



# The EU High-level conference on Mental Health in its context

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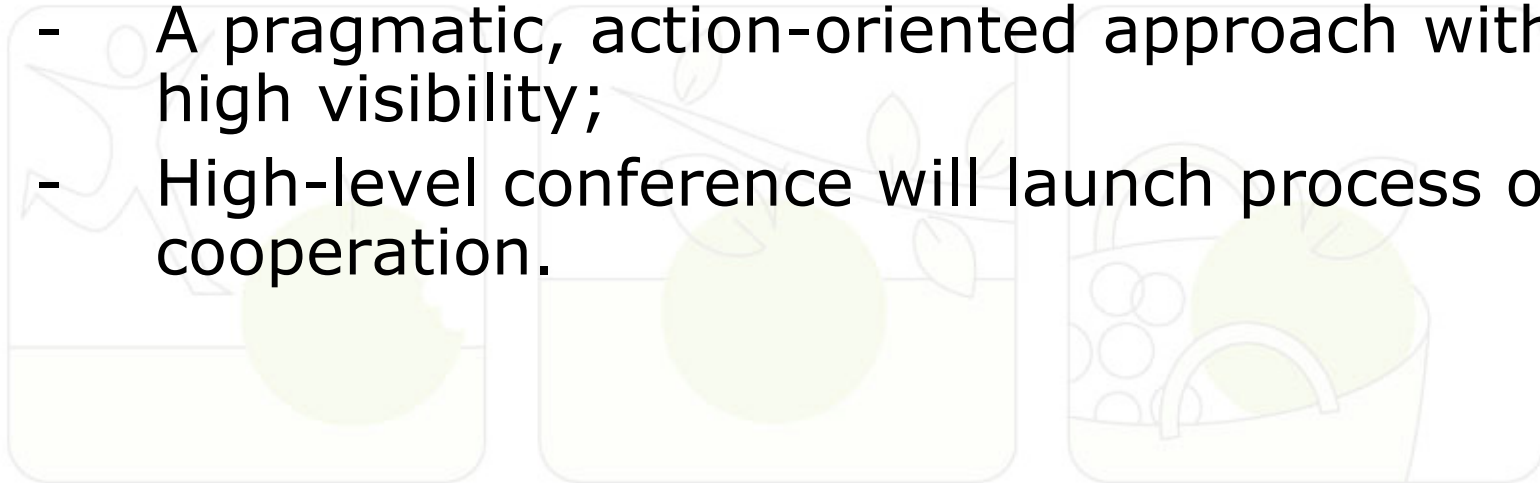
## Follow-up to the Green paper

- The *Response* to the Green Paper:
  - Much support for a greater priority for mental health at Community level;
  - Member States' responsibilities to be respected;
  - Community policies to be involved („Health in all policies“);
  - Work to be in line with WHO strategy.

# Follow-up to the Green paper

## ■ The *Follow-up* to the Green Paper:

- A pragmatic, action-oriented approach with high visibility;
- High-level conference will launch process of cooperation.



# Objectives

- Improve mental health in the population and tackle challenges of mental disorders through:
  - integrating mental health into Community policies;
  - promoting the exchange between Member States.
  
- This shall be based on:
  - collecting policies and best practice from across the EU;
  - working across boundaries (MS, stakeholders across sectors, research)



# Priorities

1. Prevention of Suicide and Depression
2. Mental Health in Youth and Education
3. Mental Health in Workplace Settings
4. Older People

(Requested by Council and consultation)



# Horizontal Priorities

1. Promotion of mental well-being
2. (Primary) Prevention of Mental Disorders
3. Support to people experiencing Mental Disorders
4. Improving information and research

# Deliverables

- Work process from High level conference through to thematic meetings (2009-2010) shall deliver:
  - EU Action Plan on Preventing Suicide and Depression;
  - Principles and Toolkits for Action (best practices, management tools) at workplaces, for Youth, in Education, and for Older People.



# High Level Conference

Invitational conference, Brussels, 13 June 2008

- Central in increasing visibility and promoting engagement;
- President Barroso, Commissioners Kyprianou, Figel, Spidla; European institutions;
- MS Ministers of Health and from other areas;
- Stakeholders (organisations and leaders) including civil society;
- Research experts.

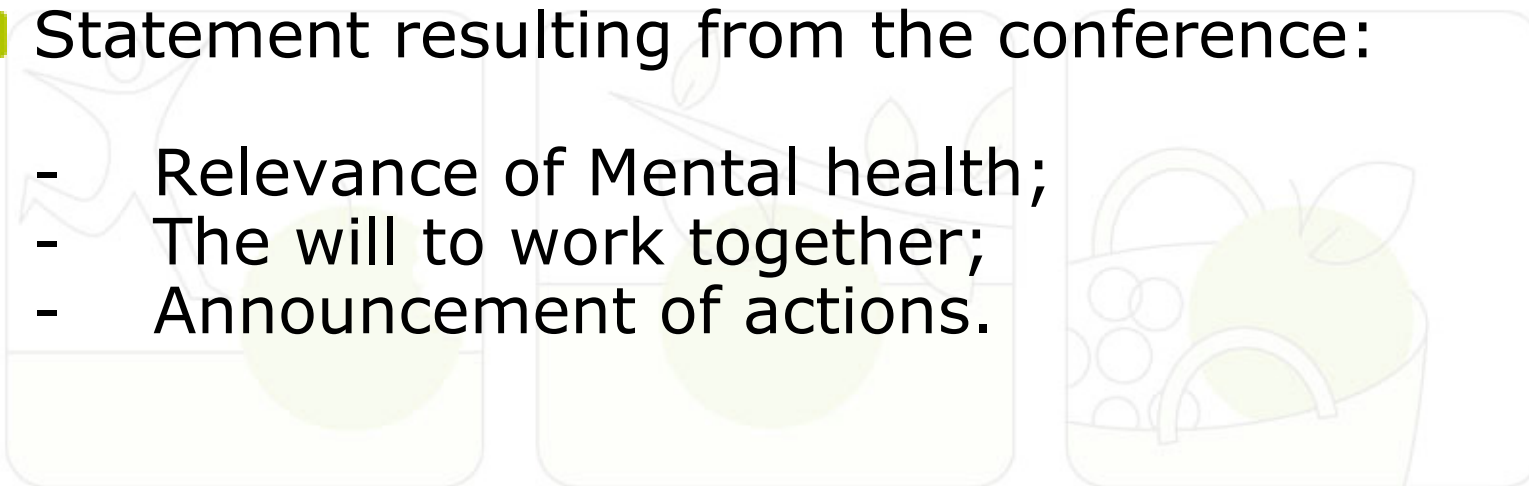
## Response

- Increase visibility;
- Build common ownership;
- Present the arguments in favour of the need and the possibility to act;
- Bridge policies, practice and research.

# European Pact for Mental Health

## ■ Statement resulting from the conference:

- Relevance of Mental health;
- The will to work together;
- Announcement of actions.



# Mental Health in Older People

## ■ Policy context

- Sustainable development
  - White Paper Together for Health
  - Ageing policy
- Implications for labour markets and productivity
- Sustainability of pensions
- Social protection and inclusion

# Mental Health in Older People

## ■ Expectations for today

- Identify the key issues and knowledge;
- launch work on a consensus paper bringing together different perspectives and creating a „template“ of issues and evidence on possible actions.