

Ghent Declaration of Intent of the Working Group on Primary Care and Population Health for European Cities (PRIPHECI)

The participants of the Working Group, representing the policy perspective of the following European cities and regions have met in Ghent on the 5th and the 6th of May 2014:

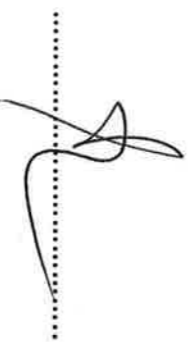
- Cankaya, City of Ankara, Turkey
- City of Castelldefels, Spain
- City of Celje, Slovenia
- Region of Fulda, Germany
- City of Almere, The Netherlands
- City of Empoli, Italy and Local Health Authority (LHA)
- City of Ghent, Belgium

Participants acknowledge the increasing importance of cities and local authorities for the health of their population. They recognize important pressures and challenges for local authorities to adapt their care system to the increased and diverse complex needs of individuals living within their communities. They agree that strengthening primary care is a strategy to enable local authorities to deal with the challenges of chronic conditions, multi-morbidity, youth health, social inequities in health, the need for prevention and health promotion.

Moreover they believe that a strong primary health care system contributes to addressing the upstream causes of ill-health through an intersectoral approach at the local level, integrating health and welfare sectors with housing, work, education and infrastructure.

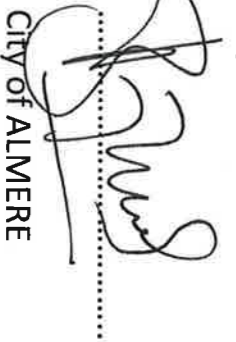
The participants will continue to exchange experiences and knowledge, forming a learning community, in order to build the necessary capacity to address the challenges of the health of the populations they are serving.

Ghent, May 6th 2014



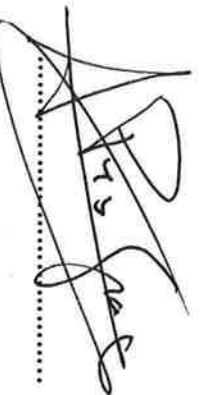
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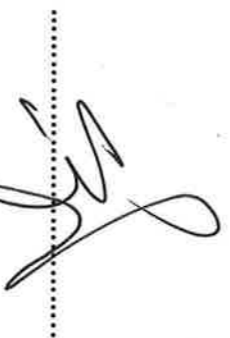
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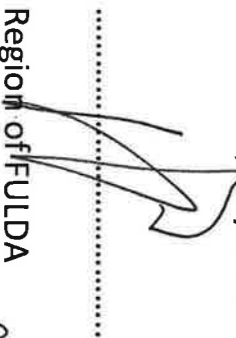
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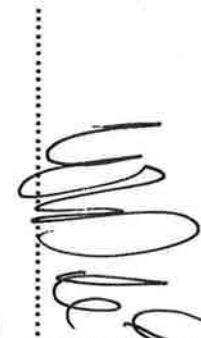
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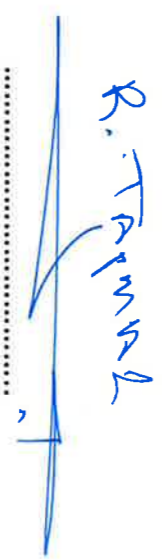
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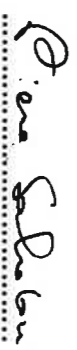
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City of GHENT



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City of EMPOLI (LHA)