

# EG on HIV, TB and Associated Infections, 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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### 3. Information from the 27th Meeting of the NDPHS Committee of Senior Representatives, 4 April 2017

- Staff changes – new Director of the NDPHS Secretariat Ms **Ülla-Karin Nurm** (ECDC, Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs, PRAXIS Centre for Socio-Economic Research)
- workshop “eHealth and Data transfer across borders in the BSR” by the Life Science Nord Management GmbH together with the eHealth for Regions Network and Scanbalt during the 8<sup>th</sup> EUSBSR Annual Forum in June 2017
- 10<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference to be held in Stockholm on 1-4 November 2017 - PHC EG will engage with a seminar to present and discuss the use of indicators to support improvement of primary health care

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- Joint meetings of EGs become a norm
- how to achieve a better cross-disciplinary cooperation among experts coming from different thematic fields – NDPHS model, joint effort, comprehensive approach – now phase for concrete steps – item on agenda of Chairs and ITAs Meeting in Tallinn 2 Oct.
- updating/revising the current NDPHS Action Plan – terminates in 2017 – not a substantial job
- Evaluation of NDPHS performance – obviously postponed to 2018
- Training on project development and implementation – NDPHS Secretariat's EU Interreg project
  - Last Chairs and ITAs Meeting in Tallinn on 2 Oct. (yesterday)
  - Next CSR Meeting in Bonn in October 2017
  - Next PAC likely in January 2018 in Estonia

## 4. Actual information concerning the HIV, TB and AI EG

### A. Changes in the composition of the EG

- Dr. Pierpaolo de Colombani retired in June 2017 – no representatives in the EG from WHO EURO at the moment
- Dr Lena Fiebig, earlier an alternate from Germany and a TB expert, left.

### B. TB seminar in St. Petersburg 18-19 September

- Started from EG Meeting No 3 in September 2016. Negotiations in April 2017 in St. Petersburg and talks continued by email through summer
- Synergy: St. Petersburg TB Research Institute, Consulate of Finland to St. Petersburg (funding from Finnish MFA), NCM Health Programme in NW Russia (financial support), and EG expertise – Finland (Ali, Sirkku), Norway (Karin)
- Also external expertise from Finland and Estonia (Tuula Toljamo, Manfred Danilovits)
- Participants from 11 NW Russian regions
- Continuation seminar in Finland in late November or early December
- Presentations and short summary will be made available

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### C. Current status of the ESTICOM tender (EMIS 2017/ ECHOE survey and Training programme)

- ESTICOM project is running as planned: an MSM survey and a survey for MSM-Community Health Workers will go online end of September and data collection will continue until the end of the year. An expert workshop where first results of the surveys will be discussed will be organized in Berlin in April 2018. Exact dates are not yet available, but probably April 23-24 or April 26-27. EMIS and ECHOES will collect data in all countries represented in our EG.
- The legal ban to market HIV home tests in Germany will be lifted, probably next year. An HIV home collection test system will be rolled out also in 2018.
- A generic version of PrEP will become available end of September. For the time being it will not be reimbursed by health insurance, but the price will come down significantly: 50€ per 4 week medication.  
It is not yet clear whether health insurance will reimburse any of the monitoring costs.

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## H. Nordic Council of Ministers' Programme on Health Promotion and Prevention in NW Russia

- Mobilizing Resources for Better Response: Immunodeficiency virus and associated infections (HIV&Co)
- The Programme's **purpose** is to scale up concerted Russian-Nordic efforts in prevention of HIV and associated conditions.
  - **Objective 1:** To enhance the role of PHC in prevention, diagnosis and counseling for HIV and associated infections
  - **Objective 2:** To scale up innovation-based HIV prevention among young people and promote their volunteerism
- 2017-2018, 6 mil Danish crowns
- THL as the administrator. In partnership with Swedish Public Health Agency
- Russian partner regions: City of St Petersburg, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Kaliningrad Oblast, Leningrad Oblast, Murmansk Oblast, Pskov Oblast, and Republic of Karelia
- Own pages at [www.thl.fi](http://www.thl.fi) - <https://www.thl.fi/en/web/thlfi-en/research-and-expertwork/projects-and-programmes/thematic-programme-for-health-promotion-and-prevention-mobilizing-resources-for-better-response-immunodeficiency-virus-and-associated-infections-hiv-co-2017-2018>

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- Conducted and future events in 2017:
  - 20-21 March – planning workshop and Kick-Off Meeting in St. Petersburg
  - Series of inter-regional international conferences in all partner regions: 14-15 June –in Kaliningrad on MTCT prevention (app 100 audience), 28-29 September – in Murmansk on psychological and social support to HIV and TB patients and their families, 16-17 November – in Pskov on GO-NGO collaboration in preventive activity
  - Regions also have their own activities: 11-13 September a volunteer boot-camp for students (35) in Pskov Region, 17-18 October – training on TB diagnostics, treatment and care in Pskov Region for primary care and prison care personnel (50), many actions in connection with 1 December in all regions.
  - 18-19 September: TB workshop for junior TB doctors and researchers in St. Petersburg (25) with the follow-up two-day seminar in Finland (10) in late November-early December

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### E. BEAR Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues' Meeting in Archangelsk, 21-22 September 2017

- Finland/Archangelsk Region handed over chairmanship to Norway/Komi Republic
- Barents HIV/AIDS Programme and TB Programme may merge in 2018
- Only three active projects in the Barents Region at the moment; will end in late 2017

### F. EU JA HA-REACT