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Requested action	For information

How the NDPHS provides strategic added-value to the development of public health policies

The Partnership:

- is a forum for policy dialogue and exchange of expertise that contribute to policy development in the region;
- is a platform for all Partners to discuss sensitive issues at eye level and in a trusting manner;
- is well positioned to support awareness raising campaigns and other local, regional, or national level initiatives;
- includes multiplying organisations and activities in the Northern Dimension's work so that demonstrable results and replicable measures can be spread to a broader audience;
- strives to increase the flexibility of and improve networking among health care actors in the region so as to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of transnational co-operation.

The Partnership achieves this by:

- addressing specific regional needs through actions that support and contributing to the work of the Partnership's members. Relevant stakeholders are thereby involved to link the expert and policy levels;
- promoting a stronger position of issues linked to health and social well-being – e.g. - in regional strategies, including a more equal distribution of funds among various sectors;
- providing information and communication tools (the NDPHS website, and the NDPHS Database) as well as a project application mechanism (the NDPHS Project Pipeline) free-of-charge;
- regularly exchanging information, assessing and communicating the epidemiological situation in the Northern Dimension Area;
- supporting various actors in project development, fundraising and project implementation (incl. the dissemination of results);
- as the Coordinator of Priority Area "Health" of the EUSBSR, providing an advantageous platform for non-EU Partners and regional stakeholders to participate in EU's regional cooperation policy;
- addressing and promoting cross-cutting topics in the activities of individual working groups, thus creating new paths for increased intersectoral collaboration among different health areas;
- supporting expert-level study visits to encourage the exchange of information and experience, thereby strengthening co-operation and promoting the exchange of best practices.