

Elaboration of the cross-disciplinary cooperation within the new NDPHS Strategy (example: ASA EG and NCD EG)

- 1) ASA EG is submitting the project proposal for the EU grant application - Prevention Approaches – learning, experience, training (PALET). The primary objective of the project is to improve the capacities of different public sector organizations operating at the local level, to reduce the harm caused by Alcohol or drugs through strengthening the quality of prevention work at the local level. The main concept of the project is to use systematic, proven methods to improve cooperation between the many authorities involved in prevention at the local level. This involves different prevention programs, mobilization of the local community, including politicians for the successful implementation of long-term prevention policies on alcohol and drug abuse. The first step in the project is to provide facts about the situation in each municipality. Those facts will be provided by the community readiness survey, which will be prepared by the expertise partners in cooperation with the local municipalities. The survey's purpose is to assess and evaluate the existing situation on alcohol/drug-use prevention in partners' municipalities and to provide recommendations for improvement.

We think that the NCD EG can also be part of this project (we include that into the proposal) bringing the part of Health literacy into the project and therefore facilitating the process of increased awareness, knowledge, and competence about health literacy in organizations on the local municipality level.

- 2) There is a strong scientific consensus that alcohol drinking can cause several types of cancer. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is now listed as a known human carcinogen. The ASA EG was contacted to consider the side event at the European Health Forum (Gastein) related to the AlcoholAlcohol. The ASA EG has proposed to have “Cancer and Alcohol” as a topic for this event. Therefore close cooperation with the NCD EG is foreseen in developing and organizing this event (Due to COVID-19, it is clear now that the conference will be moved to the next year). The same topic can be suggested for other opportunities.
- 3) In the meantime, we were always discussing the development of the joint Thematic report, and we think that Alcohol and Cancer can be a good topic for that report.
- 4) AgeFlag project. The project will be a joint effort of several EGs and based on the outcomes of the first country workshops, and we can see how and where our EGs can cooperate