

Occupational Safety and Health Expert Group (OSH EG)
Progress report for 2017

Please insert only one policy document or project per the two tables. If necessary multiply the tables.

Policy document/project name: Better prevention, identification and reporting of work-related and occupational diseases and emerging risks - Prevention Reporting Identification Work-Related and Occupational Diseases

1. Summary of activity

NDPHS Strategy 2020 objectives (list the relevant Strategy objectives to which the policy/project contributes)	The main NDPHS Strategy objective to which the project “Better prevention, identification and reporting of work-related and occupational diseases and emerging risks” contribute is objective 6: Strengthened occupational safety and health and well-being at work - through information and reporting systems, workplace activities and occupational health services. It partly contributes also to objective 3: Reduced impact of non-communicable diseases - through strengthening prevention and addressing lifestyle-related risk factors.
NDPHS Strategy 2020 cross-cutting themes (list the relevant Strategy cross-cutting themes to which the policy/project contributes)	The project “Better prevention, identification and reporting of work-related and occupational diseases and emerging risks” contributes to the NDPHS Strategy 2020 overall objective “Health equity and social cohesion in all action”. The project aim is also to support the cross-cutting theme “the health in all policies” and “inclusion of people in vulnerable situations”
Horizontal results (list NDPHS Action Plan horizontal results toward achievement of which the policy/project contributes)	It can be seen that if the project is successful the results will contribute to all horizontal results. Already in the project planning phase WHO, ILO and EU OSHA were interested in the project which contributes to the horizontal result 3 “Increased and strengthened policies to improve health and social well-being through regional cooperation.”
Immediate objectives (list immediate objectives, such as: development and dissemination of policy)	The project “Better prevention, identification and reporting of work-related and occupational diseases and emerging risks” has five specific objectives to fulfil the desired outcomes.

<p><i>recommendations, a report, a review, a strategy, a thematic paper, etc.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the understanding of the significance of the prevention and reliable statistics of occupational and work-related diseases and emerging risks • Collect national lists and criteria for reporting of occupational and work-related diseases as well as emerging risks and describe the identification and reporting systems in the NDPHS countries. • Detect barriers to identification and reporting of work-related and occupational diseases. • Develop recommendations for improved reporting systems • Disseminate and promote the results and recommendations in the NDPHS member countries. <p>These project objectives answer especially to the NDPHS action plan objective 6: Strengthened occupational safety and health and well-being at work - through information and reporting systems, workplace activities and occupational health services and it's expected result 3: Coordinated special national programmes for the development of occupational health services for all working people and sub-objective 6: Better practical implementation of policies by improved information dissemination.</p> <p>However it also contributes to the expected result 5: Strengthened training framework for OSH staff in the Northern Dimension area.</p>
<p>Immediate & ultimate beneficiaries <i>(immediate beneficiaries are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the action, e.g. policy makers; ultimate beneficiaries are those who will benefit from the action in the long term at the level of the society or sector at large)</i></p>	<p>Policy decision makers OSH experts, specialists and statisticians Workplaces (entrepreneurs, employers and workers)</p>
<p>Area covered <i>(list countries/regions/municipalities, etc.)</i></p>	<p>OSH EG member countries (not Island) and Belarus</p>
<p>Implementing organization <i>(list the NDPHS structures/other organizations, institutions and experts leading the implementation of the activity)</i></p>	<p>OSH EG, including member countries, WHO, ILO, EU OSHA, Eurostat</p>
<p>Essential partners <i>(list organizations, institutions and experts engaged in the activity)</i></p>	<p>NDPHS member countries</p>

Budget (specify the budget of the activity in EUR)	<p>Project idea and preparation of the terms of reference was funded by Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland and supported by OSH EG members and BSN members.</p> <p>The project got the financing from EU, approximately 200 000 €.</p>
Financing agency (specify financing agency/agencies and the amount of funding (in EUR) granted by each financing agency)	<p>Terms of Reference: Finland, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health</p> <p>The project: EU</p>

