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Title	Evaluation of the progress in the implementation of the EUSBSR Technical Assistance Grant
Submitted by	Secretariat
Summary / Note	<p>This document summarizes the progress in the implementation of the EUSBSR Technical Assistance Grant. It has been developed based on the contributions received from the respective NDPHS Expert Groups and Task Groups.</p> <p>It will provide the basis for discussion, to be held during the meeting, about (i) the progress in the implementation of the EUSBSR TA grant, and (ii) possible proposed revisions to the TA grant. With regard to the latter, the Secretariat invites each respective EG/TG to come to the meeting with the following information at hand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether the group's respective activity/-ies will be successfully completed by the end of November 2012; - Whether the group would like to propose revisions in the <u>technical scope</u> and/or <u>financial aspects</u> of the activity/-ies it leads.
Requested action	For discussion

Internal mid-term evaluation of the progress in the implementation of the EUSBSR Technical Assistance Grant (status as of 5 September 2012)

ACTIVITY #1: Organization of a Logical Framework Approach (LFA) workshop and subsequent project planning meetings to elaborate projects to implement the above named cooperative action in the EUSBSR Action Plan. (HIV/AIDS&AI EG)

Expected results:

R.1.1: LFA workshop and project planning meetings organized (**until June 2012**).

Status:

- The LFA workshop has been organized on 13-14 December, 2011, in Riga, Latvia http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs.hiv-aids&ai_workshop_3;
- A project planning meeting in order to plan a project on prevention and early detection of HIV among MSM has been organized on 14-15 June 2012 in Luosto, Finland http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs.hiv-aids&ai_workshop_4;
- Another project planning meeting will be organized in October 2012 in Sopot, Poland, in order to plan a big common project for the Expert Group on HIV/AIDS&AI (http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs.hiv-aids&ai_5_sopot).

There is a slight delay in the timetable, because of a big amount of other activities which have to be coordinated with the project planning meetings.

R.1.2: Several project proposals developed and submitted for funding (**until December 2012**).

Status: to be done during autumn 2012.

ACTIVITY #2: Preparation of a review on best practices of integration of social and health care for HIV-infected individuals. (HIV/AIDS&AI EG)

Expected results:

R.2.1: A review on best practices of integration of social and health care for HIV infected individuals prepared (**until September 2012**).

Status: PhD Boris Sergejev has been hired to prepare the review by 15 September 2012.

ACTIVITY #3: Development of transnational policy conclusions on best model solutions for local hospitals to support high quality primary care in the Baltic Sea Region. (PPHS EG)

It was concluded that the working name of the project idea was too narrowly limited to the small hospitals. This reference could easily lead to notions of the whole project idea being about how to rescue from closure such small hospitals that would not be worth preserving either due to the poor condition of the premises or due to the narrow perspective that the reference could give of the aims of the project. Therefore, the project idea and the name of future project proposal were broadened to address the comprehensive range of services to older people by Primary Health Care (PHC) and also – as and if appropriate – Primary Social

Services (*this change requires an amendment of the Grant Agreement, thus it needs to be discussed with the European Commission*). Here, the project would address questions of outpatient care, home care and home nursing at various levels of intensity of care, and then - as part of the whole picture – hospital services in a suitable lower technology hospital that would have the approach and culture of PHC.

Expected results:

R.3.1: The workshop for fact finding and to discuss intermediate draft of the project proposal organized (**until October 2011**).

Status: The workshop was organised in June 2012 in Riga, Latvia, to discuss, *inter alia*, a project concept. Representatives from Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus and Finland participated in the workshop.

R.3.2: Country visits (10 countries) for fact finding and structured interview with national/regional stakeholders took place (**until June 2012**).

Status: Country visits to Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia (Kaliningrad region) took place in December 2011 and March 2012. Three-four other countries had expressed interest, but this did not lead to practical arrangements.

The number of country visits is considerably different than foreseen in the agreement. This issue still needs to be discussed.

R.3.3: The workshop to finalize project proposal organized (**until September 2012**).

Status: It is planned to organize the workshop in October 2012.

ACTIVITY #4: Organising of final project planning meetings and finalizing for submission for funding of the two NDPHS flagship projects. (NCD EG)

Expected results:

R.4.1: Project planning meeting in Kaliningrad organized (**until March 2012**).

Status: The 3rd meeting was conducted in Kaliningrad in October 2011.

R.4.2: Project planning meeting in Copenhagen organized (**until June 2012**).

Status: The meeting has not taken place because the issues could be handled at the 3rd Kaliningrad meeting under R 4.1.

R.4.3: Two NDPHS flagship projects submitted for funding (**until December 2012**).

