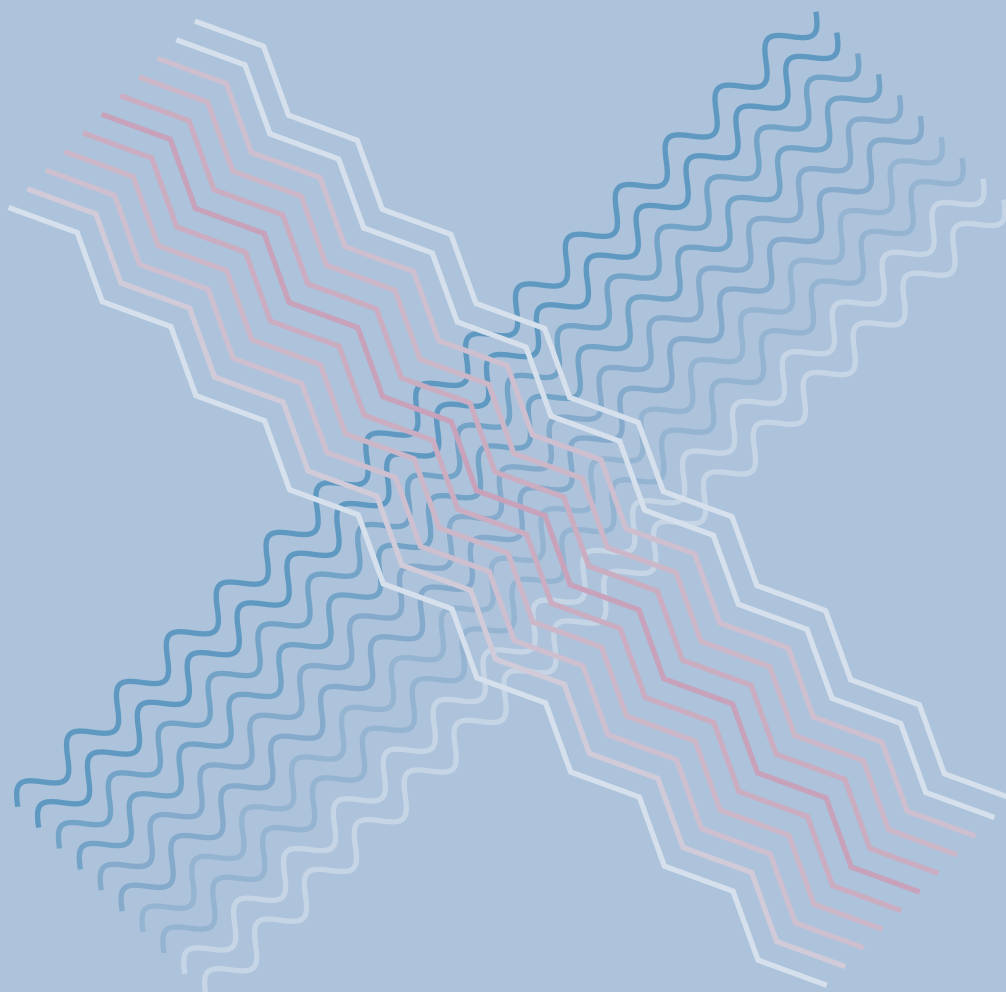


# WORK PLAN 2024

Connecting minds  
for healthy lives



NDPHS

Northern Dimension  
Partnership in Public Health  
and Social Well-being

Adopted by the NDPHS Committee of Senior Representatives on 8 May, 2024.

## List of abbreviations

**CSR** NDPHS Committee of Senior Representatives

**EG** NDPHS Expert Group:

**AMR EG** Expert Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

**ASA EG** Expert Group on Alcohol and Substance Use

**HIV, TB & AI EG** Expert Group on HIV, Tuberculosis and Associated Infections

**NCD EG** Expert Group on Non-Communicable Diseases

**OSH EG** Expert Group on Occupational Safety and Health

**PHC EG** Expert Group on Primary Health Care

**PH EG** Expert Group on Prison Health

**EUSBSR** European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

**NDPHS** Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being

**WHO** World Health Organization

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## Priorities in the second half of 2024

- Emergency preparedness and crisis response
- Ukraine
- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- Continuation of the regular work



## Main activities in the second half of 2024

1. Follow-up and implementing the decisions made during the NDPHS Committee of Senior Representatives meeting regarding the NDPHS collaboration on emergency preparedness and crisis response

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If the funding by the Swedish Institute is granted, start implementing the EPIC (Effectively Prepared in Crisis) project, led by the NDPHS Secretariat.

2. Inviting Ukraine to the relevant NDPHS meetings, facilitate the contacts with Ukrainian partners and seek funding sources for Ukraine's engagement in NDPHS-led activities and projects

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Expert Groups

3. Preparing the Policy Area Health review as an input to the renewal of the EUSBSR Action Plan, in accordance with the instructions received from the Baltic Sea Strategy Point

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4. Representing and promoting the NDPHS at relevant regional events:
  - WHO Regional Committee for Europe (an intervention on the NDPHS' behalf);
  - EUSBSR Annual Forum (a panel discussion organized by the NDPHS).

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## 5. Identifying funding opportunities and development of projects with NDPHS leadership/involvement:

- **Scaling up Arts on Prescription (AoP) concept in the region**  
Submitted application to the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services to transfer the Arts on Prescription concept to Norway, Estonia, and Lithuania.

Norwegian Resource Centre for Arts and Health  
NDPHS Secretariat
- **Arts on Prescription in Ukraine**  
Developing an application to the Swedish Institute to engage Kolomyia City, Ukraine, in the Arts on Prescription project, initiating an exchange of arts and health activities with Ukrainian actors, implementing a pilot program in Ukraine, and developing guidelines for adapting Arts on Prescription programs to the needs of Ukrainian refugees.

