



Northern Dimension
Partnership in Public Health
and Social Well-being

NDPHS – a partnership committed to achieving tangible results

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NDPHS priorities & focus areas

-  Reduction of **major communicable diseases** and prevention of lifestyle related **non-communicable diseases**
-  Enhancement and promotion of **healthy and socially rewarding lifestyles**
-  Within the above, the NDPHS focuses on the following **thematic areas**:
 - HIV, AIDS, TB and associated infections
 - Antimicrobial resistance
 - Non-communicable diseases
 - Alcohol, tobacco and illicit use of drugs
 - Health and social needs related to chronic conditions and demographic changes
 - Occupational safety & health and well-being at work
 - Prison health






Initiatives

-  **High-level ministerial dialogue**
-  **Monitoring and assessment of the situation in the region**
-  **Development of policy recommendations**
-  **Facilitation of a coordinated development and implementation of regional projects**
-  **Dissemination of information, outreach and involvement of relevant stakeholders**
-  **Mainstreaming of results of cooperation**



Examples of NDPHS Projects

-  Alcohol and Drug Prevention Among Youth (ADPY)
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<http://www.ndphs.org/?database,view,project,1447>
-  Building capacity in prevention of HIV and associated infections among youth at high risk
NDPHS Database entry:
<http://www.ndphs.org/?database,view,project,1467>
-  Northern Dimension Antibiotic Resistance Study (NoDARS)
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<http://www.ndphs.org/?database,view,project,1468>







Alcohol and Drug Prevention Among Youth (ADPY)

- ❏ The project contributed to **reduction of risky and harmful alcohol and drug consumption among young people** by strengthening local communities in their ability to develop and **implement effective and sustainable prevention approaches**
- ❏ The participating municipalities were cooperative and the **project enjoyed political support** from municipalities
- ❏ Difficulties experienced in cooperation with some Project Partners, due to **language barrier** and Partners' **limited experience** with implementing international projects
- ❏ New projects in this field should add a focus on the **involvement of parents and the use of social media and modern information-communication technology** - themes that were not addressed by the ADPY
- ❏ It is very important to choose project partners very wisely in order to ensure **smooth implementation of the project**. This also includes, but is not limited to the **managerial and administrative/financial aspects**



Building capacity in prevention of HIV and associated infections (AI) among youth at high risk

-  The project contributed to building capacity in HIV and AI prevention targeted at adolescents and young people at high risk of getting HIV and AI by **mapping best practices, disseminating them and training professionals**
-  The Project Partners were committed, most of them **rather experienced** with implementing projects and the project benefitted from a **strong methodological leadership**
-  The project **did not enjoy political support** in all countries covered by project activities
-  It is very important to choose project partners very wisely in order to **ensure smooth implementation of the project**. This also includes, but is not limited to the **managerial and administrative/financial aspects**



Northern Dimension Antibiotic Resistance Study (NoDARS)

- ❏ The project aims to provide **more accurate data on antimicrobial resistance levels** in selected locations in each participating country by **collecting and analyzing human biological material**
- ❏ The project is currently under implementation and it is too early to assess its success. **If successful, it will be a substantial contribution towards fighting AMR**, which kills approx. 25,000 people every year in the EU alone
- ❏ We have been able to **address the challenges faced thus far, such as some methodological changes** as compared with the original project application, which was not unexpected since it is hard to foresee all the details in the methodology when many countries are involved
- ❏ It is important to **distribute different tasks within the project (scientific vs. administrative tasks) carefully** and in accordance with each person's **qualifications and experience**



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Thank you!