Status: During the three NCD Flagship-A and Flagship-B planning meetings in 2011 two project concepts and WP description were prepared. Since the finalization of this phase by the end of 2011, the NCD EG has actively searched for suitable funding mechanisms. Unfortunately, such opportunities have not been found within the EU (but in fact the results of Flagship-B preparation were successfully used for a project which has started in Russia with EU funding and with participation from Estonia, Finland and Russia). The project plans were further elaborated and updated at the NCD EG 4th meeting in May 2012 in

Helsinki, and presently Flagship-A project is in the process to be further developed for submitting an application for FP7 (first deadline for submission of application on 2 October 2012).

ACTIVITY #5: Development of a thematic paper for the advocacy of the two NDPHS Flagship projects and as a background document for the NDPHS 8th Partnership Annual Conference 8 side event on NCDs and alcohol related harm. (NCD EG)

Expected results:

R.5.1: A thematic paper developed (**until June 2012**).

Status: The preparation of NCD Thematic report started at the 2nd NCD EG meeting in March 2011 and continued in Kaliningrad in June at the Flagship A & B preparation meeting. Based on the preliminary preparation work the activity continued until September 2011. The finalization of the Thematic report for the PAC-8 side event was made by a separate grant from Germany. In 2012 the further elaboration of the NCD EG Thematic Report continued following the assignment given by PAC-8 and submitted to CSR-20 in April. The final NCD Thematic report is now available on www.ndphs.org.

ACTIVITY #6: Data collection and analysis and a subsequent preparation of a report and a project proposal on alcohol related harm. (ASA EG)

Expected results:

R.6.1: Data on alcohol consumption (level and pattern), alcohol related harm and alcohol policy responses in the NDPHS Partner Countries collected and analysed (**until March 2012**).

Status: The data collection is finished, all countries represented in the ASA EG except Iceland (they are mostly absent from the meetings) had submitted answers to the proposed questionnaire. It took a little bit more time, as countries were re-evaluating some of their data on the national Level.

R.6.2: A report presenting an overview of individual country profiles and comparative analyses of the alcohol situation on a regional basis prepared (**until September 2012**).

Status: The institute in Russia prepared the first draft of the report, which will be presented at the ASA EG meeting at the end of September. Based on comments and suggestions from the ASA EG members, the final version will be developed by end of October 2012.

R.6.3: A project proposal developed. The objectives of the project will be the development of transnational policy conclusions on how to reduce the ill health caused by harmful use of alcohol and address illegally and informally produced alcohol issue through enhancing the capacity of society to deal with alcohol, training of professionals in different sectors and support in promotion of healthy lifestyles, specifically those aiming to prevent or reduce alcohol related harm (**until November 2012**).

Status: The expert made more than 20 policy conclusions on how to reduce the ill health caused by harmful use of alcohol. Based on those conclusions, two project proposals concerning the FASD and Possible policy recommendations for

the PAC meeting are developed and are under the discussions within the ASA EG. One more proposal is under development.

Project proposals will be developed, but the ASA EG will need financial support both for preparation of an application package and for the implementation of those proposals.

ACTIVITY #7: Planning and implementation of a project “Development of Occupational Health Services. Part 2: Professional training and information dissemination.” (OSH TG)

Expected results:

R.7.1: Trainings of occupational health professionals organized (**until November 2012**).

Status: 3 day course organized on 18-20 January 2012 in Riga, 1 event cancelled, two events postponed. *Second training still needs to be organized.*

R.7.2: Information published and disseminated (**until September 2012**).

Status: information has been disseminated through NDPHS, including the latest e-Newsletter (published in August 2012), which focused on occupational safety and health. *A report still needs to be prepared.*

ACTIVITY #8: Development of the “Alcohol and drug prevention among youth” (ADPY) project proposal for submission to a donor community for funding. (ADPY TG)

Expected results:

R.8.1: External consultant(s) for two applications for funding employed (**until August 2011**).

Status: External consultants have been engaged in the application processes.

R.8.2: Two ADPY project applications developed and submitted for funding (**until August 2011**).

Status: Five applications have been submitted to different funding programs. Two of them have been granted co-financing. One has received funds from the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services and starts in September 2012. The project involves two cities in two countries, i.e. Drammen in Norway and Bagraionovskajya region in Russia.

The other project proposal has received a positive preliminary assessment from the Delegation of the European Union to Russia and it is planned that it will start in September/October. This project includes three cities/districts in three countries, i.e. Klaipeda City and Klaipeda district in Lithuania, Sovjetsk City and Svetloje district in Russia and Nynäshamn Municipality in Sweden.

Both projects are to a substantial degree similar in content and will therefore be highly coordinated.