

NDPHS e-Newsletter 1/2011 now available

The Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being (NDPHS) is pleased to announce that a new issue of its bi-annual e-Newsletter is now available on the NDPHS website.

In this issue, we place the focus on alcohol-related issues, and noncommunicable diseases at large. Hence, the opening article presenting the 1st Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Noncommunicable Disease Control hosted by Russia earlier this spring. Regarding alcohol-related issues, we invite you to read three articles: one discussing alcohol consumption and related health problems, another one describing WHO Europe efforts to develop a new European alcohol action plan 2012–2020, and the third one presenting the EU Alcohol Strategy and the ongoing and past activities to reduce alcohol-related harm.



Further, one of the highlights of the cooperation within the Northern Dimension framework in the first half of 2011, namely the 2nd Northern Dimension Forum held in the Norwegian city of Tromsø, is presented. The NDPHS, which spoke during it, was one of the ND Partnerships discussed by the parliamentarians. Learn what they concluded in the Statement from the Forum.

Having in mind those who are interested in engaging in practical project activities, we have included a brief description of several regional projects that the NDPHS is currently developing. These projects will cover a broad range of issues, such as noncommunicable diseases, healthy lifestyles, primary health care, occupational safety and health, as well as communicable diseases, with a focus on HIV and tuberculosis. We hope to find stakeholders interested in joining them. Following is an article about the “NDPHS labelled project” label. If your organisation is developing or implementing a project involving partners from several countries and contributing to the implementation of the regionally agreed priorities in the field of health and social well-being, read how you can apply for the label and benefit from it.

You will also find an update about the eHealth for Regions Network and its activities. Following is an article about the ICT for Health project facilitated by this Network, which aims to help strengthen social capacities for the utilization of eHealth technologies. ICT for Health is one of the health-related projects included in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region Action Plan.

Last, but not least, we introduce two new colleagues who have joined NDPHS Expert Groups.

We wish you an interesting reading. Please note that NDPHS e-Newsletters are distributed only in an electronic format and can be downloaded from the NDPHS website at <http://www.ndphs.org/?e-newsletter>.

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