Baltic Sea OSH Network & Northern Dimension Partnership on Public Health and Social Wellbeing OSH Expert Group

BSN & NDPHS OSH EG

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Symbiosis

**BSN OSH - independent professional network** [http://www.balticseaosh.net/](http://www.balticseaosh.net/)

- The Baltic Sea Network on Occupational Health and Safety (BSN) is a regional network of ten countries around the Baltic Sea. The participants are the occupational health and safety institutions in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Northwest Russia, Norway, Poland, and Sweden. The Network facilitates the exchange of information among the participating countries and offers easy and immediate access to country information in the Baltic Sea region also for users in other countries.

- At the beginning of 2006, closer collaboration with the NDPHS and TG OSH (BSN associated member)

**NDPHS EG OSH** [http://www.ndphs.org/?osh_eg](http://www.ndphs.org/?osh_eg)

- Task/Expert Groups of the NDPHS, set up by the Gov’t/int’l organisations of the Partnership in the field of OSH; experts appointed by Gov’t

- The main role of the Task Group is, through the NDPHS Partners (including international organizations and national authorities) as well as its close links with public health bodies, to contribute to policy formulation on occupational safety and health systems and occupational health services and to strengthening coordination of actions, capacity building, information and promotion of safety, health and social well-being at workplaces (Goal 10 of the EU Baltic Sea Strategy)

- Lifting up OSH higher on the political agenda
EG OSH Members UPDATE!!

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NDPHS Strategy 2014-20

• **VISION 2020**: The NDPHS, as a highly valued and innovative regional network, significantly contributes to the improvement of peoples’ health and social well-being in the ND area.

• **OVERALL OBJECTIVE**: The overall objective of the Partnership is to promote sustainable development in the Northern Dimension area through improving human health and social wellbeing.

• **CROSS-CUTTING OBJECTIVES**
  – Promote cross-sectorial action;
  – Promote the inclusion of vulnerable groups;
  – Promote health equity and social cohesion in all actions;
  – Promote innovative approaches and technologies, such as eHealth;
  – Promote a Health in All Policies approach.
NDPHS Objectives 2014-20

1. Strengthen prevention and reduction of impacts of **HIV**, tuberculosis (TB) and associated infections among key populations at higher risk, including prisoners.  

2. Support the implementation of regional and global strategies and/or action plans to contain **antimicrobial resistance** through intersectoral efforts.

3. Strengthen prevention and reduce impact of **non-communicable diseases (NCDs)** through addressing lifestyle-related risk factors. EG OSH coop?

4. Strengthen and promote multisectoral approaches to reduce social and health harms from **substance abuse**. EG OSH coop?

5. Strengthen the integration and coordination of care and prevention throughout life course at **primary care level**, to adequately address health needs related to chronic conditions and demographic changes. EG OSH coop?

6. **Strengthen occupational health and safety and well-being at work** through information and reporting systems, workplace activities and occupational health services. EG OSH
NDPHS OSH objectives part of EU Baltic Sea strategy Action Plan

Item 6. Strengthen occupational safety and health and well-being at work

a. By contributing to the improvement of working conditions by reducing occupational accidents and diseases through a coordinated national system response, including:

b. tripartite situational occupational safety and health (OSH) analysis for better decision-making basis for addressing OSH challenges;

c. coordinated national policy frameworks for health and safety at work and for the provision of working conditions conducive to health and well-being;

d. coordinated national policy for special national programmes for the development of occupational health services for all working people;

e. higher national commitment to combatting accidents and ill-health at work;

f. strengthened training framework for OSH staff;

g. better practical implementation of policies by improved information dissemination.

http://www.ndphs.org/?eusbsr_introduction
## TG OSH Action plan 2015-2020

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<td>1</td>
<td>Tripartite situational OSH analysis for better decision-making basis for addressing OSH challenges in the Northern Dimension area</td>
<td>No. of countries with developed/ revised national OSH profiles Ratified ILO Conventions</td>
<td>5 countries 4 rat’s</td>
<td>At least 6</td>
<td>National data</td>
<td>Expert-level structures possible depositories: ILO LegOSH, BSN</td>
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<td>No. of countries with developed / updated programme documents</td>
<td>6 countries 1 draft</td>
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<td>Higher national commitment to combatting the most dangerous hazards at work</td>
<td>No. of countries reporting high-risk sector actions/ campaigns</td>
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<td>Strengthened training framework for OHS staff in the Northern Dimension area</td>
<td>No. of organised multi-country events and/or developed curricula</td>
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<td>Better practical implementation of policies by improved information dissemination</td>
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<td>3 Barents Newsletters editions per year</td>
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<td>Each Partner Country EG OSH FIOH TG OSH Action plan 2015-2020</td>
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From past to future

- NDPHS Strategy "Health Work" 2007
- Analysis of the national occupational health systems
- Under-reporting of accidents
- Reporting systems
- Cost of lost labour input
Strengthen occupational health and safety and well-being at work through information and reporting systems, workplace activities and occupational health services.

Work plan (activities) 2016 -2020

Annual events
• EG OSH spring meeting
• Joint BSN Annual Meeting & EG OSH (autumn)
• project meetings
  – RealOcc project (finalised)
  – Work-related diseases (planned for 2017-2018)
  – Arctic working conditions - knowledge network (el newsletters)
  – COST project (networking)
• input to PAC (ministerial conference), when applicable
• conferences: WHO Safety 2016 (successful); World Congress 2017 (Singapore); ICOH Dublin 2018; etc
Workplan in 2017 (1)

• **Work-related & occupational diseases** - 2 year project EU-ENI
  – mapping system, definitions, ”work-relatedness”
  – analysis
  – dissemination

• **Under-reporting** (report ready)
  – FOLLOW-UP
  – report provided to EU DG EMPLOI, ETUI, EUROSTAT, Nordic social partners, presented in SAFETY 2016
  – updating of global estimates (occ accidents, diseases and costs) for Singapore Congress

• **Cost of lost labour input** (report ready, coop with EU OSHA)
  – FOLLOW-UP
  – report provided to EU DG EMPLOI, ETUI, EU OSHA
    • cooperation with EU OSHA project on cost estimates
    • launch in Singapore Congress (ILO, WHO, ICOH, COM, EU OSHA) tentative
  – FI: who is paying, how to cut the easiest 10 %, Return on Investment
Workplan in 2017 (2)

• Qualifications and numbers of national OSH personnel (OH service staff)
  – Develop a project concept (Facilitator ILO/Claude – Timo, Eda, EU/who, ENETOSH {dissemination NIVA?}. Deadline end October, 1,5 page
  – 2. Indicators for quality of OH service?
  – 1. mapping the situation (ratio per workers, lack of staff)
  – 2. Norms/ recommendations; best practices?
  – 3. national training needs, including TofT

• Networking (COST project)
  – aim of project (new draft from Time for circulation; Ivars)
  – enabling of OSH networking

• Awareness & articles in Newsletters (NDPHS, ”Arctic”)
  – NDPHS e-Newsletter
  – ”Arctic” Newsletters
  – Occupational Health and Industrial Ecology (journal), Russia
  – World Congress, Singapore, 3-6 Sept 2017
  – National media

• Funding
  – developing new/follow-up projects
Meetings in 2017

• EG OSH spring meeting (place & time)

• BSN Annual Meeting, 28-30 Sept 2017, St Petersburg

• World Congress 3-6 Sept 2017, Singapore

• BSN Annual Meeting, xx 2018, Riga
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