2. Progress in the implementation of activity in 2017

Expected result (as specified in the NDPHS Action Plan)	Target (as specified in the NDPHS Action Plan)	Progress toward target (use the indicator as specified in the NDPHS Action Plan)	Further action required, obstacles, comments	Sustainability and expected long-term impact (Describe: 1) how the results of the NDPHS activity are/will be used and how the follow-up and sustainability of the results will be ensured, and 2) expected impact of the NDPHS activity)
<p>3. Coordinated special national programmes for the development of occupational health services for all working people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve further the quality of occupational health services systems in countries with an operational system. <p>Develop basic occupational health systems concepts in countries in need of improved services. Concept to be approved at the highest political level.</p>	<p>At least 4 countries</p>	<p>No. of countries with programmes with action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be assessed in the end of year 2017 <p>NOTE! To achieve the final target smaller steps are needed.</p>	<p>The project started fully in the beginning of year 2017. The main tasks of the project for the spring and summer period were to draft and test the pilot questionnaire for the inventory. The final inventory was discussed together with the project group and OSH EG. The inventory was amended according to the comments and send to the project member countries to fill in the end of October.</p> <p>Reliable information is needed to decision makers in order to develop improved reporting and recoding strategy and methods with the aim to provide more realistic statistics.</p>	<p>The results are meaningful to all NDPHS countries as well as in EU and globally. Several interested utilizers are Eurostat, EU OSHA, ILO and WHO.</p> <p>The NDPHS member countries will in due course re-evaluate their data collection and recording systems related to occupational and work-related diseases.</p>

Policy document/project name: Developing a methodology to assess country needs for competencies and skills in occupational health and safety (Former A draft questionnaire and survey of quality standards of OH-specialists' training)

1. Summary of activity

<p>NDPHS Strategy 2020 objectives (<i>list the relevant Strategy objectives to which the policy/project contributes</i>)</p>	<p>Objective 6: Strengthened occupational safety and health and well-being at work - through information and reporting systems, workplace activities and occupational health services Partly contribute to all other objectives.</p>
<p>NDPHS Strategy 2020 cross-cutting themes (<i>list the relevant Strategy cross-cutting themes to which the policy/project contributes</i>)</p>	<p>Contribute to all four cross-cutting themes</p>
<p>Horizontal results (<i>list NDPHS Action Plan horizontal results toward achievement of which the policy/project contributes</i>)</p>	<p>Especially horizontal results 1, 3, 5</p>
<p>Immediate objectives (<i>list immediate objectives, such as: development and dissemination of policy recommendations, a report, a review, a strategy, a thematic paper, etc.</i>)</p>	<p>To develop a methodology for undertaking national needs assessments for competencies and skills in occupational health (and safety ?) Immediate outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Country experiences in undertaking national needs assessments for competencies and skills in OH&S are identified and analysed (Research) 2. A methodology for undertaking national needs assessments for competencies and skills in OH&S is developed as a collaborative effort between OH&S knowledge agencies, institutions, organizations and experts (Development) 3. Results of country needs assessments are integrated into the strategic planning of OH&S capacity development by the governments in consultation with other relevant stakeholders (Advocacy)
<p>Immediate & ultimate beneficiaries (<i>immediate beneficiaries are the groups/entities who will be directly positively affected by the action, e.g. policy makers; ultimate beneficiaries</i>)</p>	<p>OH specialists policy makers workplaces</p>

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Area covered <i>(list countries/regions/municipalities, etc.)</i>	NDPHS member countries
Implementing organization <i>(list the NDPHS structures/other organizations, institutions and experts leading the implementation of the activity)</i>	NDPHS member countries
Essential partners <i>(list organizations, institutions and experts engaged in the activity)</i>	OSH EG members
Budget <i>(specify the budget of the activity in EUR)</i>	
Financing agency <i>(specify financing agency/agencies and the amount of funding (in EUR) granted by each financing agency)</i>	Not applied for funding, support from OSH EG member countries and the ILO

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3. Coordinated special national programmes for the development of occupational health services for all working people	At least 4 countries NOTE! To achieve the final target smaller steps are needed.	No. of countries with programmes with action plan • Will be assessed in the end of year 2017	Project concept note Achievement of target demands at first the assessment of present situation	The ILO has joined the activity to assess and develop the quality of occupational health staff

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve further the quality of occupational health services systems in countries with an operational system. • Develop basic occupational health systems concepts in countries in need of improved services. Concept to be approved at the highest political level. 				
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Other activities done in 2017

Meetings

- The first meeting of the OSH EG was 28th February 2017 in Helsinki, Finland
- The second meeting was jointly with BSN on OSH and was taking place 28th September 2017, St Petersburg, Russia

The OSH EG jointly with the BSN started to map the situation of member countries in relation to the expected results.

The future of OSH EG and BSN - Where are we going? Building the RoadMap.

The OSH EG Russian member Nina Rubtsova, Russian Federal OSH Institute, participated NDPHS Non-communicable diseases group meeting in Moscow last spring.

The OSH EG Swedish member Ingemar Rodin took part the meeting of EGLE 30.10.2017 in Stockholm.