

The NDPHS - a growing Partnership

The Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being acquires a new Partner – Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC)

The NDPHS, a dynamic partnership of countries and organizations committed to improving the quality of life and the demographic situation in Northern Europe, has just been joined by one more international organisation – the Baltic Sea States Subregional Cooperation (BSSSC).¹

As a result of this enlargement, the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being comprises now 13 countries, the European Commission and 8 international organisations.

The NDPHS welcomed the BSSSC among its partners considering the prominent role that the BSSSC plays in the Baltic Sea Region as regards the cooperation at the level of sub-regional authorities. By getting the BSSSC on-board, the NDPHS will be able to better reach out to this important stakeholder group and involve sub-regions in its efforts, which will complement the already well-established state governments' level within the Partnership.

On its own part, the BSSSC plans to reinforce and further increase its own involvement and activities in the area of quality of life and public health. This will be achieved through, amongst other, the establishment of a BSSSC Working Group on Public Health whose tasks will include sharing experiences and advocating the need to take measures on national and EU levels. The NDPHS will also be able to benefit from the BSSSC's expertise arising from its own ongoing project focusing on health and quality of life in the Baltic Sea Region, and involving 32 partners coming from 8 countries from the region and representing various levels.

By participating in the NDPHS, the BSSSC and its sub-regions will, *inter alia*, intensify co-operation in the field of social and health development of its member sub-regions, improve capacity to set priorities in public health and social well-being and benefit from the work of the NDPHS expert groups.

View our website at www.ndphs.org and keep an eye on policy developments and explore the world of the NDPHS – a partnership committed to achieving tangible results!

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