

10 Years of Health Systems Transition in Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia

Track 4:

Mobilizing Citizens and
Communities for Better
Health

Main areas to be covered in Track

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- Stakeholder support for health system development
- Capacity building through communities (Healthy Cities)
- Responsive community services: Focus on vulnerable groups
- Addressing complex issues - case of domestic violence

Why citizen/community involvement cannot be easily achieved?

Lessons from CCEE/NIS:

- (1) Side-effects of creating market economy
- (2) Lack of efficient NGO-networks
- (3) Legacy of centralized state administration
- (4) Overestimation of medical care

**„War is too serious a thing to
be left to the military”**

Georges Clemenceau



**Could health be considered serious
enough to be left to health personnel?**

Mihály Kökény, MD.
Parliamentary Secretary of State,
Hungary

Questions/issues to be discussed:

- How to reduce the gap between the underestimate vision of civic participation by politicians/professionals and the growth of active citizenship?
- How informed communities and citizens should be included in decision-making process?
- How to create better legal/fiscal conditions for promoting community/citizen's involvement?

Common sense rules

- Knowing what to do is easy - implementation is the tough part
- Communication is the oil for implementation
- Infrastructure is the glue - keep it simple
- Politics is what you must dodge and adjust to