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Dr Matt Muijen is the Programme Manager for Mental Health at the WHO Regional Office for Europe. He is responsible for planning and coordinating mental health policies and strategies, research, dissemination and implementation in the Region, and is working actively with many countries and organizations. His present priority is the implementation the WHO European Mental Health Action Plan for Europe that was endorsed by the 53 European Member States at the Regional Committee in September in Izmir in 2013. The scope of this is public mental wellbeing and prevention of mental health problems, rights for people with mental disorders and the establishment of effective, safe and respectful mental health services. The WHO Regional Office for Europe is also working with its partners to implement the Bucharest Declaration: 'Better health, better lives: children and young people with intellectual disabilities and their families' adopted by all European Countries. Central to this Declaration are: the safety of these children, support to live with their family, and preventing admission to large institutions.

Until April 2004 he was Chief Executive of the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health in London for 12 years, a policy and research institute closely involved with mental health care reforms in the UK.

His background is a community psychiatrist and epidemiologist, and he trained in Cambridge and the Institute of Psychiatry in London. He is Dutch, and studied Medicine in Amsterdam.