

## **Invitation and Scope & Purpose to the 12<sup>th</sup> NDPHS Partnership Annual Conference Side-event**

Date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016  
Venue: Haffner hotel, 59 Haffnera Str. 81-715 Sopot, Poland

**International Comparison of Differences in Premature Deaths and their Causes  
in selected NDPHS Partner Countries<sup>1</sup> and Belarus<sup>2</sup>  
Measured by Potential Years of Life Lost Indicator:  
ND-PYLL Study<sup>3</sup> 2016/ Final results**

### ***From facts to policy and action***

Dear Colleague,

The NDPHS NCD Expert Group and the ND-PYLL study team, cordially invite you to the 12<sup>th</sup> NDPHS Partnership Annual Conference side-event that will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Sopot, Poland.

The topic of this year's side event is "From facts to policy and action." During the day we will focus on the presentation of and discussion on the final results of the most recent study on differences in premature deaths in their causes conducted in 7 NDPHS member countries and Belarus (see the complete list of participating countries below). In the study, national data is compared vis-a-vis NDPHS regional averages in order to facilitate regional benchmarking.

The side event "From facts to policy and action" gives an opportunity for:

- discussion about the NDPHS regional situation of premature mortality from preventable causes;
- benchmarking and exchange of experiences on the preventive interventions between the countries;
- discussion about the national and regional health promotion policies;
- supporting evidence-based policy making and implementation of Health in All Policies;
- strengthening exchange between researchers and policy makers for better health of the region.

The final results of the ND-PYLL study will be indispensable for EUSBSR Policy Area "Health" monitoring as a baseline measurement to which progress will be compared in 2017 and 2020. Immediately, the results can be used as an accelerator to motivate public health action in areas

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<sup>1</sup> Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden

<sup>2</sup> Belarus is an "Observer Country"

<sup>3</sup> FWC BENEFICIARIES 2013 - LOT 8: Health, EuropeAid/132633/C/SER/multi, RfS 2015/366-721/v2, financed by the EU DG NEAR

where progress has been slower than in other countries of the region. Inspiration will be sought from countries where the achievements (PYLL-rates) are demonstrated to be better – hence the health promotion, disease prevention and curative measures have been more effective. The study demonstrates a simple, inexpensive, and reliable method for monitoring of health of a population and provides up-to-date information on health status and its recent development of the eight countries analyzed. It is the basis for estimation of the economic value of prematurely lost human capital, which will be calculated country by country.

An expert panel, with representatives from NDPHS member countries, will present and discuss how the challenges of preventable premature mortality are addressed in their respective countries. There will also be a chance for the audience to participate in the work of the thematic groups and discussions.

It is important to note that premature preventable mortality is not only a problem caused by NCDs or relevant for the NCD-EG only. Actually it is a shared challenge for all NDPHS EGs and TGs. Infectious diseases (e.g. HIV/AIDS, newly emerging communicable diseases, AMR, etc.), accidents and violence, suicides, substance abuse are also causal factors of premature diseases and mortality. Furthermore, health system deficiencies, and social and educational deprivation and inequality add to the problem. Therefore, we welcome representatives of all EGs and TGs to the side event.

*Participation in the meeting is free of charge. Accommodation and travel costs must be covered by the participants themselves.*

For practical information and registration, please visit:  
[http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,pyll\\_side-event](http://www.ndphs.org/?mtgs,pyll_side-event)

If you have any questions or would like to get more information, please do not hesitate to contact Karolina Mackiewicz, Project Manager of ND-PYLL-project: [ka.mackiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:ka.mackiewicz@gmail.com) or Oksana Stefaniuk, International Technical Advisor of NCD-EG [stefanyuk.ok@gmail.com](mailto:stefanyuk.ok@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming you in Sopot on 27 October 2016!

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Professor Ilkka Vohlonen  
The PYLL-Study Project Director

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Professor Rafael Oganov  
Chair of the NDPHS NCD Expert Group

## **Draft agenda of the side-event (09:00 – 15:30)**

### **“From facts to policy and action”**

- 09:00     *Registration*
- 09:30     Welcome, introductions (NCD-EG Chair (Professor Rafael Oganov/ Russia), NDPHS-CSR, EU-ENI/DG-Near and WHO-EURO)
- 09:45     Presentation of the project and the results of the study (Professor Ilkka Vohlonen)
- 10:30     Comments and questions (facilitated by the experts from the ND-PYLL study participating countries)
- 11:00     *Coffee break*
- 11:15     Working session 1 – 4 working groups discuss the 4 main health threats of the Region (facilitated by Karolina Mackiewicz/ND-PYLL-project). One working group would focus on the discussion on improving national death registry data to better comply with ICD-10 diagnoses in order to facilitate comparability between countries (facilitated by Ilkka Vohlonen/ ND-PYLL-project Team Leader and (tentatively) Enrique Loyola/ WHO-EURO/ NCD Center Moscow .
- 12:15     Get together, discussion on the conclusions (lessons, suggestions, recommendations from the working groups)
- 12:45     *Lunch*
- 13:30     Successful preventive interventions in the Region – each country presents one. This program component would also include input from WHO-EURO and its program dealing with NCD-Assessment in European countries/ lessons learned.
- 14:30     Panel Discussion on the policy recommendations for the Region and potential further cooperation of Northern Dimension countries (NCD-EG) on the preventive interventions. Steps forward.
- 15:30     Closure of the day with summary of main findings to be presented to the Partnership Annual Conference to be held on the next day (Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016).