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<b>Title</b>	Actions taken/to be taken by the NDPHS Secretariat to achieve the horizontal results in the NDPHS Action Plan
<b>Submitted by</b>	Secretariat
<b>Summary / Note</b>	This document provides an updated overview of the implemented and planned activities contributing to the horizontal results.
<b>Requested action</b>	For information

## 1. Introduction

As stipulated in the NDPHS Action Plan, the horizontal results “aim to make health and social well-being more visible on the regional agenda, strengthen the relevant policies, attract other stakeholders to the NDPHS actions and increase the recognition of the NDPHS in the Partner Countries. It is the responsibility of all Partner Countries and NDPHS structures to be active in producing these results. The Secretariat will play an active role in initiating, facilitating and coordinating many of the planned activities.”

During 2016-2017, the NDPHS Secretariat has taken numerous actions contributing to the achievement of the horizontal results. Many of these actions have been implemented with financial support of the European Union granted to the Secretariat through projects “PA Health support”<sup>1</sup> and “PA Health support 2.” Whereas the former project came to an end on 09 September 2016, the latter one has commenced on 15 June 2016 and its implementation will continue for 24 months.

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<sup>1</sup> Further information is available in document CSR 25/3/Info 2 (cf. [www.ndphs.org//documents/4620/CSR\\_25-3-Info\\_2\\_Information\\_about\\_PA\\_Health\\_Support\\_project.pdf](http://www.ndphs.org//documents/4620/CSR_25-3-Info_2_Information_about_PA_Health_Support_project.pdf)) as well as document CSR 26/8.1/Info 1 (cf. [www.ndphs.org/?download,9335,CSR\\_26-8.1-Info\\_1\\_Information\\_about\\_PA\\_Health\\_Support\\_project.pdf](http://www.ndphs.org/?download,9335,CSR_26-8.1-Info_1_Information_about_PA_Health_Support_project.pdf)).



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## 2. Actions taken/to be taken by the NDPHS Secretariat

### Horizontal result 1

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

##### Activities implemented:

- An NDPHS event “Innovations and Cross-Border Infrastructures for a Better Health Care” organized with the framework of the 6th EUSBSR Annual Forum (16 June 2015) (contributed also to Horizontal action 3);
- A study and a paper on “The Importance of Health and Social Well-being for the Economy and Other Policy Areas”<sup>2</sup> (delivered by an external consultant contracted by the Secretariat);
- Leaflet “Health is wealth and wealth is health”<sup>3</sup> – printed and subsequently disseminated at various events;
- An NDPHS event “Health is wealth and wealth is health” organized on the side-lines of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference annual event (30 August 2015). A message on “the importance of health and social well-being for the economy and other policy areas and *vice versa*,” was sent from the NDPHS event to the BSPC Annual Conference and subsequently included by the BSPC in its Conference Final Resolution (contributed also to Horizontal action 3);
- The NDPHS e-Newsletter (two issues per annum) prepared and disseminated featuring, *inter alia*, articles on health and social well-being on the regional agenda in the Northern Dimension area.

##### Activities to be implemented:

- A study and a paper on health economy (currently being developed by an external consultant contracted by the Secretariat). The paper will be referred to, *inter alia*, during the subsequently-mentioned event;
- An NDPHS event “Where are we heading – wealthier and healthier in the decades to come, or just the opposite?” to be organized within the framework of the 7<sup>th</sup> EUSBSR Annual Forum (8 November 2016);
- The NDPHS e-Newsletter (two issues per annum) prepared and disseminated featuring, *inter alia*, articles on health and social well-being on the regional agenda in the Northern Dimension area.

### Horizontal result 2

#### **Strengthened support and involvement of other stakeholders in the NDPHS facilitated activities**

##### Activities implemented:

- Conference promoting policy-to-project-to-policy concept (28 April 2016);

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<sup>2</sup> Available at <http://www.ndphs.org/?database,view,paper,98>.

<sup>3</sup> Available at <http://www.ndphs.org/?database,view,paper,114>.



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- Regular cooperation with other stakeholders (included also the Secretariat's support in the development of project proposals subsequently submitted for funding from ENI, the EUSBSR Seed Money Facility, and the Interreg Baltic Sea Programme Priority 1, as well as issuing of official Letters of Support).

Activities to be implemented:

- A training on project development and implementation;
- Stakeholder consultation meetings to discuss support and involvement of other stakeholders in the NDPHS facilitated activities;
- Regular cooperation with other stakeholders (includes also the Secretariat's support in the development of project proposals to be submitted for funding from ENI, the EUSBSR Seed Money Facility, and the Interreg Baltic Programme Priority 1, as well as issuing of official Letters of Support).

### Horizontal result 3

***Increased and strengthened policies to improve health and social well-being through regional cooperation***

Activities implemented:

- An NDPHS event "Innovations and Cross-Border Infrastructures for a Better Health Care" organized with the framework of the 6th EUSBSR Annual Forum (16 June 2015) (contributed also to Horizontal actions 1 and 4);
- An NDPHS event "Health is wealth and wealth is health" organized on the side-lines of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference annual event (30 August 2015). A message on the importance of health and social well-being for the economy and other policy areas and *vice versa*, was sent from the NDPHS event to the BSPC Annual Conference and included in the BSPC's Conference Final Resolution (contributes also to Horizontal action 1);
- Two EG Chairs and ITAs meeting organized in an enlarged format involving also actors from the EU, NO and RU, and aimed to promote engagement of stakeholders from both EU and non-EU countries in the coordination/implementation of the PA Health and the EUSBSR at large.

Activities to be implemented:

- The above-mentioned NDPHS event "Where are we heading – wealthier and healthier in the decades to come, or just the opposite?" to be organized within the framework of the 7<sup>th</sup> EUSBSR Annual Forum (8 November 2016).

### Horizontal result 4

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

Activities implemented:

- A comprehensive updating of the NDPHS website (done with support of an external consultant and with inputs from the Expert Groups).



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- Several articles contributed to ND Newsflash issues in 2015-2016;
- Presentation during a seminar on the occasion of the Northern Dimension Day organized by the NDI in Brussels (9 December 2015);
- The NDPHS e-Newsletter (two issues per annum) and e-News prepared and disseminated.
- Participation in/contribution to several international meetings/events, some of them listed above and in the following:
  - The ND Institute Steering Group meetings (8 September 2015; May 2016);
  - The ND Steering Group meeting in Reykjavik (21 January 2016);
  - The 25 BSPC Annual Conference in Riga (28-30 August 2016).

Activities to be implemented:

- Presentation during a seminar on the occasion of the Northern Dimension Day to be organized by the NDI in Stockholm (7 November 2016);
- Contributions to upcoming issues of ND Newsflash;
- A participation in/ contribution to regional events;
- The NDPHS e-Newsletter (two issues per annum) and e-News to be prepared and disseminated.

**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***

Most, if not all of the above above-named activities contribute also to this Horizontal result.



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