



Northern Dimension
Partnership in Public Health
and Social Well-being
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Annual Work Plan 2017

Submitted by: Prison Health Expert Group

Year covered: 2017

1. Leadership and coordination

1.1 Lead Partner and Co-Lead Partner

Germany is the Lead Partner of the PH EG. Latvia is the Co-Lead partner of the EG.

- Chair Mr. Dr. Marc Lehmann Germany
- Vice Chair Ms. Jana Feldmane Latvia

1.2 International Technical Advisor

The Lead Partner of the PH EG has employed Ms. Elisabeth Schulte as the ITA of the PH EG from 1. September 2016.

1.3 Financial resources for leadership

The Lead Partner has sufficient funding in place for the leadership and for employment of an ITA.

2. Meetings of the Expert Group

The 2nd Meeting of the PH EG took place on the 20. and 21. September 2016 in Berlin. The next meeting will take place in Riga (Latvia) on the 07. and 08. March 2017.

3. Activities

3.1 Activities to achieve the expected results laid down in the NDPHS Action Plan, which are within the remit of the Expert Group

Expected Result	Indicator	Actions / Activities	Deliverables	Responsibility	Time Period 2016	Time Period 2017	Resources/ Assumptions/ Remarks
1.5. Better knowledge on how to improve control of infectious diseases in prisons, especially regarding HIV, TB and HIV-TB co-infection	No. of countries fulfilling diagnostic processes for TB resistance in line with international standards	Get insight of current state on problems in different countries -What diseases and risk factors are affecting prisoners -How is prevention being performed -What are successful approaches or examples of best practices -National statistics -Description and prioritization of problem solutions -Where are data available – access to full and valid data Collect data on HIV, Hepatitis C and TB if available including	Regional overview (data-based) Country reports (questionnaire) (the above will be used for developing recommendations in order to encourage the fulfilment of already agreed international standards) Regional overview	PH Lead by Latvia and Russia PH	Start 2016 Drafting Questionnaire (October) Approval of the questionnaire (PH EG countries and EG HIV/TB/AI) (November) Data collection (December-February)	Extend to and update in 2017	Use WHO dataset

		<p>trends, maximum 5 years (infection rates, diagnostics, treatments, costs with regard to cost effects of infectious diseases)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Statistics of prevalence - Number of persons who received treatments -Level of implementation of national guidelines -Incidences in prison -Infectious-diseases related mortality in prison <p>Level of implementation of international standard for TB resistance monitoring which shall be used in prison services.</p> <p>Describe adequate monitoring process</p>	<p>Definition Paper</p>	<p>PH</p>	<p>2016</p>	<p>Finish early 2017 Basic for Thematic Paper</p>	<p>Take already existing standards into account and use existing data as far as possible</p>
		<p>Level of implementation of international standard for TB resistance monitoring which shall be used in prison services.</p> <p>Describe adequate monitoring process</p>	<p>Thematic Paper</p>	<p>PH</p>	<p>2016</p>	<p>Finalize till mid of 2017</p>	<p>Note that involved organizations are not primarily of medical origin</p> <p>Regard resources?</p>

		<p>for prison in line with international standards for participating countries</p> <p>Request commitment and collect monitored data from local authorities/countries</p> <p>Evaluate data</p> <p>Count countries fulfilling process</p> <p>Report data</p>	Thematic Paper	PH		<p>2nd half 2017</p> <p>Start in 2016</p> <p>Ongoing whole working period of action plan</p> <p>1st report 2017, possibly bi or tri-annual</p>	<p>WHO suggest to refer to HIPP</p> <p>Discuss and explain monitoring process to participating countries</p> <p>Refer to benefit when reporting, budgetary aspects should be mentioned</p>
	<p>No. of countries monitoring the number of TB (with detected resistances MDR or XDR) plus HIV cases, according to</p>	<p>Define expected dataset, keep limited and clear.</p> <p>Describe/suggest adequate monitoring process for prison in line with international standards</p>	<p>Set of data</p> <p>Set of Guidelines and Standards</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>	<p>Start 2016</p> <p>Drafting Questionnaire (October)</p> <p>Approval of the questionnaire (PH EG</p>	<p>Finalize till early 2017</p>	

	international standards	<p>Explain monitoring process to participating countries</p> <p>Request commitment and collect monitored data from local authorities/countries</p> <p>Evaluate data</p> <p>Count countries fulfilling process</p> <p>Report data</p>	<p>Thematic Letter</p> <p>Collected Data</p> <p>Evaluated Data</p> <p>No. of countries delivered needed actions</p> <p>Data Report</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>	<p>countries and EG (HIV/TB/AI) (November)</p> <p>Data collection (December-February)</p>	<p>1st half 2017</p> <p>Start 2017</p> <p>2017 and whole working period</p> <p>2017</p> <p>2017 or 2018</p>	
1.6. Raised awareness of harm on health from imprisonment , in accordance with WHO Europe/HIPP	<p>No. of countries developing measures to achieve CPT standards</p> <p>No. of countries</p>	<p>Inform about good practice, distribute (translate) available materials widely</p> <p>Inform about upcoming international, regional and</p>	<p>Information Paper</p> <p>Attendance in conferences and presentation of</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>Lead by Estonia and Germany</p> <p>PH</p>	<p>Start 2016</p> <p>Starts immediately 2016</p>	<p>Ongoing in 2017 and whole</p>	NGO actions should be strengthened

