

* ASA EG

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- * Norway is the Lead Partner of the ASA EG. The Russian Federation is the Co-Lead partner of the EG.
- * Members from all NPDHS partner countries, except Germany.
- * WHO and NCM also have their representatives in the ASA EG
- * The Lead Partner has sufficient funding in place for the leadership and for employment of an ITA (50% work time)

* ASA EG composition

*The ASA EG follows the EG's work plan adopted by the CSR

*The work plan contributes to the implementation of the 2020 NDPHS Strategy and its Accompanying Plan

***Objective 4: Reduced social and health harm from alcohol, tobacco and illicit use of drugs - through strengthening and promotion of multi-sectoral approaches**

* **Background info**

- * Improved knowledge of effective community-based interventions targeting use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs among local level policy makers and authorities
- * Improved implementation of early identification and brief intervention programmes/measures to reduce alcohol- and drug use-related harm
- * Strengthened knowledge base for the planning of public health policies on alcohol and drugs
- * Increased knowledge and awareness regarding the public health impact of cross-border trade of alcoholic beverages

*** Expected results by
2020**

- * pay particular attention to the review of the policies and practices related to the prevention activities on the local level
- * building the community base for prevention is the mobilization of the community, both its leaders and citizens, with the aims to share the same understanding of the problem situation, and to increase the support of prevention interventions at different levels in the community

*** Expected result - 1**

* to examine the relationships between somatic hospital admissions and problematic use of alcohol and other psychoactive substances, and describe the prevalence of risky alcohol and psychoactive substance use in patients. The goal is to improve the identification of patients with problem psychoactive drug or alcohol use at an early stage to find those who are at risk of developing an addiction problem.

* **Expected result - 2**

- * “comparative survey methodology on drinking habits and alcohol-related harms in RF”. to adapt for implementation in RF EU standardized comparative survey methodology on levels and patterns of alcohol consumption, contexts of drinking and various forms of harms.
- * to develop a project to assess needs for improvement of response to problem use of cannabis and cannabis dependence in ND countries.

* **Expected result - 3**

*To develop a thematic report on the state of play of alcohol affordability and cross-border trade in alcohol in the NDPHS Partner Countries, with recommendations on policy measures to reduce alcohol-related harm

***Expected result - 4**

- * Establishment of the Sub-working group for the preparation of PAC side event in 2017
- * Identification of topics for the PAC side event in 2017
- * Identification of topics for the Thematic report (to be developed in 2018)

*The ASA EG is a collaborative partner for the EU Joint Action on Alcohol working package 4 (Population Survey). The survey results analyzed, and ASA EG is involved (through the ITA and member country representatives) in the development of the recommendations for future steps to improve comparability of survey data on alcohol across the EU Member States.