

Introducing NIJZ and the Project Towards Better Health and Reducing Inequalities in Health

Study visit of representatives of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Slovenia

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Public Health Organisations in Slovenia

- In 2014 public health network undergone the reorganisation by splitting former 10 institutes (one national and nine regional) to two parts and merging it to two National institutes (National Institute of Public Health and National Laboratory for Health, Environment and Food) both with regional units;
- National Institute of Public Health Slovenia – NIJZ: one central unit and nine regional units; 400 employees

NIJZ – Main Roles

- provides data on health and health care;
- monitors and assesses public health;
- recognizes threats to health and draws up measures for their mitigation;
- aims to enhance public health and provide an expert basis for adopting policies favorable to health;
- prepares programs and measures for the prevention of disease;
- follows and assesses the health care system;
- works on the professional development of public health experts, and performs research on public health

- NIJZ successfully led European Partnership for Action against Cancer - EPAAC
- NIJZ has been involved as leading partner in two European Joint Action Projects, PARENT and CANCON
- NIJZ actively contributes to many other EU projects
- NIJZ is an active member in IANPHI

About the Project

- Project Name: Towards Better Health and Reducing Inequalities in Health
- Project Leader: National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ)
- Norwegian Partner: Norwegian Institute of Public Health – FHI
- Duration: 24. 9. 2013 to 30. 4. 2016
- Participants: Slovenian experts in preventive health care, representatives of professional associations and providers of health care services
- Funding: The Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009 – 2014
- Program area: Initiatives for Public Health
- Project type: Pre-defined project

Objectives and outputs

- Overall objective: to reduce life style related chronic diseases with improved (two) preventive programs
- Two key product: an upgraded program of preventive health care for children and adolescents and upgraded model for integrated life style related chronic diseases prevention and management; both with a focus on reducing inequalities

Main Activities

- Needs assessment (with emphasis on the users' perspective)
- New programmes development and modelling
- Preparation of set of indicators and methodology for monitoring and evaluation of preventive programmes
- Piloting of new models
- Pilot evaluation and adaptation of the programmes
- Dissemination of the results and consultation within the broad professional society
- Preparation and implementation of public health courses
- The final report for the MoH with proposals to upgrade the system

Activity	Timeframe
Needs Assessment	Oct 2013 - Jun 2014
Programme Development	Jun 2014 - Jan 2015
Set of Indicators	Jul 2014 - Feb 2016
Piloting	Dec 2014 - Sep 2015
Pilot evaluation and programme adaptation	Aug 2015 - Jan 2016
Results Dissemination	Dec 2015 - Mar 2016
New public Health Courses	Feb 2014 - Mar 2016

- The project is striving for the optimal protection and promotion of health in all population groups;
- It contributes to increasing the quality of life for the disadvantaged population groups;
- The contribution of more than 100 experts offers the opportunity to strengthen the network and to ensure higher acceptability of the proposed changes.