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NDPHS projects under development

(status as of 14 October 2011)

NDPHS EG/TG responsible	Thematic focus	Summary	Geographical area
<p>ADPY TG (NDPHS Task Group on Alcohol and Drug Prevention among Youth)</p>	<p>Alcohol use Substance use</p>	<p>Project title: Baltic Sea Region Project on Alcohol and Drug related Harm Among Young People (BADY)</p> <p>The aim of the project is to reduce hazardous and harmful alcohol use and substance use in general among young people in municipalities around the Baltic Sea region through local empowerment and capacity building.</p> <p>It is one of the flagship projects listed in the Action Plan of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The outcome for each participating municipality would be, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge on situation in the own country/municipality • Knowledge on how young people in the own country/municipality relate to alcohol and other drugs • Exchange of experience with other participating countries/municipalities • Policy documents and manuals on preventive work for different needs • Checklists/templates for policymaking • Training for conducting surveys, interpreting the results, communicating the results • Plan for activities and implementation of methods for different needs • Financing for developing a sustainable preventive work in the municipality 	

		<p>Four Community Project (sub-project)</p> <p>Activities: All work packages and project implementation in the participating communities.</p> <p>Work packages; Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Iceland.</p> <p>Project Lead Partner: Federal Research Institute for Health Care Organization and Information of the Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation Donor approached: Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services</p> <p>Current Development Stage: Application will be submitted through the NDPHS Pipeline (October 2011)</p> <p>Capacity Building for Alcohol and Drug Prevention among Young People (CIADY) (sub-project)</p> <p>Activities: All work packages and implementation in the participating communities</p> <p>Countries: Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia</p> <p>Project Lead Partner: CAN</p> <p>Program: EU Public Health Programme 2008- 2013</p> <p>Current Development Stage: Application will be submitted in early 2012</p>	<p>Klaipeda City (Lithuania), Kaliningrad City and Bagrationovskaya Region (Russia), West Pomeranian Region (Poland)</p> <hr/> <p>Nynäshamn and Region Gotland (Sweden), Kotka (Finland), Riga City Council (Latvia)</p>
<p>HIV/AIDS&AI EG (NDPHS Expert Group on HIV/AIDS and Associated Infections)</p>	<p>HIV Tuberculosis</p>	<p>Project title: Taking Up the Challenge: Developing Services to Contain the Spread of HIV and TB among Injecting Drug Users in Kaliningrad Oblast</p> <p>The aim of the project is to contribute to the prevention of the spread of HIV and TB in Kaliningrad Oblast.</p> <p>The specific objectives of the project are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the provision of services to contain the spread of HIV and TB among 	<p>Project partners and associates:</p> <p>Germany Lithuania Poland Russia</p>

