



Northern Dimension
Partnership in Public Health
and Social Well-being

NDPHS - a partnership committed to achieving tangible results

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Northern Dimension – Geographical Area & Partners

A map of Europe and the Arctic region. A red curved line is drawn across the top of the map, starting from the British Isles and ending near the coast of Norway, indicating the geographical area of the Northern Dimension.

The ND area encompasses the nations from the European Arctic and Sub-Arctic to the southern shores of the Baltic Sea, as well as northwest Russia to the east and Iceland and Greenland to the west

Four partners: EU, Iceland, Norway and Russia



Northern Dimension – Priority sectors

The main objectives of the policy are to provide a **common framework for promotion of dialog and concrete cooperation** in Northern Europe in the fields of:

Economic Cooperation

Freedom, Security and Justice

External Security, Civil Protection

Research, Education and Culture

Environment, Nuclear Safety and Natural Resources

Social Welfare and Health Care







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Objectives

(Oslo Declaration of 27 October 2003 establishing the NDPHS)

-  **Promote** sustainable development in the ND area by improving people's health and social well-being
-  **Contribute** to intensified co-operation in social and health development
-  **Assist** Partners and Participants in improving their capacity to set priorities in health and social well-being
-  **Enhance** co-ordination of international activities within the ND area



Structure → Partner Countries



Canada



Estonia



Finland



Germany



Iceland



Latvia



Lithuania



Norway



Poland



Russia



Sweden





Structure Partner Organisations



BEAC



CBSS



EC



ILO



IOM



NCM



UNAIDS



WHO



BSSSC



Structure Bodies & Secretariat

 **Partnership Annual Conference**

 **Committee of Senior Representatives**

 **Expert Groups**

- **HIV/AIDS**
- **Primary Health Care**
- **Prison Health**
- **Social Inclusion, Healthy Lifestyles and Work Ability (SIHLWA)**
- **Associated Expert Groups (CBSS EGCC and BSN)**
- ***Ad hoc* Working Groups (e.g. Strategy Working Group)**

 **Secretariat**



Priorities

Reduction of major communicable diseases and prevention of lifestyle related non-communicable diseases

Including HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, the use of illicit drugs, cardiovascular diseases and the consequences of socially distressing conditions

Enhancement and promotion of healthy and socially rewarding lifestyles

Including determinants of health and social well-being, such as sexual behaviour, alcohol consumption, smoking, the use of illicit drugs, peoples' social and work environments and social skills



Implementation

Areas of action

- Monitor and assess situation in the region
- Develop policy recommendations
- Encourage and facilitate coordinated development and implementation of regional projects
- Disseminate information, reach out to and involve relevant stakeholders

Work plans

- Build on the 2003 NDPHS Oslo Declaration and the new NDPHS Strategy
- Lead the Partners in defining action lines and specifying activities
- Designed to include all relevant stakeholders



Tools at your disposal (1)

A new NDPHS website

- Overview of the Partnership's activities
- Features a number of information dissemination mechanisms (e-News, press-releases, e-Newsletter)
- Access to Database and Project Pipeline
- Available in three languages (English, Polish and Russian)

NDPHS Database

- Plenty of information easy to find or submit
- Projects, organisations, experts and publications
- Search for, find, sort or share your own knowledge and expertise



Tools at your disposal (2)

NDPHS Pipeline

- Information about current and future project funding opportunities
- A single entry point to submit a project
- Linked to the NDPHS Database

Thematic reports

- Evaluate developments and trends in the region
- Identify challenges and gaps that require increased attention and action
- Present recommendations concerning policy and project-based interventions, as well as best practices



NDPHS Goals (1)

- Goal 1:** The role and working methods of the NDPHS are strengthened
- Goal 2:** Prevention of HIV/AIDS and related diseases in the ND-area has improved
- Goal 3:** Social and health care for HIV infected individuals in the ND area is integrated
- Goal 4:** Resistance to antibiotics is mitigated in the ND area
- Goal 5:** Inequality in access to qualified primary health care in the ND area is reduced
- Goal 6:** Prison policy in the ND area provides for that the health and other needs of inmates are readily met and easily accessed, and that gender specific needs of women and the needs of children accompanying their mothers are addressed



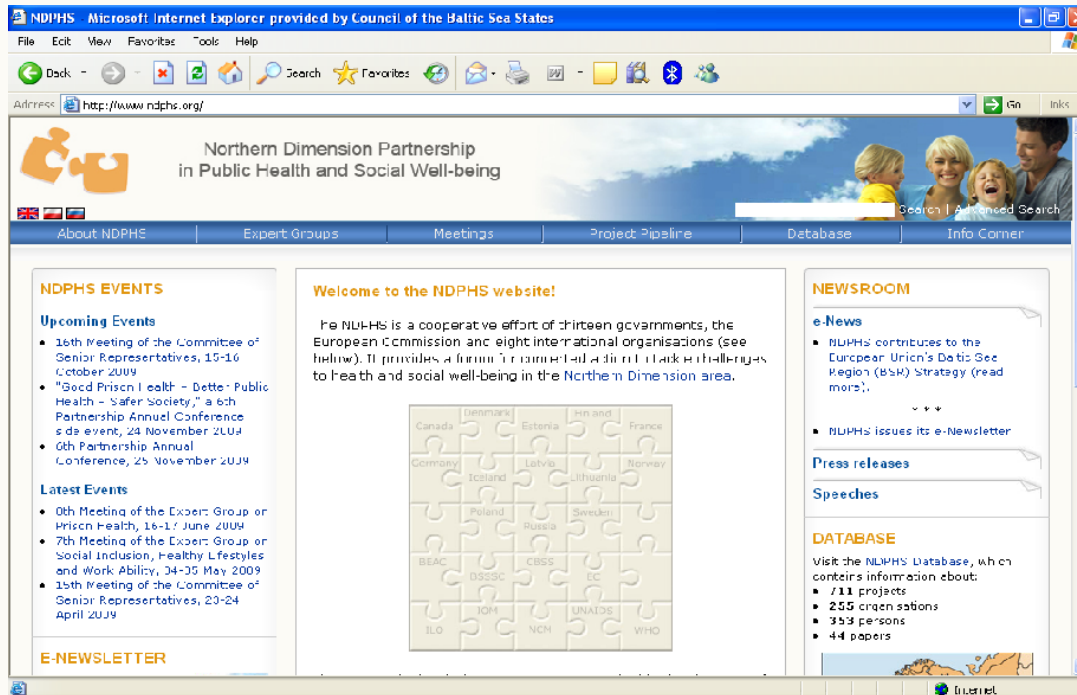
NDPHS Goals (2)

- Goal 7:** The impact in the ND countries on society and individuals of hazardous and harmful use of alcohol and illicit drugs is reduced
- Goal 8:** Pricing, access to and advertising of alcoholic beverages is changed to direction, which supports the reduction of hazardous and harmful use of alcohol
- Goal 9:** Tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke is prevented and reduced in the ND area
- Goal 10:** The NDPHS Strategy on Health at Work is implemented in the ND area
- Goal 11:** Public health and social well-being among indigenous peoples in the ND area is improved



For more information

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