

ND-PHEG so far...

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- 4th Baltic Sea States summit in St Petersburg June 2002
- The Heads of Governments stated that the question of health in prisons has to be prioritised due to the risk of spread of communicable diseases in these institutions in the region.
- A new programme group should be formed under the Task Force on Communicable Disease Control, a special **Prison Health Programme Group** (TF/PG).
- A constituting meeting was held in Oslo 8-9th of January 2003.

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- **Knud Christensen**, Denmark, TF/PG chairman, representing the Ministry of Justice
- **Kai Viskum**, Denmark
- **Elo Liebert**, Estonia
- **Hannu Poso**, Finland
- **Regina Fedosejeva**, Latvia
- **Ramunas Barzda**, Lithuania
- **Birute Semenaitem**, Lithuania
- **Jon Hilmar Iversen**, Norway
- **Marzena Ksel**, Poland
- **Nikolay Mamonov**, Russia
- **Lars Moller**, WHO
- **Alexei Bobrik**, Russia
- **Anders Nystedt**, Sweden

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- In total 38 project suggestions was processed by the TF/PG.
- 35 of these are approved in June 2004.
- 16 projects became fully funded, 11 was partly funded.
- 11 projects was already carried trough in June 2004, 13 had started and 3 was planned to start during 2004.
- The total financial contribution from the donor countries has exceeded 1.500.000 Euro. This does not include the considerable sums invested in the projects by the receiving authorities and money from NGO; s.

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- We state that the Task Force projects have **contributed to a general improvement of health and health care in the prison systems** in the involved countries. We also think that these achievements in the prisons have had an impact on the whole public health situation in the Baltic Sea area.
- As said in the report from the Northern Dimension (ND) meeting in Oslo, the connections between social disparity, mental disorders, drug use, infectious diseases, crime and imprisonment is obvious. For this reason, our group have a strong opinion that there is need for, not only **appropriate and full support for the sustainability of the work in the different project groups** listed in the database, but also for **extending the scope of the joint work being carried out from focusing exclusively on communicable diseases, to include endeavours striving towards better treatment and prevention of psychiatric diseases in the prisons, rehabilitation and treatment of iv drug abusers, improved custodial conditions for inmates and staff, strengthened co-operation between the prison system and the civil and social services** and so forth.
- We suggest future contact with the **ND** secretariat in Stockholm to preserve the networks for these activities and continuation of development work which also should include follow up and evaluation of the TF projects.

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DECLARATION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTHERN DIMENSION

PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELLBEING

Ministers of Health and Social Affairs and other High Representatives of the founding partners; Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, the European Commission, the World Health Organisation, the Barents Euro Arctic Council, the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the International Labour Organisation, the International Organisation for

Migration, the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Joint United Nations Programme against HIV/AIDS met in Oslo on 27 October 2003 and agreed to establish a Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing.

In so doing, they in particular referred to:

The Northern Dimension Forum held in Joensuu, Finland, in September 2002;

The content of and experience from existing international co-operation and programmes in the field of health and social services, such as co-operation within the Arctic Council (AC), the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC), the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), the European Union, the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM), the World Health Organisation (WHO), etc. as well as bilateral co-operation.

The United Nations Millennium Declaration and its Development Goals as stipulated at the Millennium Summit in New York in 2000.

The Declaration adopted at the Meeting of Heads of Government in Kirkenes, Norway in January 2003 to mark the tenth anniversary of the Barents Euro-Arctic co-operation;

The policy bases that exist in the Northern Dimension partner countries for strengthening their public health and social wellbeing programmes.

The objectives of the European Union Northern Dimension Action Plan 2004-2006 endorsed by the European Council at its meeting on 16-17 October 2003, in the field of public health and social well-being, and to the objectives of other partners in the partnership.

The EU Action Programme for Public Health 2003-2008 and the EU Action Programme to combat social exclusion 2002 - 2006

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The Expert Group should consist of

- A chairman
- A co-chair
- An ITA that also can function as a secretary and co-ordinator for the group
- Delegates with an expertise and competence in the fields of health (communicable diseases such as TB and HIV and epidemiology, drug abuse and mental disorders) social welfare including prison experts. It would also be an advantage to include persons with expertise in project planning.

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The Prison Health Expert Group shall;

- **Assist in initiating, catalyzing, and promoting** relevant project initiatives, evaluate and discuss project proposals with project owners and also support ongoing projects in the field of prison health and social well-being in the ND area
- Advice and, if necessary, assist project groups in **contacts with financiers** to enable them to realise their initiatives. Also to recommend relevant project proposals to financial bodies in the ND area
- Assist project groups in **co-ordination** with other stakeholders. Promote **networking**. Also co-ordinate the work with the endeavours of the other ND expert groups such as the HIV/AIDS group, the Primary Health Care Group and the epidemiology training group
- Formulate **criteria for future support** of projects in the prison health area. We suggest that a Logical Framework Approach (LFA) method is used. The programme developed under the CBSS' Task Force Prison Health Group can be used as a basis for this but must be revised and updated according to the extended scope of the joint work being carried out in the penal sector, as described in this report.
- Provide the Partnership website/**database** with information concerning its work.
- In all, co-operate with the Partnership Secretariat.

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Identified prioritized areas

Health

1. Communicable diseases

Prio 1; Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS

Prio 2; Blood borne infections, Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Vaccine preventable diseases

Prio 3; Other infectious diseases

2. Rehabilitation of drug abusers

Prio 1; Intravenous drug abusers, Alcohol abusers

Prio 2; Non injectable narcotics

Prio 3; Tobacco

3. Support and health care for prisoners with mental disorders

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Identified prioritized areas

Social well-being

1. Social rehabilitation programmes
2. Educational programs, schooling and training in working skills
3. Information and education campaigns
4. Self support enhancement
5. Twinning projects
6. Education of staff
7. Prisoners with special needs
 - Young inmates and children
 - First time offenders
 - Female prisoners
 - “Real” lifetime sentenced
8. Living conditions – milieu, hygiene
9. Reforms dealing with overcrowding in prisons and custodies, probation reforms
10. Preparations before and follow up after release from prison

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Other

- **Epidemiology studies**

2. Sociology studies

3. Quality control and follow up studies

4. Human rights

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- **Where are the Russians?**