<p>and CPT standards, especially regarding HIV and TB</p>	<p>developing measures to achieve WHO/HIPP Standards</p>	<p>national conferences and ensure attendance</p> <p><u>7 sub-titles:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Violence - Nutrition -Infectious diseases - Mental health problems - Oral health - Addiction - Non communicable diseases <p>Explain monitoring process to participating countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Point out benefits (costs and level of rehabilitation) -Request commitment and collect monitoring data from local authorities -Practice to Policies to Practice <p>Evaluate date</p>	<p>PH (<i>take home message</i>)</p> <p>Best practices/ Recommendations (Set of slides)</p> <p>Newsletter Article</p> <p>Thematic Article</p> <p>Updated data available</p> <p>Recommendations (2017-2020)</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>	<p>End of 2016</p>	<p>working period</p> <p>Early 2017</p> <p>Annual updates</p> <p>First evaluation 2017-2020</p> <p>2017-2020</p>	
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		Count countries fulfilling process					
		Report data					
1.7. Improved linkages between medical care in prisons and community public health services	No. of countries establishing a through care situation for HIV & TB patients	Describe goal good through care situation -e-health services -health insurances -patient data -medical recording -privacy (of data)/ privacy laws -through care in the area of mental health, occupational medicine and addiction medicine Analyze different systems and identify innovative practices for specific situations	Collected set of representative examples of existing structures or organizational processes of given through care Information made available and distributed Information made available and distributed	PH Lead by Norway and Sweden PH/ Linkage with EG Primary Healthcare PH	Start 2016	Ongoing in 2017 2017 2017-2020	

5.5. Improved knowledge on and application of international standards on prison health and building more healthy conditions in prison	No. of countries developing procedures in accordance with international standards and recommendations	List international standards and documents for participating countries and point out ratification by countries	List of documents	PH Lead by Lithuania and Finland	2016		Interview on Architecture could be included
		Publish and distribute overview	Thematic Report	PH		2017	Present to the group during the next meeting
		Organize expert exchange visit program on good practice	Organize study visit			2017	
		Organize or co-organize a regional or national workshop	Held Workshops	PH		2017	
				PH		2017	
		Induce stakeholder and support project plans in particular prison or Region	List of potential cooperation partners and project implementers	PH		Look for volunteers in 2016	

3.2 Activities to **achieve the horizontal results** laid down in the NDPHS Action Plan

1. **Strengthened and more visible role of health and social well-being on the regional agenda in the Northern Dimension area**

The NDPHS is mentioned as a partner on the WHO Website of the Health and Prison Program (HIPPP). The PH EG would like to deepen this cooperation and create even more visibility of the group with actors active in the field of prison health.

2. **Strengthened support and involvement of other stakeholders in the NDPHS-facilitated activities**

The PH EG has the intention to work with NGOs active in the field of prison health. Moreover it is planned to get in touch with experts coming from the Council of Europe Annual Penal Statistics, the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and the Initiative Health Without Barriers.

3. **Increased and strengthened policies to improve health and social wellbeing through regional cooperation**

The PH EG intends to review policy and practice. Also the collection, translation and spreading of information and publications will improve health and social wellbeing through cooperation of its members.

The PHEG also plans to collect a set of representative examples of existing structures or organizational processes of given through care. This service provides advice, guidance and assistance to prisoners and their families before and after release. It helps their reintegration into the community and reduces the risk of further offending.

4. **Increased visibility of the NDPHS in the Partner Countries**

Through planned country visits in prison settings, the PH EG can present itself as a valuable cooperation platform for the exchange of knowledge between the partner countries.

5. **Ensured coherence and mutual support in addressing regional challenges and opportunities in the area of health and social well-being through a successful leadership of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region's Health Policy Area**

The PH EG plans to create a regional overview (data-based) to look at the improvement in the control of infectious diseases **in prisons**, especially regarding HIV, TB and HIV-TB co-infection. Through country reports (in form of a questionnaire) the group will develop recommendations in order to encourage the fulfilment of already agreed international standards.

4. **Assumptions, enabling factors and possible obstacles**

- Commitment of the Members
- No own budget

5. **Other information**