

# *Proposed review of best practice assessment process*

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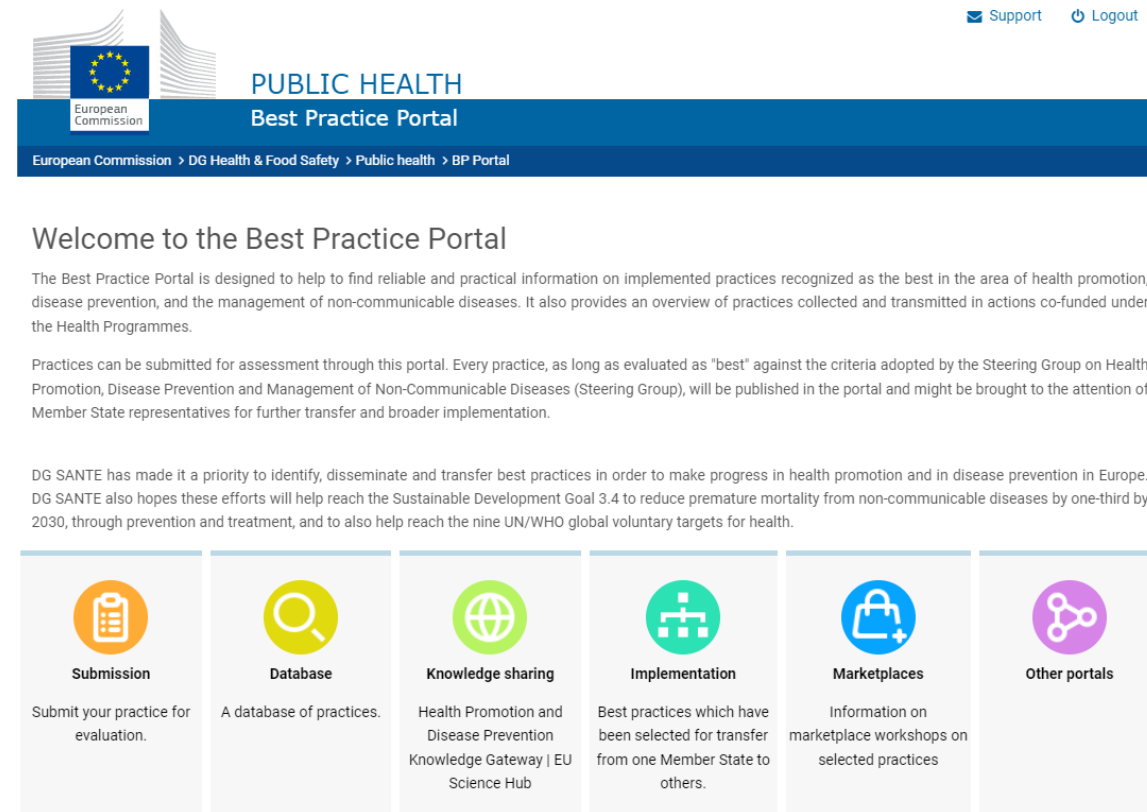
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# Best practice assessment – state of play

- **2017:** agreed criteria for the assessment of best practices
- **2018-2021:** evaluation of practices submitted to the Best Practice Portal, including marketplaces for Member States:
  - 2018 - Digitally-enabled, integrated, person-centered care
  - 2018 - Nutrition and physical activity
  - 2019 - Mental health
  - 2019 - Healthy and sustainable food systems and SDG 3.4
  - 2021 - Risk factors of non-communicable diseases
- **Currently, 239 practices available in the BP Portal**

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/bp-portal/>



The screenshot shows the top part of the Best Practice Portal website. At the top right, there are links for 'Support' and 'Logout'. Below that is the header with the European Commission logo and the text 'PUBLIC HEALTH Best Practice Portal'. A navigation breadcrumb reads 'European Commission > DG Health & Food Safety > Public health > BP Portal'. The main content area starts with a welcome message: 'Welcome to the Best Practice Portal'. It follows with a paragraph explaining the portal's purpose: 'The Best Practice Portal is designed to help to find reliable and practical information on implemented practices recognized as the best in the area of health promotion, disease prevention, and the management of non-communicable diseases. It also provides an overview of practices collected and transmitted in actions co-funded under the Health Programmes.' Another paragraph states: 'Practices can be submitted for assessment through this portal. Every practice, as long as evaluated as "best" against the criteria adopted by the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases (Steering Group), will be published in the portal and might be brought to the attention of Member State representatives for further transfer and broader implementation.' A third paragraph mentions: 'DG SANTE has made it a priority to identify, disseminate and transfer best practices in order to make progress in health promotion and in disease prevention in Europe. DG SANTE also hopes these efforts will help reach the Sustainable Development Goal 3.4 to reduce premature mortality from non-communicable diseases by one-third by 2030, through prevention and treatment, and to also help reach the nine UN/WHO global voluntary targets for health.' At the bottom, there is a row of six icons with corresponding text: 'Submission' (Submit your practice for evaluation), 'Database' (A database of practices), 'Knowledge sharing' (Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Knowledge Gateway | EU Science Hub), 'Implementation' (Best practices which have been selected for transfer from one Member State to others), 'Marketplaces' (Information on marketplace workshops on selected practices), and 'Other portals'.

# Proposed review of the best practice process

The process is robust and comprehensive, thus also lengthy, taking over a year from selection to start implementation



The process works well for practices which are already implemented and evaluated, thus promising new practices are not selected



Practices may only be a selection of what exists at national level, thus other potentially (more) innovative practices are unidentified.



Main Purpose:

How to improve the evaluation process in order to allow Member States to be better informed about best and promising practices, especially in quickly emerging and high priority areas and also linking the evaluation of best practices at EU level with national level and bottom-up initiatives?

# Methodology

- a) Desk research and drafting of a concept paper, reflecting on the process so far
- b) Expert consultation among the following parties (via surveys and interviews):
  - Member State representatives and other end users of the Best Practice Portal
  - Best practice owners
  - Scientific experts, including peer reviewers
  - Coordinators of national Best Practice Platforms (a.o. via the EuroHealthNet Thematic Working Group on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Programme Registers)
- c) Interim reporting before the SGPP Meeting of 9 February 2022
- d) Final report completed and presented in the first half of 2022.

# Questions to the SGPP members

Members of the Subgroup are invited to:

- Provide feedback on the general approach in the study
- Provide direction to relevant national level initiatives and experts to consult
- Reflections can be sent to [contact@euhealthsupport.eu](mailto:contact@euhealthsupport.eu) with [SANTE-SGPP@ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANTE-SGPP@ec.europa.eu) in copy

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