



**Committee of Senior Representatives (CSR)
Thirtieth Meeting
Riga, Latvia
17-18 October 2018**

Title	Minutes from the 30 th Meeting of the NDPHS Committee of Senior Representatives
Submitted by	Secretariat
Summary / Note	Outline of the main discussion points and decisions of the 30 th CSR meeting

Attendance:

Estonia - Mr. Jürgen Ojalo, Ministry of Social Affairs; **Finland** - Mr. Veli - Mikko Niemi and Ms. Eeva-Liisa Haapaniemi, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health; **Latvia** - Mrs. Agnese Valūliene, Ms. Ineta Derjabo and Mr. Alvis Bless, Ministry of Health, Ms. Vita Zivtiņa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; **Lithuania** - Mr. Audrius Ščeponavičius, Ministry of Health; **Norway** - Ms. Line Bøystad, Ministry of Health and Care Services; **Poland** - Mr. Marcin Rynkowski and Ms. Kinga Sieńko-Wójtowicz, Ministry of Health; **Russia** - Dr. Eduard Salahov, Ministry of Health, Mr. Luka Ezerskii, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; **Sweden** - Dr. Göran Carlsson, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs; **European Union** – Mr. Aaretti Siitonen, European External Action Service; **WHO** – Svenja Herrmann, WHO Regional Office for Europe; **AMR EG** – Dr. Johan Struwe, Ms. Emily Sellström; **ASA EG** – Mr. Bernt Bull, Dr. Zaza Tsereteli; **HIV, TB & AI EG** – Dr. Ali Arsaló, Mr. Dmitry Titkov; **NCD EG** – Ms. Galina Maslennikova, Ms. Asiia Imaeva, Dr. Mikko Vienonen; **OSH EG** – Dr. Riitta Sauni, Ms. Päivi Hämäläinen; **PH EG** – Dr. Marc Lehmann; **PHC EG** – Prof. Yulia Mikhaylova, Ms. Iréne Nilsson-Carlsson, Ms. Olga Andreeva; **Invited Guests** – Ms. Levke Johannsen, Flensburg University of Applied Sciences, Ms. Karolina Mackiewicz, Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association, Ms. Kerstin Ödman, former CSR representative from Sweden, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs; **NDPHS Secretariat** - Dr. Ülla-Karin Nurm, Ms. Silvija Geistarte.

Excused: Germany, Iceland, Nordic Council of Ministers.

1. Opening of the meeting and welcome

The meeting was opened and chaired by Ms. Agnese Valūliene, the NDPHS CSR Chair, the Ministry of Health of Latvia.

Ms. Ülla-Karin Nurm, the Director of the NDPHS Secretariat, welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Meeting **adopted** the agenda as submitted in document CSR 30/2/1/Rev 1.

3. 15 years of NDPHS cooperation

The participants discussed the past 15 years and future of the NDPHS cooperation. Mr. Dmitry Titkov, ITA of the HIV, TB&AI EG, moderated the discussion. The discussions involving the whole audience were preceded by two panel discussions, also moderated by Mr. Dmitry Titkov.

The members of the first panel, discussing the past 15 years of the NDPHS cooperation, were:

- Mr. Ali Arsaló, Chair of the HIV, TB&AI EG,
- Mr. Bernt Bull, Chair of the ASA EG,
- Ms. Eeva-Liisa Haapaniemi, Member of the Finnish delegation to the CSR,
- Mr. Zaza Tsereteli, ITA of the ASA EG,

- Mr. Mikko Vienonen, former Chair of the NCD EG,
- Ms. Kerstin Ödman, former Chair of the NDPHS Strategy Working Group, former member of the Swedish delegation to the CSR.

The members of the second panel, discussing the future of the NDPHS cooperation, were:

- Ms. Line Bøystad, Head of the Norwegian Delegation to the CSR,
- Mr. Eduard Salakhov, Head of the Russian Delegation to the CSR,
- Mr. Aaretti Siitonen, representative from the European External Action Service,
- Ms. Svenja Herrmann, WHO Regional Office for Europe,
- Ms. Agnese Vajuliene, CSR Chair.

Ms. Ineta Derjabo, Advisor to the Minister of Health of Latvia, made a **presentation** “When desire to change meets 1001 law of the Public Sector. Right place. Right time. Right people” about the Lean Government approaches currently being implemented in the Latvian Ministry of Health.

4. NDPHS activities

4.1 New NDPHS flagship project on aging: state of play and further steps

The HIV, TB & AI EG Chair and the ASA EG ITA presented the progress with developing the new NDPHS flagship on aging. The next step will be a workshop in Oslo on 24 October, where concrete activities will be discussed. The whole process shall be seen as an important input for the development of the next NDPHS strategy. The Secretariat’s involvement will be needed to prepare a project application.

The Secretariat confirmed its willingness to take an active role in the work, however, the extent of the Secretariat’s involvement is dependent on the financial and work space related possibilities to employ additional human resource to assist in coordinating of the flagship.

