

Flash report

Meeting

Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases

18 June 2021

The Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases held today a virtual meeting, chaired by DG SANTE. The representatives of Member States, plus Iceland and Norway, attended the meeting together with the Commission services, agencies and the European Investment Bank.

The Chair informed the SGPP on the latest developments related to COVID-19 pandemic and, including the roll out of the COVID-19 Digital Certificate, the launch of the EU Strategy on COVID-19 therapeutics¹ and the Commission Communication on lessons learnt² which was adopted on 15 June. He stressed the importance of preparing the actions under the EU4Health annual work plan for 2021³, which was also adopted today.

Last November, Member States were invited to identify best practices in primary care, which led to a first selection of 11 practices, showcased through an online marketplace in June 2021. DG SANTE presented now the five best practices on primary care, which Member States had scored highest for implementation. Member States will submit their interest by 30 June after which the joint action preparations can be kicked off.

The Best Practice call for the prevention of non-communicable diseases and related risk factors was published end-2020; 43 candidate practices had been received. A marketplace event will be organised on 30 June and 1 July for 10 best practices after which the SGPP members will be asked to rank the ones they will want to implement.

DG REFORM presented the Technical Support Instrument⁴ and encouraged Member States to submit proposals by the end of October for funding, and noted that the new focus on multi-country collaboration. A webinar can be organised for the SGPP according to their interest areas for technical support, the SGPP was asked to indicate priority areas after the meeting.

The SGPP was also briefed on the EU4Health Programme, and the annual work plan for 2021 in particular, which will provide €312 million for actions on health.

The Co-Chairs of the SGPP Cancer Sub-group reported on the progress made so far, and DG SANTE presented the work of the Scientific Committees.

The Chair closed the meeting informing about the key events before the next meeting of the SGPP, which will take place on 19 October 2021.

¹ [Communication: EU Strategy on COVID-19 therapeutics | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

² [Communication on the early lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

³ [wp2021_annex_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/info/overview-funding-programmes/technical-support-instrument-tsi_en