

**Partnership Annual Conference (PAC)  
Twelfth Conference  
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<b>Reference</b>	PAC 12/2/2
<b>Title</b>	Provisional annotated agenda
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<b>Summary / Note</b>	The document provides explanatory notes regarding the items included in the provisional agenda and specifies actions requested from the Conference's participants.
<b>Requested action</b>	For reference

### 1. Opening of the Conference and welcome

The Conference will be opened and chaired by the CSR co-Chair, Ms. Līga Šerna, Director of the Department of European Affairs and International Cooperation at the Latvian Ministry of Health.

Mr. Marek Tombarkiewicz, the Undersecretary of State at the Polish Ministry of Health will welcome the participants on behalf of the Host.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

The Conference will be invited to **adopt** the provisional agenda (cf. document PAC 12/2/1).

### 3. Information by the NDPHS Chair and the NDPHS Secretariat

The NDPHS Chair and the NDPHS Secretariat will briefly inform about important developments in the Partnership, as well as their main activities during the period from the CSR 26 meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark, which will not be addressed during the following agenda items.

The Conference will be invited to **take note** of the information provided.

### 4. Information by the NDPHS Partners

NDPHS Partners will be invited to present information regarding their activities of relevance to the NDPHS Secretariat, which are not covered in other agenda items. It is recommended that the focus of the presentations be on the issues that the Partners would like to propose that the NDPHS would follow up on in the future.



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## 5. Outcome of the PAC side-event, a seminar “From facts to policy and action”

The NCD EG leadership together with the Coordinator of the NDPHS PYLL Project will present the outcomes of the PAC side-event (to be held the day before the PAC) during which the results of the PYLL Project will be presented focusing on the differences in premature deaths in seven NDPHS member countries and Belarus.

The Conference will be invited to **take note** of the information provided and **decide**, as appropriate.

## 6. Implementation of the NDPHS Action Plan and the health component of the EUSBSR Action Plan

The focus in this item will be exclusively on the issues concerning (i) the progress in and future steps toward implementation of the NDPHS Action Plan and the health component of the EUSBSR Action Plan, as well as (ii) the issues that warrant the PAC’s attention to ensure successful implementation thereof. To that end, it should be noted that detailed information about the Partnership’s activities implemented this year will be presented in the NDPHS Progress report for 2016, which will be submitted to the CSR 27 meeting in spring 2017.

### 6.1 Horizontal results and activities

The NDPHS Secretariat and the Expert Groups will be invited to briefly inform about the progress towards the achievement of the Horizontal results included in the NDPHS Action Plan. When presenting its information, the Secretariat will refer to documents PAC 12/6.1/Info 1 and PAC 12/6.1/Info 2.

- a) **Horizontal result 1.** Strengthened and more visible role of health and social well-being on the regional agenda in the Northern Dimension area.
- b) **Horizontal result 2.** Strengthened support and involvement of other stakeholders in the NDPHS-facilitated activities.
- c) **Horizontal result 3.** Increased and strengthened policies to improve health and social well-being through regional cooperation.
- d) **Horizontal result 4.** Increased visibility of the NDPHS in the Partner Countries.
- e) **Horizontal result 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 Conference will be invited to consider the presented information and **decide**, as appropriate.

### 6.2 Activities to achieve the NDPHS Strategy 2020 objectives in the period of 2015-2017

Following discussions held during the CSR 26 Meeting, the Secretariat analyzed, against the NDPHS Strategy 2020 objectives and cross-cutting objectives, the received Expert Group progress reports for 2015, adopted work plans for 2016 and proposed work plans for 2017 in



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order to determine if all of the latter two are covered by the Expert Group activities (implemented, ongoing and planned). With reference to document PAC 12/6.2/Info 1, the Secretariat will briefly inform about the outcome of the analysis. It is proposed that the Conference take this information into account when discussing the progress in the implementation of the NDPHS Action Plan in this agenda sub-item and when considering the proposed NDPHS Work Plan for 2017 including the Expert Group work plans (cf. item 7).

