



**EG Chairs and ITAs
Nineteenth Meeting (enlarged)
Vilnius, Lithuania
18 September 2015**

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Requested action	For reference

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened and chaired by Mr. Thomas Iffland, the NDPHS Chair Country representative, the Federal Ministry of Health of Germany.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Meeting will be invited to **adopt** the Provisional agenda (submitted as document EG Chairs and ITAs 19/2/1).

3. Information about the “PA Health Support” project

With reference to document EG Chairs and ITAs 19/3/Info 1 as well as EG Chair and ITAs 19/3/Info 2, the Secretariat will inform about the purpose and scope of project “Support to coordination and implementation of activities within the Health Priority Area of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Action Plan” (in short “PA Health Support”). Further, it will inform about the progress in the implementation of the project so far as well the actions to be taken in the future, including a possible linkage to the NDPHS groups (e.g., opportunities, support that can be provided by the NDPHS Secretariat, and possible engagement of the groups in project activities).

The Meeting will be invited to **discuss** the presented information and **conclude**, as appropriate.

4. Joint regional interventions aimed to facilitate the implementation of the new Action Plan



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Last June, the NDPHS has adopted the NDPHS Strategy 2020 as its guiding instrument assisting the Partner Countries and Organizations in their joint efforts to achieve improvements in the chosen priority areas. The Strategy contains an overall objective, six technical (professional) objectives and several cross-cutting themes which lie at the core of all actions. The cross-cutting themes accommodate broader issues and lie at the core of all actions under the specific objectives. The Strategy also defines a set of principles that will guide its implementation. The Action Plan accompanying the Strategy 2020, which at the time of writing this present document is not yet approved, aims to provide information on expected results and their indicators, planned activities and available resources in the implementation of the Strategy. During the meeting, the Secretariat will inform about the outcome of (or, depending on circumstances, the progress in) the process of approving the Action Plan.

Each Expert Groups and Task Groups leadership will be invited to present their own vision regarding next steps toward implementing activities listed in the Action Plan, also including the need for cooperation with other NDPHS expert-level structures.

The Meeting will be invited to **discuss** the presented information and **conclude**, as appropriate.

5. Supporting successful implementation: Outreach to and collaboration with stakeholders from the EU, Norway and Russia

Around the time when the NDPHS adopted its Strategy 2020, a revised Action Plan of the EUSBSR was agreed with the EU Member States concerned. The NDPHS had contributed its input to the latter plan, and more specifically its Health Policy Area section. This section and the NDPHS Strategy 2020 closely coincide in terms of the focus and scope (cf. document EG Chairs and ITAs 19/5/Info 1). When proposing its input to the EUSBSR Action Plan, the NDPHS assumed that regional challenges require a coordinated approach and action of all parties concerned. Some of the activities defined under the six priority areas of the NDPHS Strategy 2020 will be implemented by the Partnership on its own, while others will require involvement of other organizations and stakeholders. Whereas the NDPHS' approach is to reach out to and collaborate with stakeholders irrespectively of whether they come from the EU, Norway or Russia, the character of the potential funding sources requires that a flexible and creative approach is taken at times to develop and implement truly regional interventions, i.e. ones involving partners from various corners of the region.

The Meeting will be invited to **discuss** how to ensure that various stakeholders engage in activities foreseen in the NDPHS Strategy 2020/EUSBSR Action Plan Policy Area Health and what possible funding sources could be used to support/facilitate these activities and **conclude**, as appropriate.

6. Preparations for the next CSR, ministerial PAC and its side-event

6.1. CSR 25 meeting

The CSR 24 held in April 2015 established the NDPHS *ad hoc* Working Group on Expert Groups' Terms of Reference (EGTOR 2015) and tasked it to develop generic ToR for the



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future expert-level structures. The Chair of the group, Ms. Liis Rooväli, will inform about the progress made in the EGTOR 2015 work.

The Meeting will be invited to **discuss** the presented information and **conclude**, as appropriate.

No NDPHS Annual Work Plan has been developed for 2015 since during this year the NDPHS has been/is busy finalizing and adopting the [NDPHS Strategy 2020](#) and its accompanying Action Plan, as well as reforming the expert-level structures of the Partnership. The Secretariat proposes that a NDPHS Work Plan be developed for year 2016 and contain at least the “core” part.

Expert Groups and Task Groups leadership will be invited to present their views regarding the contents of the NDPHS Work Plan for 2016, as well as their readiness to contribute their inputs.

The Meeting will be invited to consider the presented proposal and views and **advise**, as appropriate.

6.2 PAC 11 and its side-event

Germany, which will host the ministerial-level PAC 11 and its side event, will inform about the progress in the preparations for these two events. The thematic focus of the latter will be on AMR, and it is planned that the side-event will endorse policy recommendations that would subsequently be approved by the PAC. The AMR Task Group might wish to contribute additional information, as appropriate.

The Meeting will be invited to **discuss** the presented information and other issues it finds of relevance to those two events and **conclude**, as appropriate.

7. Next enlarged EG Chairs and ITAs meeting

The NDPHS Secretariat will offer to host the next enlarged EG Chairs and ITAs meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to consider possible date(s) and place of meeting, and **decide**, as appropriate.

8. Any other business

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other business not covered under other agenda items and **conclude**, as appropriate.

9. Adoption of the meeting minutes

The Secretariat proposes that it would send out draft meeting minutes to the participants on 9 October 2015 and that comments on the draft would be due, at the latest, on 16 October



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2015. The revised minutes would then be distributed on 23 October 2015 to be adopted *per capsulam* provided that no further comments are submitted within one week.

The Meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's proposal and **decide**, as appropriate.

10. Closing of the meeting

The Meeting is expected to terminate at 16:00 hours on 18 September 2015.



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