

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 26.09.2023



Enabel Conference Center Brussels

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ANNUAL REPORT 2022

FUTURE PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Be-cause health network activities 2022

- May: International conference on Social Health Protection, a path to fight inequalities (Niamey, Niger)
- Representation and networking
- Coordination

Be-cause health network activities 2023 / 2024

- 23-24 March: International Be-cause health conference 'Breaking taboos in global health'
- 14-15 November: 'Enhancing Access and Availability of Controlled Substances for Medical and Scientific Purposes', Flagey Brussels
- 21-24 November: ECTMIH 'Shaping the future of equitable and sustainable planetary health', Tivoli, Utrecht
- 6-8 February: Conference 'Catalysing Change: Enhancing Evidence-Based SRHR Policies in Challenging Times', Enabel Conference Center, Brussels (ANSER, ITM & Be-cause health)
- 23 April: Lamot Center, Mechelen (DGD, Enabel & Be-cause health)

Be-cause health Working Group activities 2022 / 2023 / 2024



BE-CAUSE HEALTH
ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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OVERVIEW EXPENSES 2022

REVENUES	RECEIVED	
DGD FA5 ITM project (operating costs)	€ 30,500	

EXPENSES	BUDGET	REALISED
Network management - SC	€ 1,000.00	€ 2,431.75
Communication (BCH matters, website, newsletters, annual report, other)	€ 6,500.00	€ 17,171.25
Be-cause health annual conference 2023 (preparation)	€ 0.00	€ 493.56
Be-cause health thematic working groups activities	€ 16,000.00	€ 9,637.05
Participation of BCH and partners from LMICs in international scientific and policy global health events (including the co-organisation of the conference on SPH, Niamey)	€ 25.000,00	€ 27.989,98
Total expenses operating costs 2022		€ 32,553.84
Total budget operating costs 2022	€ 30,500.00	
Balance 2022 (operating costs)	€ -2,053.84	

In 2022, the 5th framework agreement between ITM and DGD (FA5), covering the 2022-2027 period, started. The support of the BCH platform is one of the outcomes under the Belgian Programme - Policy Support. From this programme onwards, ITM considers only one budget line for the BCH 5-year programme. As such, budget shifts between different activities and different years are not presented anymore in the ITM bookkeeping. However, the BCH secretariat will continue to make and revise its annual budget (by its SC as well as its GA), and to report in the same way as before.

EXPENSES 2022 EX-BaTM (Belgian Association Tropical Medicine)	
Total Expenses 2022	€ 0,00
Remaining funds - Budget 2023	€ 12.965,95

FESTMIH fees 2022 & 2023 (€2,000,00) were paid jointly in August 2023
Remaining funds on 26.09.2023: € 10.965,95



BUDGET 2023

DESCRIPTION	COSTS (€) 2023	TYPE OF EXPENDITURE
Network management (SC & GA)	500 €	Operating
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Communication (website, newsletters, annual report and other publications)	4.000 €	Operating
Annual conference	30.000 €	Operating
Annual conference	8.000 €	Travel
Thematic working groups activities	14.500 €	Operating
Thematic working groups activities	500 €	Travel
Registration fee and travel expenses of ITM, related Belgian (BCH) and Global South (EV/IHP/...) participants attending international scientific and policy global health events	3.000 €	Operating
Travel expenses of ITM, related Belgian (BCH) and Global South (EV/IHP/...) participants attending international scientific and policy global health events	2.000 €	Travel
	63.000 €	

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A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE ESSENTIALS

Chapter 1 Vision and mission

Art.1 Stakeholders global health & engagement in Belgian development cooperation

Art 4 Members, whether individuals or organisations, non- or for-profit, are not to use the Be-cause health network to pursue commercial or political self-serving interests



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Chapter 2 Membership

Art. 7 Limitation in time, 4 years

Art. 14 Member organisations: no more distinction between NGO, For-profit, Non-for-profit, ...



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Art. 15 Following organisations (including their foundations, trust organisations, etc.) are de facto excluded and will never become member of the platform, however they can be invited to participate in the Be-cause health working groups or activities:

- Private for-profit pharmaceutical companies;
- Private for-profit health care institutions;
- Private for-profit health insurance companies;
- Private for-profit construction companies;
- Private for-profit commercial software developers;
- Private for-profit health medical equipment or supplies business;
- Political parties;
- Banks or financial institutions;
- Enterprises linked to manufacturing of and/or investing in weapons, petrochemical industry, mining, extraction and food, beverage or other products recognized as deleterious to health (e.g., highly processed food and beverages, tobacco, pesticides, breast feeding substitute powder milk, etc.).



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Chapter 3 : Organizational structure

Art. 31 Composition of the Steering Committee:

- 2 representatives of academic institutions
- 2 representatives of NGOs
- 2 representatives of public institutions
- 2 representatives of member organisations from a LMIC
- 2 representatives of another kind of member organisations
- 1 individual member
- 1 coordinator Be-cause health

LMIC-diaspora community in Belgium is pro-actively encouraged to apply.