Sunderby Folk Highschool (SE)  
Kolomyia City Council (UA)  
West Pomeranian Region (PL)  
NDPHS Secretariat
- **Interreg project platform**  
Developing a concept and application to the Interreg Baltic Sea Region programme to establish a health and social well-being project platform.

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PA Health

## 6. Implementation of projects with NDPHS leadership/involvement according to their individual plans:

- **Arts on Prescription in the Baltic Sea Region**  
Main activities with the NDPHS' participation: continued coordination of the transnational exchange between project partners and external twinning partners; continued analysis of possibilities for integrating AoP in national health care systems.

NDPHS Secretariat
- **LTBI Inventory Study**  
Main activities: data analysis of questionnaire replies, conducting and analyzing of interviews with national experts, writing report of research outcomes.

HIV, TB & AI Expert Group and NDPHS Secretariat
- **MentalHealthMatters**  
Main activities: launch of the English version of the online First-Aid Kit to support small and medium size enterprises in addressing psychosocial risks and taking preventive action; launch of the longlist of needed improvements in (1) OSH policies and regulations, (2) data and knowledge, and (3) education and training related to psychosocial factors in workplaces.

OSH Expert Group and NDPHS Secretariat

- **SAFE (Solutions for age-friendly employer)**

Main activities: project kick-off, with activities such as project communication plan, launching a project web page, and developing a visual identity for the project.

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## **7. Enhanced collaboration with Partner Organizations**

Main activities: Enhancing collaboration and exploring fresh avenues for partnership with Partner Organizations and key regional actors, including the Nordic Council of Ministers, Baltic Sea States Sub-Regional Cooperation, International Organization for Migration, World Health Organization, Barents Euro-Arctic Council's Working Group on Health and Social Issues and Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference.

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## Calendar of events

### January

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16.01.2024. Core

Stockholm, Sweden

**Connecting science and wellbeing: addressing antibiotic resistance through prevention and health promotion**

Thematic side-event of the Partnership Annual Conference.  
By invitation.

17.01.2024. Core

Stockholm, Sweden

**Ministerial-level Partnership Annual Conference**

By invitation.

### March

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12.03.2024. Core

Online

**HIV, TB & AI EG meeting**

By invitation.

13.03.2024. Project related

Online

**Workshop: Creating innovative solutions by engaging in cross-sectoral collaboration in the Baltic Sea region**

Open event.

19.03.2024. Project related

Helsinki, Finland

**3rd Transnational workshop of MentalHealthMatters project**

By invitation.

20.03. to 21.03.2024. Core

Helsinki, Finland

**OSH EG meeting**

By invitation

### April

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08.to 09.04.2024. External

Bodø, Norway

**Barents Euro-Arctic Council's Working Group on Health and Social Issues**

By invitation.



15.04.2024. Project related

Tallinn, Estonia

### **SAFE project kick-off meeting**

By invitation.

## May

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07. to 08.05.2024. Core

Vilnius, Lithuania

### **Meetings of the NDPHS governing bodies - MP, EUSBSR Steering Group, and CSR**

By invitation.

23.05.2024. Core

Online

### **OSH EG meeting**

By invitation.

24.05.2024. Project related

Online

### **4th Transnational workshop of MentalHealthMatters project**

By invitation.

27. to 28.05.2024. Core

Stockholm, Sweden

### **ASA EG meeting**

By invitation.

## June

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12. to 14.06.2024. External

Brussels, Belgium

### **5th EU Macro-Regional and Sea Basin Strategies days**

By invitation.

18. to 19.06.2024. Project related

Norbotten, Sweden

### **AoP meeting**

By invitation.

## August

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25. to 27.08.2024. External

Helsingør, Denmark

### **33rd Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference**

By invitation.

## September

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24.09.2024. Project related

Stockholm, Sweden

### **5th Transnational workshop of MentalHealthMatters project**

By invitation.

24.09.2024. Project related

Stockholm, Sweden

### **Transferability workshop**

By invitation. Partners from several projects with links to NDPHS, with an underlying theme of sustainable working life, will together explore how to facilitate the transfer of innovations from one context to another.

26.09.2024. Core

Stockholm, Sweden

### **OSH EG meeting**

By invitation.

## October

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07. to 10.10.2024. External

Brussels, Belgium

### **22nd European Week of Regions and Cities**

By invitation.

29. to 31.10.2024. External

Copenhagen, Denmark

### **WHO Regional Committee for Europe**

By invitation. Joint NDPHS statement in coordination with the EG-s and CSR.

30. to 31.10.2024. External

Visby, Sweden

### **EUSBSR Annual Forum**

By invitation.

## November

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13. to 15.11.2024. External

Lisbon, Portugal

### **17th European Public Health Conference**

By invitation.

20. to 21.11.2024. Core

Vilnius, Lithuania

### **Meetings of the NDPHS governing bodies MP, EUSBSR Steering Group, and CSR**

By invitation.

28.11.2024. Core

Online

### **OSH EG meeting.**

By invitation.

29.11.2024. Project related

Online

### **Transnational workshop of MentalHealthMatters project**

By invitation.

## To be confirmed

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Project related

In person

### **AoP Partner meeting**

By invitation.

Project related

In person

### **SAFE project workshop**

By invitation.

Project related

In person

### **AoP workshop organized alongside a transnational conference**

By invitation.

Core

In person

### **Meetings of AMR, ASA, HIV, TB & AI, PHC Expert Groups**

By invitation.



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