

Flash Report

Meeting of the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases 9 February 2022

DG SANTE chaired the virtual meeting of the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases (SGPP).

The representatives of 23 Member States, Iceland and Norway, attended the meeting together with other Commission services, and agencies¹.

'Healthier Together' - EU Non-Communicable Diseases Initiative

DG SANTE provided an update on the initiative, which focusses on implementation, helping EU countries to transfer best practices, develop guidelines, roll out innovative approaches to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Member States expressed their support to the initiative and stressed the need for a strong 'Health in All Policies' broader approach focusing on health promotion and disease prevention. The sub-group on NCDs will continue developing this initiative.

Best practices

DG SANTE informed about the actions implementing best practices on integrated care and primary care and on health promotion and disease prevention (under the 3rd Health Programme and the EU4Health Programme). The SGPP was then informed about the new best practice exercise for 2022-2023 and agreed to launch an open call for practices on the five themes of the NCDs initiative (cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, mental health and neurological disorders, health determinants). The sub-group on NCDs will be tasked to examine relevant promising practices and best practices that were validated in the past but not implemented because of limited funding. At the request of Member States, a dedicated workshop on methodology and criteria for promising practices will be organised by DG SANTE.

Implementable research results and best practice review – interim report

The SGPP was informed about the preliminary interim results of a study, whose aim is to produce a toolkit to systematically identify public health policy-relevant research results for their implementation. The SGPP was also informed on another study, whose aim is to streamline the current best practice selection and assessment process.

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the activities of the sub-group on cancer

DG SANTE provided an update on the implementation of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and the Horizon Europe Mission on Cancer. It was agreed that the sub-groups on cancer and on NCDs would work in close collaboration with a focus on health determinants and common risk factors for non-communicable diseases.

AOB and conclusions

A representative informed about the priorities² of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union related to health, including key events and political and legislative initiatives.

The next meeting will take place on 10 June 2022.

¹ Directorate-General for Research and Innovation and the Health and Digital Executive Agency.

² <https://presidence-francaise.consilium.europa.eu/en/programme/programme-of-the-presidency/>