

Welcome speech

Dear professor Ilkka Vohlonen, Karolina Mackiewicz, Mikko Vienonen, Enrique Loyola, colleagues

On behalf of the NCD EG secretariat, let me welcoming your participation in the PAC Side-event devoted to the presentation and discussion of the PYLL study results obtained in Partner Countries of the Northern Dimension Region.

Potential Years of Life Lost (PYLL) is a standardized measure of premature mortality that is used researches and politicians to assess the socioeconomic burden of a particular disease or group of diseases and recommend or generate or accelerate comprehensive and **effective** national health system response.

The standard approach (method) in PYLL calculations allows evaluating not only the country situation and trends for a particular disease or group of diseases, but also between country comparisons that creates a good platform for best practices exchange and choose right priorities in preventive measures.

NCD EG secretariat wishes to all of you fruitful work with many important questions and right answers, open discussion and meaningful comments, understanding during debates, cooperation and warm friendship atmosphere.

Always with you all

Sincerely yours,

NCD EG Secretariat