The ASA EG ITA mentioned that the NDPHS Secretariat was asked to lead and coordinate the development of the flagship project and submission for the financing. As for the further implementation of the project itself, this would be the role of the lead institution designated and selected by the NDPHS. He once again asked the Partner countries to discuss this issue back at home and to propose the possible lead institution.

The Meeting **welcomed** the ongoing work with the flagship development, **invited** to supplement the scope of the project with the social dimension and public private partnership, and **requested** the Secretariat to consider assuming a leading role if the capacity limitations are solved.

The Secretariat informed about the preparations of the Northern Dimension Future Forum on Aging to be held on 28 November 2018 in Helsinki and co-organized by the Northern Dimension Institute and the NDPHS Secretariat, and invited the participants to suggest policy and decision makers who could participate as commentators.

The Meeting took note of the provided information.

4.2 Info sharing between EG-s and CSR and briefing about the Work Plan 2019 activities

4.3 Draft NDPHS Work Plan 2019

The Expert Groups informed about their plans for 2019, as well as about challenges and emerging issues in their area of work.

After the Expert Groups’ updates the Meeting held an exchange of views on information sharing and reporting at the CSR meetings. Among the expressed views were the following:

- It is important to exchange views between the EGs and CSR members at the CSR meeting, but the process could be more interactive and participatory and based on story-telling to build a stronger connection between the experts and the governing bodies.
- The EGs would like to hear more from the CSR members about national developments and challenges as well as their expectations to the EGs.
- Any changes in the way the exchange of information is organized at the CSR meetings should not result in more administrative burden for any of the involved parties.
- The information presented in planning and reporting documents should be clear and concise, reflecting the main issues and important developments in the thematic areas that need the attention of the governing bodies.

The Meeting **agreed** to explore new ways of information sharing between the EGs and CSR at the CSR meetings and **agreed** that the draft NDPHS Work Plan 2019 will be adopted in a written procedure.

5. NDPHS evaluation: state of play and further steps

The Secretariat informed about the state of play with the NDPHS evaluation: the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the evaluation were agreed upon by the Evaluation Steering Group in June 2018, submitted to the EU Delegation in Russia on 29 June 2018 and finalized on 10 July 2018, based on the requests for amendments from the EU Delegation in Russia.

The EU Delegation in Russia intends to procure evaluation of two Partnerships, the NDPHS and the ND Culture Partnership through one contract with their framework contractor combining both evaluations in one service contract. For this purpose, a consolidated ToR is being developed by the EU Delegation in Russia. Once the consolidated ToR is approved, the EU Delegation in Russia will start the procurement procedure.

The EU confirmed its intention to start the procurement procedure as soon as possible.

The Meeting **took note** of the provided information.

6. NDPHS' cooperation with other regional stakeholders

After the Secretariat and OSH EG provided information regarding NDPHS' participation in the CBSS/BSLF Coordination Group on Labour and Employment, the Meeting **agreed** to change the NDPHS' status in the Coordination Group from an observer to a member. The Meeting **mandated** the OSH EG to represent the NDPHS in the Coordination Group and **requested** the NDPHS Secretariat to inform the CBSS accordingly.

The e-Health for Regions Network, a NDPHS Associated Expert Group, presented the Network and its activities and the BalticCityPrevention project that recently gained the status of a Flagship.

The Meeting took note of the provided information and **expressed an interest** in closer collaboration with the Network.

The Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association presented the Healthy Boost project and, together with the e-Health for Regions Network, presented a joint application on Health Promotion Project Platform, currently being developed for the Interreg second call for Project Platform Call.

The Meeting **took note** of the provided information.

7. NDPHS' role in the EUSBSR

The Meeting discussed the NDPHS' role in the EUSBSR and the upcoming revision of the EUSBSR Action Plan.

Russia noted that NDPHS as a Partnership of equal parties is expected to promote at the same time regional or national strategies developed by every partner and a dialog between them.

The Meeting **agreed** that it is important to keep Health as a Policy Area in the EUSBSR.

The Meeting **agreed** that, in order to prepare arguments for discussions with the European Commission and other relevant stakeholders, questions will be sent together with the meeting minutes and the participants will be invited to answer them.

The Meeting **supported** the idea of NDPHS organizing a seminar during the EUSBSR Annual Forum to be held on 12-13 June 2019.

8. Approval of the lists of rotating NDPHS Chairmanships and hosts of NDPHS meetings

The Meeting **approved** the list of hosts of the NDPHS meetings and **agreed** to submit to the next PAC the list of rotating NDPHS Chairmanships as presented in document CSR 30/8/1.

9. Adoption of the CSR 30 meeting minutes

The Meeting **agreed** that the draft of the meeting minutes would be sent to participants on 1 November 2018 with the deadline for comments until 8 November 2018. The revised meeting minutes will be sent to participants on 12 November 2018 and will be adopted if no further comments are received until 19 November 2018.

10. Closing of the meeting

The Meeting terminated on 18 October 2018 at 13:00.