

NDPHS e-Newsletter 1/2013 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. This issue focuses on the achievements made possible thanks to a technical assistance grant received by the NDPHS Secretariat from the European Commission to support activities contributing to the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR).

The issue opens with an article informing about signing of the Host Country Agreement between the NDPHS Secretariat and the Swedish Government, which is an important step towards having the NDPHS Secretariat gain its own legal capacity. You will also find an article about the 3rd Ministerial meeting of the renewed Northern Dimension held on 18 February 2013. The good progress of the NDPHS was highly praised during the meeting. Read also about continued efforts of the Partnership to push for a more prominent role of public health on the regional cooperation agenda.



Several articles have been included presenting the results of the activities supported from the EUSBSR technical assistance grant, among them the development of an Alcohol and Drug Prevention among Youth project (an EUSBSR flagship project) and the preparation of a study offering evidence for action to reduce the harm associated with alcohol abuse. Other activities supported by the EU grant and presented in this issue include: support to the implementation of the NDPHS "Health at Work" strategy, development of a project promoting strategic health planning in St. Petersburg, Russia, development of a project on integrated care for senior citizens around the Baltic Sea and development of tools for combating HIV and associated infections in the Baltic Sea region. We have also included an article about another EUSBSR flagship project, i.e. ImPrim project, and its contribution to the improvement of primary health care in Belarus.

Last but not least, we are pleased to introduce a new colleague who has joined the NDPHS Secretariat and to inform that Norwegian funding is now available through the NDPHS Project Pipeline for projects in Northwest Russia aiming to improve health and social well-being in the Northern Dimension area. Further details and requirements can be found at <http://www.ndphs.org/?pipeline,donor,view,10>. Applications are accepted until 15 April 2013.

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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