



Northern Dimension
Partnership in Public Health
and Social Well-being
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Annual work plan

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1. Leadership and coordination

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1.3 Financial resources for leadership

Finland will provide resources for the operations of the Chairperson and International Technical Advisor of the EG. Poland will ensure resources for the work of the Vice-Chairperson.

2. Meetings of the Expert Group

The Expert Group aims at minimum of 2 meetings in 2021. But the real number of meetings may rise due to wider use of digital meeting solutions and operational needs.

3. Activities

3.1 Activities contributing to achievement of the Objectives of the NDPHS Strategy, which are within the remit of the Expert Group

For each activity please indicate the following:

- The methods, and
- Resources with which the respective results will be pursued;
- Planned deliverables;
- External actors planned to be engaged.

The objective of the NDPHS Strategy, which is within the remits of the Expert Group, is:
Reduced impact of HIV, TB and associated infections among key populations at risk, including prisoners, through strengthened prevention and access to treatment

Methods	Resources	Planned deliverables for 2021	External actors planned to be engaged
Comparative analysis of EMIS data for ND countries	EU grant and worktime of EG members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roadmap of the study (plan of the study, incl. timeline and landmarks) 2. Engagement of experts (think tank) 3. Study implementation (analysis report draft) 4. Peer review (revised report) 	<p>Foundation for Social Education (FES), Poland</p> <p>Maksymilian Bielecki, HumanTech - Center for Social and Technological Innovation, Poland</p> <p>Invited experts for peer review</p>
Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) inventory in ND countries – epidemiology, strategies, approaches, treatment options	EU grant and worktime of EG members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan of the overview 2. Engagement of experts (expert team) 3. Making the overview (draft report) 4. A feedback workshop (revised report) 	Finnish Lung Health Association

Exchange of relevant information about actual infectious disease situation, especially focusing on HIV, TB, Hepatitis C and STIs and including impacts of COVID-19	Working time of EG members	Posts or information briefs for publishing or sharing n social media, ndphs website, partners web resources	External experts invited to participate in EG meetings as needed and relevant
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4. Assumptions, enabling factors and possible obstacles

Describe assumptions based on which the work plan has been developed, as well as list factors that are critical for the successful implementation of the work plan, and possible obstacles that can hinder the implementation process.

The work of the Expert Group in 2021 very much relies on the EU grant, which is expected to start from January 2021. It is assumed the project proposal will be approved in scheduled time.

The Covid-19 pandemic has disturbed the work of the Expert Group due to lockdowns and re-assignment of some experts to other tasks in their primary jobs. It is assumed the experts will manage to keep their commitment to working in the Expert Group.

The NDPHS Strategy will be developed in 2021 and the Expert Group is expected to provide inputs into the strategy work as well.

5. Other information

No other information.