

Flash report

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

19 October 2021

On 19 October 2021, the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases (SGPP) held a virtual meeting, chaired by DG SANTE.¹

Joint Actions under the EU4Health Programme were presented, two on prevention of non-communicable diseases and one on primary care. The SGPP also supported the proposal to review and improve the best practice assessment and transfer process. The OECD informed about a project focusing on increasing the impact of best practice transfer.

The Joint Research Centre presented policy briefs within the **Health promotion and Disease Prevention Knowledge Gateway**² to make them more useful for intended users.

The SGPP was informed on the implementation of the 2021 work programme of the **EU4Health Programme**³. There is ongoing consultation in the EU4Health Steering Group, which will conclude in November.

DG Environment informed about the **Zero Pollution Action Plan**⁴. Its Flagship 1 will ensure that the newly announced Cancer Inequalities Registry and the Atlas of Demography are regularly fed with pollution monitoring and outlook data. Monitoring wastewater for COVID-19 was also showcased as a successful example of environmental monitoring working for health.

DG SANTE informed about the newly launched **European Climate and Health Observatory**⁵, which allows decision-makers to visualise climate change related health risks to mitigate them. The SGPP were asked for suggestions on the themes for the European Climate and Health Observatory initiative for 2021-2022.

The SGPP were informed about Regulation (EU) 2017/746 on **in vitro diagnostic medical devices**, with a date of application of 26 May 2022. Given the dual issue of delays caused by COVID-19 and capacity shortage of conformity assessment bodies, the Commission proposes an extension of transitional provisions.

DG RTD informed of the latest developments within **Horizon Europe** such as the **Institutionalised European Partnerships** and the **Missions**. The Horizon Europe Work Programme for 2021-22 included a set of actions for their implementation.

The next meeting of the SGPP is planned for 9 February 2022.

¹ The representatives of 23 Member States, plus Norway, attended the meeting together with a number of Commission services, agencies and the European Investment Bank.

² https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/health-promotion-knowledge-gateway_en

³ [EU4Health 2021-2027 – a vision for a healthier European Union | Public Health \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁴ [Zero pollution action plan \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁵ [European Climate and Health Observatory \(europa.eu\)](#)