



Northern Dimension  
Partnership in Public Health  
and Social Well-being  
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## ASA EG

-  Estonia
-  Finland
-  Latvia
-  Lithuania
-  Norway (Lead partner)
-  Poland
-  Russia (Co-lead partner)
-  Sweden
-  WHO/Euro
-  NCM



## Thematic area 2: Accessibility and quality of primary health care

-  **Goal 5:** Inequality in access to qualified primary health care in the ND area is reduced.

## Thematic area 3: Prison health care policy and services

-  **Goal 6:** Health and other related needs of people kept in places of detention are readily met, access to the health services is improved, and gender specific needs are addressed.



- ❏ Goal 7: The impact in the ND countries on society and individuals of hazardous and harmful use of alcohol and illicit drugs is reduced
- ❏ **Goal 8: Pricing, access to and advertising of alcoholic beverages is changed to direction, which supports the reduction of hazardous and harmful use of alcohol**
- ❏ **Goal 9: Tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke is prevented and reduced in the ND area**



## **Goal 7: The impact in the ND countries on society and individuals of hazardous and harmful use of alcohol and illicit drugs is reduced**

-  The project developing team (ADYP TG) hold two meetings in 2011, first one in Tallinn and the Second in Moscow. It was decided to split the application in two – one for Russia and one for the rest of the participating countries and that the age of the target group should be all teenagers, i.e. 13-19 year olds. The original plan was to apply for funding from the EU Public Health Programme, call for proposals in December 2010. However, the focus of our project – alcohol and illicit drugs - did not correspond to the priority area of the call. The project has therefore, during the spring 2011, been split up in a number of applications to different donors for funding, a process that is still going on. The applications together cover municipalities in Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden



## **Goal 8: Pricing, access to and advertising of alcoholic beverages is changed to direction, which supports the reduction of hazardous and harmful use of alcohol**

-  During the year 2011 ASA EG continued close collaboration with the BSPP Secretariat. It had prepared a background document (with input from NCD EG) for the 20th BSPP; The ITA of the ASA EG took part in the BSPP Enlarged Standing Committee meeting on 10 June and presented the draft background paper; the Chair of ASA EG took part and made a presentation during the 20th BSPP on August 29th, in Helsinki. Finally, NDPHS applied and got a status of the BSPP observer, which gives an automatic access to the conferences and other meetings of the BSPP.



## **Goal 9: Tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke is prevented and reduced in the ND area**

-  The regional meeting of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) implementation took place in November in Moldova. The meeting was organized by WHO Euro together with the Convention Secretariat. Parties to the treaty were invited as well as countries not yet Parties as well as organizations having an observer status by the Conference of Parties. NDPHS does not have an observer status however countries parts of the NDPHS were invited to participate. The ASA EG continue its discussions with the WHO EURO, during the Poznan meeting, in order to identify possible actions to reach the operational targets identified by NDPHS strategy.



## Thematic report on Alcohol Policy

- ❏ 1. INTRODUCTION 1.1 Background 1.2 Alcohol consumption in Northern Dimension area 1.3 Methodology
- ❏ 2. OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL STRATEGY TO REDUCE THE HARMFUL USE OF ALCOHOL
- ❏ 3. PROFILES (Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden)
- ❏ Local interventions to prevent and reduce alcohol consumption
- ❏ Research and monitoring
- ❏ Treatment
- ❏ CONCLUSIONS
- ❏ ANNEX I
- ❏ Research and monitoring in the NDPHS partner countries
- ❏ Outcomes of alcohol consumption in the NDPHS partner countries
- ❏ ANNEX II Questionnaire



- The ASA EG will made presentation during the Global alcohol policy Conference, 28-30 November 2011, Bangkok Thailand. The meeting is organized by GAPA together with WHO, Thai Ministry of Public Health and Thai Health Promotion Foundation. The conference theme was “From the Global Alcohol Strategies to Local Actions.” This conference provide an opportunity for policy makers, advocates, academics, and campaigners to share and exchange their knowledge and experience.



- The ASA EG established contact with the international expert group within the European Quality Standards (EQUS) in the Prevention, Treatment and Harm Reduction of Drugs, which is drafting minimum quality standards at the EU level. EQUS is coordinated by the Research Institute for Public Health and Addiction at Zürich University (Ambros Uchtenhagen, Michael Schaubin) in collaboration with EMCDDA. The aim of this project and collaboration with it is participate and facilitate in development of an European consensus on minimum quality standards and benchmarks in the field of drug demand reduction and put in place a common reference framework



## Future activities

-  The ASA EG in collaboration with WHO will participate in EU Survey on Alcohol and Health. The WHO EURO will share questionnaire with the ASA EG, in order to prepare a Russian version of this questionnaire and collect data there. The data from NDPHS Partner countries will be collected by WHO office in close collaboration with ASA EG. At the last stage of the activities data from all ND countries including Russia will analyzed in order to prepare and include it in the report prepared by NDPHS ASA EG.



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-  EQUIS. The ASA EG will facilitate the process of discussions with representatives from policy, practice and science to take forward the development of minimum quality standards, to share good practice in the field of quality standards in drug demand reduction and to



-  The project is divided into six different Working Packages (WP), that will run parallel during various time periods. Each WP will implement its project plan in collaboration with an allocated Community Coordinator. The intention is to start the project in January 2012. The first year of the project, the assessment of needs and mapping of the current situation among young people, and the community readiness as to organisational development and political structures (WP1-2), will be carried out in the participating communities. In late 2012 the policy and strategic prevention work development and implementation (WP3) are to be developed. In the beginning of 2012 the dissemination and communication (WP5) will accelerate as the project results intensify, and the evaluation and analysis of the project process (WP4) will take shape during the same start-up period.



-  The ASA EG will continue work on development of possible project proposal related to the sharing of Country experiences on the implementation of Global Strategy to reduce the Harmful use of Alcohol. The ASA EG will set up a small working group with the participation of Chair, Co-Chair and some country representatives, in order to start excessive discussions on preparation of policy recommendations by end of 2013. Internal preparations for identification of areas for joint activities already started



## Future activities

- ❏ In 2012 WHO EURO will organize a so called counterparts meeting to discuss other issues not directly related to the implementation of the WHO FCTC in the region. The ASA EG will be involved in this work together with other partners of WHO The draft of Best Practices will be distributed among the ASA EG members for their comments and possible inputs.
- ❏ The ASA EG will develop project proposal to organize joint seminars for the representatives from Alcohol and Tobacco fields. The aim of the seminars will be to discuss and share experiences of development of Tobacco Convention, in order to strengthen the implementation of Global alcohol strategy and give stronger legitimacy to the alcohol Policy in the Partner Countries