The Expert Groups will be invited to inform about the progress in the implementation of the respective NDPHS Strategy 2020 objectives while focusing on those objectives, where further efforts are warranted.

**a) Objective 1:** Reduced impact of HIV, TB and associated infections among key populations at risk, including prisoners, through strengthened prevention and access to treatment.

The HIV, TB&AI EG and the PH EG will be invited to report on the progress and future steps toward achieving the Objective 1.

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented information and **decide**, as appropriate.

**b) Objective 2:** Contained antimicrobial resistance - through inter-sectoral efforts supporting the implementation of regional and global strategies and/or action plans.

The AMR EG will be invited to report on the progress and future steps toward achieving the Objective 2.

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented information and **decide**, as appropriate.

**c) Objective 3:** Reduced impact of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) - through strengthened prevention and addressing lifestyle-related risk factors.

The NCD EG will be invited to report on the progress and future steps toward achieving the Objective 3.

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented information and **decide**, as appropriate.

**d) Objective 4:** Reduced social and health harm from alcohol, tobacco and illicit use of drugs - through strengthening and promotion of multi-sectoral approaches.

The ASA EG will be invited to report on the progress and future steps toward achieving the Objective 4.

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**e) Objective 5:** Adequately addressed health needs related to chronic conditions and demographic changes – through strengthened integration and coordination of care and prevention throughout life course at primary care level.



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The PHC EG will be invited to report on the progress and future steps toward achieving the Objective 5.

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented information and **decide**, as appropriate.

f) Objective 6: Strengthened occupational safety and health and well-being at work - through information and reporting systems, workplace activities and occupational health services.

The OSH EG will be invited to report on the progress and future steps toward achieving the Objective 6.

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented information and **decide**, as appropriate.

## 7. Adoption of the NDPHS Work Plan for 2017

The Secretariat will briefly introduce the proposed NDPHS Work Plan for 2017 (cf. document PAC 12/7/1).

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented Work Plan for 2017 and **adopt** it, as appropriate.

## 8. Next PAC and its side-event

### 8.1 Date, place and other modalities

Estonia, which will host the ministerial-level PAC 13, will be invited to provide information regarding the place and date of the two events as well as of the ministerial dinner.

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented information and **decide**, as appropriate.

### 8.2 Thematic focus of the PAC and its side-event

Estonia will be invited to propose the thematic focus of the PAC 13 and to outline its proposal regarding the focus of the PAC side-event, its purpose, expected outcome and the key modalities of the preparatory process.

The Conference will be invited to consider the presented information and proposals, and **decide**, as appropriate.<sup>1</sup>

## 9. Any other business

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<sup>1</sup> With regard to the PAC side-event, the Conference might wish to keep in mind document “Concept of a PAC side-event” presented by Germany in document CSR 23/7.5/1 and approved by the CSR during its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting (cf. [http://www.ndphs.org//documents/4058/CSR\\_23-7.5-1\\_Concept\\_of\\_PAC\\_side-event.pdf](http://www.ndphs.org//documents/4058/CSR_23-7.5-1_Concept_of_PAC_side-event.pdf)).



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The Conference will be invited to consider the place and date of the CSR meeting in spring 2017, and **decide**, as appropriate.<sup>2</sup>

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

## 10. Adoption of the PAC 12 minutes

Considering that this year's PAC is held at the CSR level, it is proposed that, to reflect the outcome of the PAC 12, minutes would be produced rather than Chairman's Conclusions. If the Conference agrees to this, the Secretariat proposes that it would send out draft PAC 12 minutes to participants on 11 November 2016 and that comments on the draft would be due, at the latest, on the 18 November 2016. The revised minutes would then be distributed on 21 November 2016 to be adopted *per capsulam* provided that no further comments are submitted within one week.

The Conference will be invited to decide, as appropriate.

## 11. Closing the Conference

The Conference is expected to terminate on 28 October 2016 at 16:30 hours.

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<sup>2</sup> As of 04 October 2016, no Partner has offered hosting the next CSR meeting.



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