		<p>IDUs by promoting cooperation between the government-run medical and social services and the NGOs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen partnership between health officials and NGO activists from Kaliningrad Oblast (Russia) and their counterparts from Germany, Poland and Lithuania in tackling the HIV Epidemic in the Baltic Sea Region <p>The estimated results of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service chain to contain the spread of HIV and TB among IDUs developed Low threshold service point established Drug treatment services improved Action Plan to contain the spread of HIV and TB among IDUs developed Partnership between specialists from Kaliningrad and their counterparts from Germany, Poland and Lithuania established <p>Current development stage: In September 2011 the proposal was approved for financing from the Non-State Actors and Local Authorities Programme for the Baltic Sea Region. Contract negotiations will start in the end of 2011.</p>	
<p>NCD EG 1. (NDPHS Expert Group on Non-Communicable Diseases related to Lifestyles and Social and Work Environments)</p>	<p>Healthy lifestyles</p>	<p>NCD Flagship-A project: Prevention of over-weight of school children ages 7-15 in Northern Dimension geographical area</p> <p>FINAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE: Improved long term health among school-age children (7 – 15) by reducing selected essential NCD risk factors (overweight, obesity and sedentary lifestyle)</p> <p>IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES: Achievement of sustainable nutritional and physical activity changes among youth so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> weight would remain within normal range (BMI > 25); physical activity habits would continuously be above the minimum standard for healthy life (physical activity would be at least 60 minutes per day (including aerobic and muscle strengthening); <p>EXPECTED RESULTS</p>	<p>Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, N-W Russia</p> <p>have expressed their preliminary interest</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on prevalence and trends of overweight/ obesity epidemic in project countries and localities where project is implemented; • Report on evidence based experiences of what can be done to tackle overweight/ obesity epidemic among school-children; • Platform for practical action in schools and families and society as a whole to tackle problems has been created. • Project area (country specific) practically oriented, easy-to-use, empathetic toolkit(s) to tackle overweight/ obesity epidemic among schoolchildren is available for multisectorial use. • Project area (country specific) toolkit activities to tackle overweight/ obesity epidemic among school-children have been put into practice in project sites in a sustainable way. • Politicians, administrators and key professional groups (decision makers) at national, regional and local level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ are convinced that overweight/obesity are important individual and public health problems, where prevention is the only rational cost-effective solution; ➢ have understood that health education (information) focusing on individual behaviour is important but not sufficient alone to solve the problem. ➢ are aware that they have power to change many national, regional and local policies (laws, regulations, recommendations, enforcement) ➢ have come up with a feasible plan of action of what are the needed and feasible policy changes leading to less overweight/obesity . • National healthy nutrition and physical activity policies for school-children (7 – 15 yrs) in participating countries tackling overweight and obesity is available and disseminated to schools and families with school-aged children and key professional groups (physicians, nurses, teachers, social workers, school catering professionals, school and municipal administrators). • City and municipal planners and administrators and other key professional groups at national, regional and local level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ are convinced that overweight/obesity, is an important individual and public health problem, where prevention is the only rational cost-effective solution; 	
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<p>NCD EG 2. (NDPHS Expert Group on Non-Communicable Diseases related to Lifestyles and Social and Work Environments)</p>	<p>Non-Communicable Diseases</p>	<p>NCD Flagship-B project: Results! Effective implementation of NCD prevention strategies in Northern Dimension geographical area</p> <p>FINAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE Improved long term health of the population</p> <p>IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES: The main goal of this project is to tackle NCD epidemic and to support Northern Dimension countries to efficiently implement NCD prevention strategies by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring that local, regional and national strategies are focusing on priority areas • ensuring that local, regional and national strategies are feasible (implementable) • motivating and encouraging local actors to identify common targets, models of cooperation, and ways of action • supporting local actors in finding ways to diminish the influence of the financial, human, institutional constraints and counteracting forces in NCD preventing 	<p>Finland, Lithuania, N-W Russia (St Petersburg, Karelia, Vologda), Poland have expressed their preliminary interest</p>

		<p>action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributing to develop effective and efficient mechanisms for implementation of NCD prevention strategies in participating countries • improving the “management-of-change” in order to make the local, regional and national strategies implemented • revealing how important NCD's are from economic point of view and how expensive it will be to society if the present trends are not changed and that actually NCD's are “socially communicable” <p>EXPECTED RESULTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A system to calculate PYLL (Potential Years of Life Lost) at regular 2-3 year intervals has been set up. • An analysis of NCD situation and trends compared with national and international averages have been set up. • Management meeting at project sites will jointly have discussed and debated the results and use PYLL and other additional indicators for designing a realistic intervention plan to reduce NCDs in priority among most common disease groups. • Country-specific missions by international NCD and public health and administrative experts, leading into assessment of the country's situation vis-à-vis its stand and priority challenges in the fight against NCDs. • National assessment reports with recommendations for urgent action published and disseminated. • Overall report of all participating countries with summary recommendations for synergistic action and for future collaboration to facilitate the change. • Findings have been forwarded for decision maker's conferences. • Local administrations are familiarised with the PYLL method and the possibilities it provides them in development and implementation of the NCD strategy. • All other stakeholders are informed about the results including non-state actors. Coalition of stakeholders ready to further changes based on PYLL and position paper of coalition prepared. Implementation of the local (national) NCD prevention strategy has been started. • Impact / consequences of implementation are assessed. • Regional/National health care authorities are informed about the achieved results. 	
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<p>NCD EG 3. (NDPHS Expert Group on Non-Communicable Diseases related to Lifestyles and Social and Work Environments)</p>	<p>Non-Communicable Diseases</p>	<p>NCD Flagship-B PILOT-project Project title: Healthier People: Management of Change through Monitoring and Action (in Saint Petersburg, Kalininskiy District ca. 500 000 inh.)</p> <p>The overall aim of the project is to reduce premature avoidable deaths in target population and to make a stop to ongoing non-communicable disease epidemic and accidents, and start improvement.</p>	<p>Saint Petersburg (Kalininskiy District)</p>

