

**Programme**  
**of the 12<sup>th</sup> NDPHS Partnership Annual Conference Side-event**

*(updated: 25 October 2016)*

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***

- 09:00     *Registration*
- 09:15     Welcome, introductions (Ms. Galina Maslennikova, NDPHS NCD-EG Vice chair, Mr Jürgen Ojalo, NDPHS Chair country, Dr Enrique Loyola, NCD Project in Moscow, WHO Regional Office for Europe)
- 09:45     Presentation of the project and the results of the study (Professor Ilkka Vohlonen, ND-PYLL Study Project Leader)
- 10:45     Comments and questions (facilitated by Dr Mikko Vienonen, NDPHS NCD-EG Member, former NCD-EG Chair)
- 11:00     *Coffee break*
- 11:15     Working session 1 – 4 working groups discuss the main health challenges and the ways to improve the health status of the Region.

The groups are encouraged to discuss the following points:

- What are the causes of the health threats identified by NDPHS PYLL-analyses?
- What policies and interventions already exist – what works and what does not? Why?
- What can be done on the country (national and local) and regional (ND) level to improve the situation: policies, interventions, joint projects?

The following points shall be taken into account:

- Cooperation with other sectors including business and industry, academia and civil society;
- Health in All Policies (HiAP),
- Tackling the inequalities in access to preventive programmes and treatment,

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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

- Social determinants of health,
- Review and comments on draft statement from PAC-Side-Event to PAC.

Topics:

1. HOW TO FIND ADAPTABLE SOLUTIONS (EXAMPLES OF EFFICIENT MEANS) TO PREVENT PREMATURE DEATHS DUE TO; cancer, CVDs, HIV/AIDS injuries (suicides), alcohol etc. (Facilitated by Enrique Loyola, WHO-EURO)
2. HOW TO REDUCE THE INTER- AND INTRA-COUNTRY INEQUALITIES: identification of largest problems, reductions between men and women, regions, age groups etc. (Facilitated by Karolina Mackiewicz, ND-PYLL Study)
3. JUSTIFICATION OF INTERVENTIONS: cost-efficiency, economic loss, delay of investment return, political acceptance, etc. (Facilitated by Dr Mikko Vienonen, NDPHS NCD-EG Member, former NCD-EG Chair)
4. METHODOLOGICAL QUESTIONS: Quality of death certificates (coding of causes of death) and death registers, benchmarking (definition of a regional/national rate), sliding average (cohort) vs. standardized periodic average (cross-sectional) etc. (Facilitated by Professor Ilkka Vohlonen, ND-PYLL Study)

12:15 Get together, discussion on the conclusions: lessons, suggestions, recommendations from the working groups (facilitated by Karolina Mackiewicz, ND-PYLL Project Manager)

12:45 *Lunch*

13:30 National experiences of public health interventions (health promotion and disease prevention) in the Region: input from the participating countries.

- Mr Göran Carlsson, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden:  
*Policies and interventions behind decline in mortality rates*
- Ms Kati Karelson, National Institute for Health Development, Estonia:  
*Public health initiatives for improving population health in Estonia*
- Professor Pekka Jousilahti, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland:  
*The role of risk factor change in decline of premature CHD (coronary heart disease) mortality in Finland*
- Mr Audrius Ščeponavičius, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania:  
*Integrating Public Health and Primary Care: Health Promotion Programme for CHD Risk Group Outpatients*
- Dr Enrique Loyola, NCD Project in Moscow, WHO Regional Office for Europe:  
*NCD-Assessment in European countries, lessons learned*

14:15 *Coffee break*

14:45 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 (facilitated by Karolina Mackiewicz, ND-PYLL Project Manager)

15:15 Summary of main findings to be presented to the 12<sup>th</sup> Partnership Annual Conference to be held on the next day (Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016)

15:30 *Closure of the seminar*