



Public Health breakout group EU4Health programme

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Emerging pathogens

challenges

getting out of this pandemic/preparing for the next one, capacity of MS

solutions

increase MS capacity to investigate the sequence of new variants, improve the exchange between MS

AMR

challenges

lack of knowledge, investment due to costs and resources

solutions

gathering data on healthcare costs, launch campaign of information to patients



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challenges

prevention, diagnosis,
treatment, EU funds

solutions

past experience/projects to improve
the quality of life of patients,
synergies between projects (funded
under Horizon Europe and EU4 Health)

Tackling other NCD including mental health

challenges

priority of risk factors, national
best practices

solutions

risk factor prioritisation, incentivise
the use of best practices in other MS,
Commission to be aware of MS best
practices

Speakers

- **Communicable disease: Prof. Karl Ekdahl**, Head of Disease Programmes Unit, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- **Cancer: Dr Wendy Yared**, Director Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL)
- **NCD including mental health: Ms Mojca Gobec**, Head, Department for disease and injuries prevention Ministry of Health, Slovenia

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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Prof. Karl Ekdahl, Head of Disease Programmes Unit, ECDC

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Communicable diseases



Challenges:

1. COVID 19 – getting out of the present pandemic and preparing for the next
2. Fighting antimicrobial resistance and healthcare-associated infections

Solutions (many are the same/similar for both challenges)

1. Improve surveillance and have better data for action
 - Real time surveillance
 - Transition from traditional microbiology to whole genome sequencing
 - Big data, incl. from European Health Data Space
 - AI for surveillance (e.g. outbreak detection, predicting resistance from genome data...)
 - Support to national immunisation registries
 - Better visualisation techniques
 - App interoperability
2. Additional capacity building
 - Training in preparedness and response inside and outside health care facilities
3. Behaviour change efforts
 - Prudent use of antibiotics
 - Non-pharmaceutical interventions/hygiene inside and outside health care facilities

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Short- and long-term challenges/opportunities



Unexpected sudden pressure on health
sidelines cancer control 

Ageing population =  pressure on HS

Inequalities across prevention, diagnosis &
treatment

Research, innovation & care moving targets

Cancer leagues services contingent upon
public funding, fragile during 



More research for new best practices eg
behavioural modification, policies

Solidarity & cross-border cooperation

Take advantage of new confidence in
public health - eg vaccines

Uptake, acceptance of e-health, AI

Access to medicines - e.g. transparency

Encourage innovative solutions + collab



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Tackling NCD including mental health

Mojca Gobec, *Head, Department for disease and injuries prevention*

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Public Health Challenges / Solutions

- Develop new models of MS collaboration focusing on policy implementation
- Building national capacities for prevention, including training programmes
- Supporting community-based initiatives for vulnerable groups
- Supporting integration of health promotion and prevention in primary health care services

Questions for reflection

- What is the biggest challenge/problem in your specific area?
- What could be alternative possible solutions to that?
- What are the successful solutions from past projects?