Gender balance 50/50 (if the number of members is even), 60/40 (if the number of members is uneven).

Reasonable accommodation to enable persons with disabilities

Permanent Working Groups are represented as much as possible in the Steering Committee.



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Chapter 3 : Organizational structure & Chapter 5: Responsibilities of the Steering Committee and Working Group Coordinators

Art. 29 & Art.73-75: Set-up of an Ethical Commission

Art. 29 & Art. 76-80: Creation of a new SC role, the Be-cause health Ombudsperson as focal point for complaints and chair of the Ethical Commission



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Chapter 8 : procedure for Funding

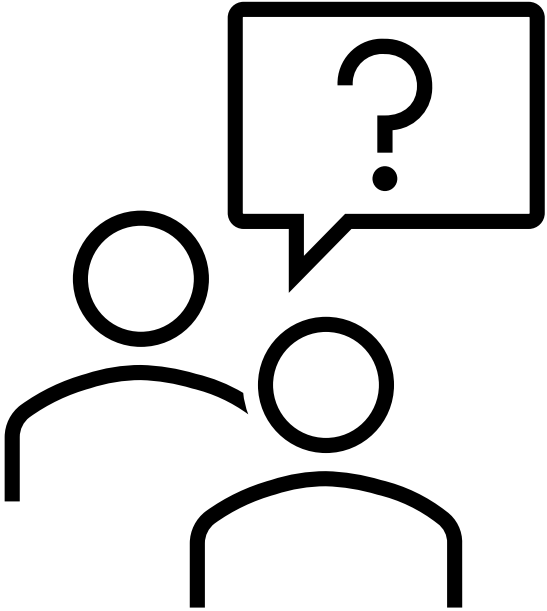
Art. 120 Umbrella activities and projects organised by the Be-cause health network, and initiatives within the Working Groups which are defined in time and with a clear earmarking of the allocated budget, can be funded by private organisations, excluding the organisations as listed in Art. 15.

Chapter 9 : Complaints Procedure

Art. 121 Complaints about ethical misconduct of the Be-cause health network and/or its members can at any time be filed with the Be-cause health Ombudsperson, which refers the complaint to the Ethical Commission

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Q&A



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VOTING POLL

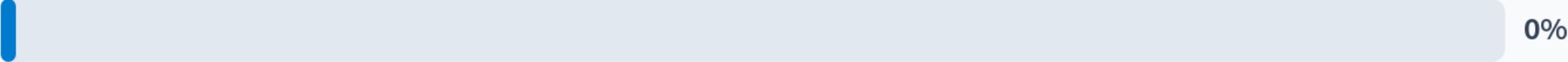
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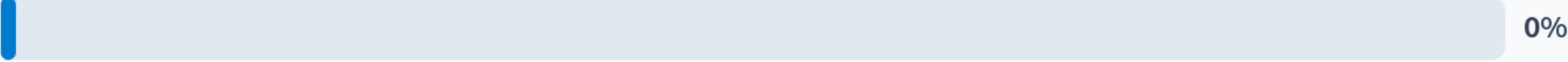
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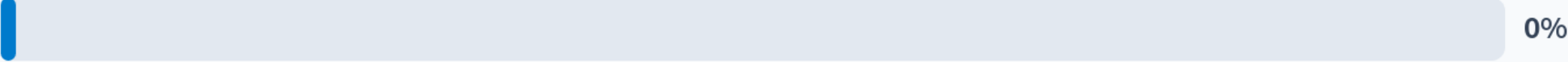
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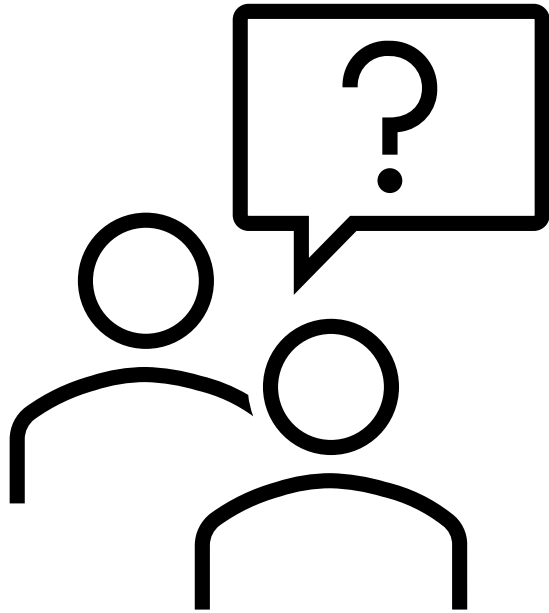
NEW CANDIDATE MEMBERS

- UNICHIR: Reginald Moreels (online)
- SOLIDARIS: Martini Hagiefstratiou (online)
- QUAMED: Edwin de Voogd
- Friendship Belgium: Pierre Schmitz
- MSDC: Likondja Beatrice Futshu
- SAPI: Olivier Steve Ilboudo
- Les Amis du Monde: Seka Ziso
- Bluesquare: Mireille Ntchagang
- Ugani: Joren Vallaeys
- Congodorpen: Najla Mulhondi (pre-recording)



