

Flash Report

EU Non-Communicable Diseases Initiative

Stakeholders meeting

3 June 2022

On 3 June 2022, a webinar was held for the health stakeholder community, chaired by the Adviser for Stakeholder Relations, DG SANTE.

General update on the draft EU NCD Initiative

DG SANTE updated about the state of play of the NCD Initiative.. During the webinar, stakeholders were invited to share their views on priorities for action, effective policies, best practices¹, promising approaches, innovative actions to effectively address the priorities, as well as the role of stakeholders in achieving those priorities, and the actions that the stakeholders can do in collaboration with other concerned parties.

The stakeholders welcomed the NCD Initiative document, commending the co-creation process and recognising the holistic approach. Possible work areas for health determinants and prevention were identified, based on previous input from Member States, the World Health Organisation and OECD as well as stakeholders. Wide-ranging health determinants and their level of focus within the Initiative were discussed, such as commercial, environmental, psycho-social and digital determinants. Stakeholders also requested closer collaboration with the Commission expert groups. Stakeholders also asked for opportunities to engage with Member States. Clear recommendations to combat health inequalities were additionally identified, with a suggestion to strengthen the related activities. The Commission stressed their aim to increase EU support in a coordinated manner with regards to implementation of policies, guidelines and interventions, thus targeting country needs in key disease areas and an overall reduction in health inequalities.

Conclusions and Next Steps

Stakeholders were invited to the presentation event² of the EU NCD Initiative with the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Stella Kyriakides on 22 June. Stakeholders were also informed that HaDEA will launch two call for proposals for NGOs and other health stakeholders in July one on activities related to cardiovascular diseases and diabetes (EUR 5 million) and the other on health determinants (EUR 11 million), under the 2022 work plan of the EU4Health Programme and a call for proposals ; stakeholders were invited to participate.

¹ <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/bp-portal/index.cfm>

² https://ec.europa.eu/health/events/healthier-together-eu-non-communicable-diseases-initiative-2022-06-22_en