 02/04/2007 | Zdravka Valerianova, Petya Kostova |
| Panel of Experts | Varenna (Italy) | 18/10/2007 | Zdravka Valerianova |

4. Area of the action

Assessment studies on the cervical cancer organised screening program

5. Aim and description of the work (for details see Annex 06)

Evaluation of the current status of secondary prevention of cervical cancer (CC) in Bulgaria:

- PART I: assessment of information, readiness for implementation of CC organized screening programme
- PART II: evaluation of cytological laboratories and their ability to perform CC screening activities

6. Results of the work (for details see Annex 06)

- PART I: The majority of health specialists in obstetrics, gynaecology and oncology and policy makers interviewed are aware that the situation with the CC screening in Bulgaria is alarming. Health specialists are not unanimous on some key questions regarding how an effective screening program should be designed, carried out and controlled. No institution should be excluded from the future program for CC screening and cooperation between different actors is crucial for the organization of an effective screening program. There is a need for more discussions, round tables and other forms of negotiations
- PART II: Required minimum for laboratory cytodiagnosics is available in these laboratories. Unfortunately, the performance of effective screening activities require the introduction of more conditions such as optimal personnel, implementation of Papanicolaou staining, announcement of results within 15 days, development of a computerized laboratory register, connection with the national screening register, development of a system of continuing training and evaluation

7. Added Value of the work (for details see Annex 06)

EUROCHIP National Group was involved in the preparation of a new cervical cancer screening programme in Bulgaria. [Contact: Dr S. Spassova, National Health Policy Directorate sspassova@mh.government.bg]

8. Publications related to EUROCHIP (with acknowledgements to EUROCHIP)

- Zlatkov V, Kostova-Zlatkova P. Prophylaxis, Screening and Vaccines for Precancer and Cancer of the Uterine Cervix. Bulgarian Publishing House, Sofia, 2006

9. Participation in other Conferences/Meetings related to EUROCHIP

| NAME | PLACE | DATE | PARTICIPANTS |
|---|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| ECCA Meeting | Bruxelles (Belgium) | 22-23/01/2007 | Nikola Vassiliev |
| Round Table Health Strategies in Europe | Lisbon (Portugal) | 12-13/07/2007 | Zdravka Valerianova |