NEW CANDIDATE MEMBERS

Q&A



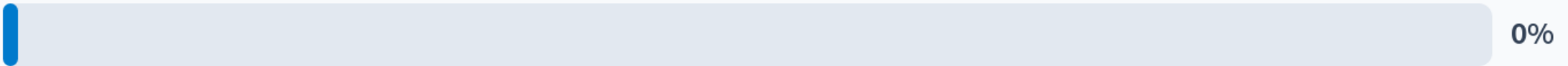
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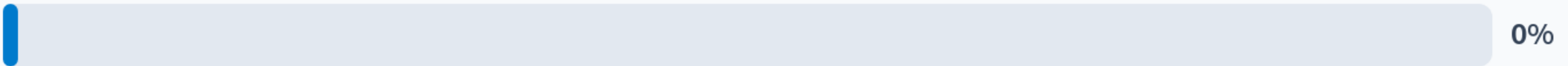


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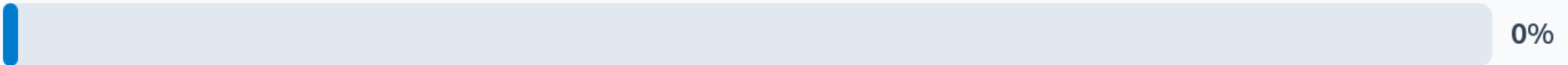
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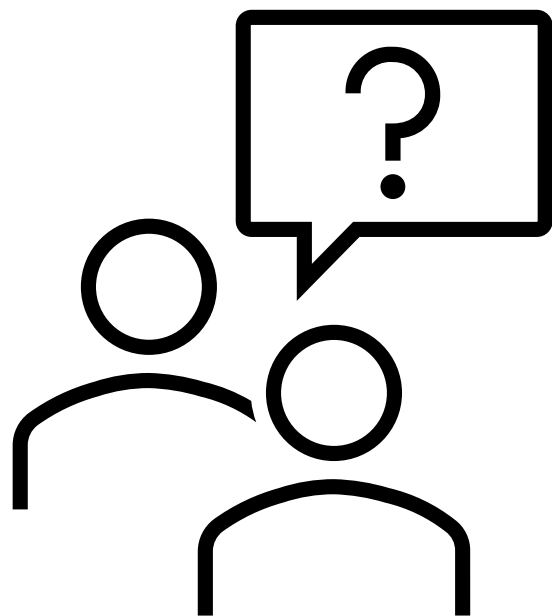
NEW MEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE

Elisa Vanlerberghe, WG coordinator Researchers in Global Health & Health Policy and Systems



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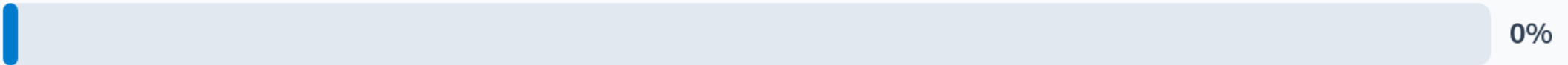
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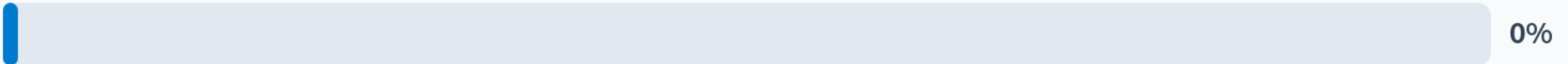
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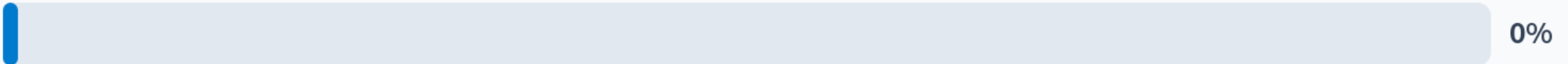
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LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC?

- **“Where are we today with the Pandemic Treaty?”** by [Priti Patnaik](#) (Founding Editor at Geneva Health Files) (online)
- **“Severity of COVID pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa”** by [Wim Van Damme](#) (Professor in Public Health and Health Policy at the ITM)
- **“Pandemic Preparedness and Response, the need for a systematic approach”** by [Elisabeth Paul](#) (Associate Professor at the School of Public Health of the ULB) (pre-recording)
- **“Negotiating a Pandemic Treaty at the WHO: Pitfalls and Potentials”** by [Lauren Paremoer](#) (Senior Lecturer at the Political Studies Department, University of Cape Town and member of Peoples Health Movement South Africa) (online)
- **Q&A**
- **Debate “How to implement the lessons learned by Belgium?”** Discussants: [Michiel Van Der Heyden](#) (Attaché international relations at FPS Health Belgium), [Hannes Dekeyser](#) (Attaché at FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation) and [Dries Merre](#) (Advisor to Caroline Gennez, Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities)



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