

<b>Reference</b>	Annex 1 to the SWG 2014 5 Meeting minutes
<b>Title</b>	Definition of various types of projects vis-à-vis which the NDPHS plays a role
<b>Summary / Note</b>	This document contains a revised proposal regarding the definition of various types of projects vis-à-vis which the NDPHS plays a role, revised in line with the comments expressed during and after the SWG 5 meeting

## 1. Background

According to the NDPHS Evaluation Report 2013,<sup>1</sup> projects will continue to play an important role in the NDPHS. At the same time, as noted in the NDPHS Evaluation Report 2013, **“the opinion about what actually can be called a ‘NDPHS-project’ varies.”** To address this problem, the Strategy Working Group (SWG) has been tasked to “define what a ‘NDPHS project’ is.” As decided by the CSR 22, it is for the CSR to “adopt a clear-cut definition of a ‘NDPHS project,’” whereas the SWG bears the main responsibility for proposing the definition.

## 2. Definition of a “Project”

Before types of projects, vis-à-vis which the NDPHS plays a role, can be discussed, it is important to arrive at a common definition what constitutes a “project.”

As noted in the NDPHS Evaluation Report 2013, the lack of a definition of a “project” leads to a “fear that the Expert Groups will only focus on the nitty-gritty of down-to-earth work with target groups.” Among the Evaluation Consultant’s recommendations supported by the CSR was that “the definition of a project should include the development of reports or documents, not only direct implementation of methods with the target-group.”

To address this recommendation, the SWG proposes to use the following definition of a project (also used by the European Commission):

**“A project is a series of activities aimed at bringing about clearly specified objectives within a defined time period and with a defined budget.”**

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: [http://www.ndphs.org//documents/3726/CSR\\_22-6-1\\_Independent\\_Evaluation\\_%20of\\_%20the%20NDPHS\\_%202013.pdf](http://www.ndphs.org//documents/3726/CSR_22-6-1_Independent_Evaluation_%20of_%20the%20NDPHS_%202013.pdf).

### 3. Types of projects vis-à-vis which the NDPHS plays a role

#### 3.1. “NDPHS project”

The following definition of a “NDPHS project” is proposed:

**A “NDPHS project” is a project with regard to which the CSR has taken a decision that the NDPHS would be involved and in which (i) the NDPHS Secretariat is involved as the project lead partner or (ii) an institution named by the CSR or a respective Expert Group acts as the project lead partner.**

**A written confirmation of the project lead partner that all project partners agree that the project is labeled a “NDPHS project” must be secured in advance.**

**If a NDPHS Partner initiates a project involving at least two more NDPHS Partners and wishes to have it labeled a “NDPHS project,” it shall submit its written request to the CSR for decision either through a written procedure or during a CSR meeting. The request will be submitted through the NDPHS Secretariat.**

The SWG proposes that – **in other cases**, i.e. when the existence, subsequent results or impact of a project is a direct outcome of the NDPHS’ work, but neither an institution designated by the respective Expert Group or the Committee of Senior Representatives nor the NDPHS Secretariat are the lead partner or a partner in a given project – **the following term should be used.**

#### 3.2. “NDPHS-facilitated project”

The SWG proposes to reinforce the term that was used in the NDPHS Strategy 2010-2013 – a “NDPHS-facilitated project” – to indicate that a given project is attributable to the NDPHS. In order to conclude that a project is NDPHS-facilitated, it is important to determine **that the objectives, specific products or results in question have been made possible through the cooperation within the NDPHS network.**

Having in mind the foregoing, the SWG proposes as follows:

**A “NDPHS-facilitated project” is a project [with regard to which the CSR has taken a decision that the NDPHS would be involved and]<sup>2</sup> which is made possible through the cooperation within the NDPHS network, i.e., where one or more NDPHS structures play a role vis-à-vis it by (one or a combination thereof):**

- Taking an initiative to **formulate a project proposal** in collaboration with project partners<sup>3</sup>;
- Contributing in a meaningful way<sup>4</sup> to the **implementation of the project or at least one of its work packages** (the achievement of the objectives and/or results, development of specific products, etc.);
- Contribute in a meaningful way<sup>5</sup> to raising the findings from the **project level to a policy level**;
- Having the project financed through the NDPHS Secretariat.

<sup>2</sup> Addition proposed by Russia (to be discussed by the CSR).

<sup>3</sup> Russia proposes deleting this bullet point (to be discussed by the CSR).

<sup>4</sup> A “meaningful way” is understood as creating added value and/or delivering an important contribution, e.g. contributing to the development of a report, assisting in conducting a survey, gathering the necessary data, analysis of the information and data, etc.

<sup>5</sup> A “meaningful way” is understood as substantially contributing to the project-to-policy-cycle, e.g., analysis of the project’s results by the respective NDPHS Expert Group and subsequent presentation and discussion at a CSR meeting and if, relevant, a PAC event.

### Visualization of application of the SWG-proposed rules to various types of projects

Project examples		Role that NDPHS structures play vis-à-vis project					Level of NDPHS involvement	Proposed label
Name	Countries from which Project Partners originated	PAC	CSR	EG/TG	Associated EG	Secretariat		
Alcohol and Drug Prevention Among Youth - ADPY (Grant 2012/284-486)	Russia, Iceland, Lithuania, Sweden, Finland		CSR took decision that NDPHS would be involved			The NDPHS Secretariat acted as a project beneficiary (the Lead Partner)	✓	"NDPHS Project"
Building capacity in prevention of HIV and associated infections among youth at high risk in the Northern Dimension area (Grant Contract: 2013/313-700)	Russia, Finland, Poland, Latvia		CSR took decision that NDPHS would be involved			The NDPHS Secretariat acted as a project beneficiary (the Lead Partner)		
Northern Dimension Antibiotic Resistance Study - NoDARS (Grant Contract 2014/344-660)	Sweden, Russia, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Germany		CSR took decision that NDPHS would be involved			The NDPHS Secretariat acted as a project beneficiary (the Lead Partner)		
BARN - Infection Prevention and Control (NDPHS Seed Money Project)	Sweden, Russia, Lithuania, Latvia					Funded through NDPHS Seed Money Grant	✓	"NDPHS-facilitated project"
HATBAI (EUSBSR Seed Money Grant)	Finland, Poland, Russia			HIV/AIDS & AI EG helped to develop the project proposal and contributed to the implementation				
Healthification - Implementation of Health in All Policies on the local level for more effective prevention of non-communicable diseases (NDPHS Seed Money Project)	Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Estonia			NCD EG helped to develop the project proposal and contributed to the implementation		Funded through NDPHS Seed Money Grant		

ImPrim	Finland, Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Sweden		Project findings were presented to the CSR	PPHS EG helped develop the project proposal and contributed to the implementation			✓	"NDPHS-facilitated project"
INTEGBALT (EUSBSR Seed Money Grant)	Latvia, Lithuania, Finland			PPHS EG helped develop the project proposal and contributed to the implementation		The NDPHS Secretariat was a Project Partner		
ICT for Health	Denmark, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden		Project findings were presented to the CSR		eHealth for Regions network project		✗	At the moment neither "NDPHS Project" nor "NDPHS-facilitated project" according to the proposed rules
PrimCareIT	Finland, Sweden, Germany, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania		Project findings were presented to the CSR		eHealth for Regions network project			