

NDPHS e-Newsletter 2/2016 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 of the NDPHS e-Newsletter opens with an article about the NDPHS seminar “Where are we heading – wealthier and healthier in the years to come, or just the opposite?” which was organised as part of the 7th Annual EUSBSR Forum.

You can also read about a report “Economic Dimensions of Health and Social Care” which was recently written for the NDPHS by Dr. Björn Ekman of the Lund University, Sweden. The report offers a wealth of useful information and examples why investing in health and well-being of populations represents good value for money both in short and long terms.

We have also included an article about the outcome of a study “International Comparison of Differences in Premature Deaths and their Causes in selected NDPHS Partner Countries and Belarus Measured by Potential Years of Life Lost” implemented earlier this year under the auspices of the NDPHS, which was discussed during a regional event held two months ago. This, and the other two above mentioned actions, make part of our well-recognised, multiannual effort promoting the notion of “Health is Wealth” where we demonstrate strong linkages between the health sector, on the one hand, and economy and other policy areas, on the other.

Further on, we invite you to learn about the second Northern Dimension Day organised by the Northern Dimension Institute (NDI) back-to-back with the 7th Annual EUSBSR Forum. During the former event representatives of all Northern Dimension structures discussed their vision of 2030 and how to grasp the opportunities and fight the challenges we expect to face in the coming future.

You will also find a brief introduction to a recently commenced project “IC-Health,” which aims to be an important contribution to the digitalisation agenda for the Baltic Sea Region and Europe.

We are equally pleased to share with you the outcomes of our recently held discussions on indicators and methods to monitor and analyse primary health care. They offered a good opportunity to learn how various countries in our region work to develop methods and tools in the PHC area.

Last, but not least, continuing the introduction to the leaderships of the NDPHS Experts Groups, which we began with the latest issue of the NDPHS e-Newsletter, we have the pleasure to introduce to you two members of the NDPHS Expert Group on Prison Health leadership who joined this group several months ago.

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>.

We wish you a joyous holiday season, as well as a prosperous and successful year 2017!

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