		<p>The immediate objectives of the project are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • measure the project area population’s number of potential years of life lost (PYLL), an internationally agreed indicator of avoidable mortality in 28 categories among under 70 year old; • improve methods for “managing the change” locally and regionally; • strengthen the understanding the importance of “healthy choices” locally and regionally <p>The estimated results of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up of the system for measuring PYLL (potential years of life lost) in target areas in Russia • Having tested the feasibility of using PYLL analysis as a tool for management and measuring health gain policies and interventions at regional and city-levels • Implementation of strategic plan for intervention based on consensus meetings with stakeholders • 4) Implementation of action with biggest possible health gain in the target population. <p>Current development stage: In October 2011 the project grant was awarded to the implementing consortium (Estonia, Finland & Russian Federation) through the EU Non-State Actors and Local Authorities Programme for the Baltic Sea Region. (EU Delegation / Moscow) and it is expected that the launching of the project could start in December 2011.</p> <p>As partners of the project proposal are:</p> <p>A) Lead Partner: Lappeenranta University of Technology, FI-2011-FDQ-0103975087, public law body, Finland.</p> <p>B) Partners: University of East Finland/ Kuopio, public law body, FiBaltic Region Healthy Cities Association, registered association / Finland, Tallinn University, body governed by public law / Estonia The NGO Development Centre, Registered charitable NGO/ SPb Russian Federation</p>	
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<p>OSH TG (NDPHS Task Group on Occupational Safety and Health)</p>	<p>Occupational health and safety</p>	<p>Project title: Development of Occupational Health Services. Part 2: Professional training and information dissemination.</p> <p>The overall aim of the project is to assist selected countries to develop and upgrade the effectiveness and professional competence of their occupational health systems. The project is aimed at the implementation of the NDPHS "Health at Work" strategy, item 3 on occupational health services.</p> <p>The immediate objectives and results of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the capacities in occupational health and safety –Training of occupational health professionals • Achieving impact through information • Improved thematic information access through the NDPHS <p>Current development stage: The OSH TG and the BSN network are working on the project development. The project was further discussed at the International OSH Forum on 20-22 June 2011 in Helsinki, Finland and the 17th Annual Meeting of the Baltic Sea Network on Occupational Health and Safety and the 2nd OSH TG meeting on 3-4 October in Riga, Latvia. Funding has been partially secured through the DG REGIO Technical assistance for the implementation of the EUSBSR.</p>	<p>BSN and NDPHS countries: Estonia Finland Latvia Lithuania Norway Poland North-West Russia (other countries invited to participate)</p>
<p>PPHS EG (NDPHS Expert Group on Primary</p>	<p>Primary health care</p>	<p>Possible project title: Developing new roles and tasks to local hospitals in support of primary health care in BSR. Development of transnational policy conclusions (project proposal) on best model solutions for local hospitals to support high</p>	<p>Finland Latvia Lithuania Poland</p>

Health and Prison Health Systems)		<p>quality primary care in BSR.</p> <p>Background: Balancing health care from local hospitals focusing more on community and primary health care is important in order to achieve more rational and equitable use of available health care resources. Almost all countries in BSR have ongoing reforms of health care systems, including strengthening out-patient primary care and restructuring or closing of small local hospitals. Often such hospitals do not fully correspond to real society needs, but reform proposals lead to political disagreement between national health care planners and local politicians. Such controversies are caused by a strong belief by local populations in the procedures offer by local hospitals, regardless of the real justification for this confidence. Thus, efforts are needed to develop transnational policy conclusions on how to get the best contributions to high quality primary health care through local hospitals, organized in the most appropriate and optimal way.</p> <p>The immediate objectives and results of the possible project are the development of transnational policy conclusions on how to get the best contributions to high quality primary health care through local hospitals, organized in the most appropriate and optimal way.</p> <p>Current development stage: the possible project is at a very early development stage. The first project planning meeting took place on 17 May 2011 in Riga, Latvia. Funding for further project development activities has been secured through the DG REGIO Technical assistance for the implementation of the EUSBSR.</p>	Russia
<p>PPHS EG (NDPHS Expert Group on Primary Health and Prison Health Systems)</p>	Primary health care	<p>Project title: 4Bs For Health: Building Bridges, Breaking Borders</p> <p>Overall objective: To enhance border health management through development of effective and efficient Primary Health Care, with particular attention to cross-border disease prevention, health promotion and control of communicable diseases.</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve legal and educational framework and environment for a modernised and economically sustainable Primary Health Care system, with an increased role of disease prevention, and health promotion. 	Lithuania Russia Poland

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop and implement a modernised Primary Health Care model on a pilot basis in the partner countries. • To build the capacity of regional and local authorities in developing, implementing and sustaining public health policies, programmes and services, in particular on control of communicable diseases. <p>Current development stage: The project is in the development stage by Lithuanian, Russian and Polish partners and will be submitted under Lithuania-Poland-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013.</p>	
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