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INTRODUCTION

Dear partners of the Joint Action National Focal Points for Health,

it is both my pleasure and honour to address to you in this very first joint action newsletter.



The notion of Joint Action is simple and clear. It is the essential merge of two basic values.

„Joint“ addressing the togetherness of 21 Member States brought up together and striving for excellence in empowering our network. And on the other hand „Action“ of all of us in achieving the common goal in our 6 work packages.

It is exciting time as we are transferring from one coordinator to another with new expectation for quality leadership and goal-oriented approach. Yet, we are continuing with work that was already done within the management of ISCIII. Now, as we are in the full swing of summer, we are, or so I believe, restoring our energy, to be back on track and rolling in September.

This newsletter, prepared by our Slovakian communication team, is the proof that we are motivated and prepared to deliver the best we can. As that is the essence of every job: to always do better and overrun the hurdles along the way. The process is never flawless. But that is life. It brings both, successes and failures and then it is merely upon us how we tackle what is in front of us, how we embrace it and how we manage even if it seems difficult at times. But difficult does not mean impossible. And that is the approach to be sticking to. Not to let go and manage what comes our way.

I wish us all a wonderful rest of summer days and joyful start of our work in early autumn. We believe that that you will enjoy reading our Newsletter as much as we enjoyed writing it!!!

Warm greetings from the entire Slovakian team in Bratislava,

Zuzana Matlonova

VENICE CONFERENCE



On May 16–17, 2022, Executive Committee and External Advisory Board Meeting was held in Venice, Italy.

Participants in the two-day seminar gained knowledge about the Joint Action NFP4Health work packages' activities and outcomes. Participants had finally the opportunity to meet in person and share knowledge and experience as this was the Joint Action's first face-to-face gathering.



MAIN TOPIC AND THE OUTCOMES

During the meeting each work package described its state of the art and ongoing activities.

ProMIS, who is responsible for preparing the amendment documentation, presented the respective modifications, whose adoption has been implemented in the following weeks.

Parameters, that would need to be changed, are the project's coordination, its duration by 4 months, its budget and the delivery dates for its milestones and deliverables.

The project's visual identity was unveiled, consisting of a logo, letterheads, a PPT template, a deliverables template, and an agenda template. The project participants were shown the project website in its first layout that will serve as a vital information hub for information on the EU4Health programme, joint action's materials, presentations and deliverables.

Finally a training program including online and in-person meetings to improve the technical and interpersonal abilities of NFPs and potential stakeholders was introduced.

WORK PACKAGES NEWS



WP 1: PROJECT COORDINATION



Work Package 1 is aimed at ensuring that the JA reaches its objectives, in the given contractual timeframe and budget.

In particular, from the beginning of the project, basic protocols for smart project management and reporting have been set up.

Furthermore, in order to anticipate the potential deviations from the work plan and take action in advance,

a frequent monitoring and internal communication among partners back-to-back to the Communication WP will be implemented. The coordination team will be responsible for establishing an efficient and smooth communication channel among the JA consortium and EU Executive Agency and EC.

Finally, WP1 aims to comply with the mandatory requirements in terms of reporting, submission of deliverables and other administrative and legal aspects.

What WP "news" would you like to share with us?

The first Executive Committee and External Advisory Board meeting was held the last 16th and 17th May in Venice.

"Ensuring the JA NFP4Health reaches its objectives, in the given contractual timeframe and budget."

WP 2: COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

WP2 aims to communicate and disseminate results and deliverables of the Joint Action, using appropriate dissemination channels. WP2 is responsible for identifying all relevant internal and external stakeholders and cover their communication preferences in Dissemination strategy.

What do you find the most interesting topic /part of WP?

The most interesting and the hardest part is to know the audience and their needs. A lot depends on the structure of our stakeholders – their characteristics e.g. education, age or profession. Based on that we have to look for appropriate dissemination channels.

What are the biggest challenges for your WP in next period of time?

Our biggest challenge is to make our new website interesting for everyone. It is a crucial dissemination channel and therefore it needs to be interesting for all stakeholders.

What WP "news" would you like to share with us?

We are happy and proud to launch our new social network accounts - LinkedIn (NFP4Health) and Twitter (NFP4Health). Do not hesitate and click to follow.

"Every act of communication is a miracle of translation."
Ken Liu



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WP 3: EVALUATION

WP3 is focused on evaluation of the compliance of the project process and assessing that the JA NFP4Health reaches its specific objectives as well as accomplishes the impact in three levels: EU4Health programme implementation, NFPs capability and participation of stakeholders.

What do you find the most interesting topic /part of WP?

Project deviation can be a pretty common issue, and this can be even more frequent issue in large projects. But it does not mean it should be simply accepted as it is. A continuous evaluation and assessment will reveal possible deviations with respect to the original plan which allows us to make decisions and establish a series of corrective and preventive actions to revert those situations.



"If you cannot measure it,
you cannot improve it."
Lord Kelvin

What are the biggest challenges for your WP in next period of time?

Our major challenge is being able to reach a wide number of stakeholders and obtain an accurate and trustworthy opinion to assess the real impact of the JA.

What WP "news" would you like to share with us?

We are very enthusiastic about the launching the First KPI Collection Survey, as part of the evaluation implementation, because it will give us an updated vision on how the project is going. The results will be shared with the rest of partners at the end of July, so that way every Work Package will have a common vision on the project's progress.

WP 4: SUSTAINABILITY OF ACTION AND INTEGRATION IN NATIONAL POLICIES

By finding an agreement on minimum common standards and leveraging the synergies, WP4 is focused on defining the role profiles and activities of the National Focal Points in order to support the implementation of the EU4Health Programme at national level, with a view to sustainability.



What do you find the most interesting topic /part of WP?

Supporting the implementation of the EU4Health Programme at national level.

What are the biggest challenges for your WP in next period of time?

Finding a balance between common standards and complementarity.

What WP "news" would you like to share with us?

D 4.2 - Interim Report on NFPs Organizational models.

"Create a sustainable network of NFPs to facilitate the transition to the EU4Health Programme for all Member States."

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WP 5: SUPPORT SYNERGIES WITH OTHER HEALTH-RELATED EU FUNDS/PROGRAMMES

"To help foster sustainable national ecosystems for synergies and to empower NFPs and applicants in creating actions that address European and national health objectives."

WP 5 aims to contribute to strengthening of national networks and knowledge management structures for better utilization of synergies between health-related EU funding at implementation level. Based on mapping of existing interactions between NFPs and on current national strategies we will develop and disseminate a set of recommendations for NFPs. We also aim to create fora for exchange of best practices in series of events and workshop activities.

What do you find the most interesting topic /part of WP?

Gaining an overview of this broad scope of programmes can be challenging for individual actors, and bringing synergies depends also on strong interactions at national level. We see the challenge and opportunity in this ecosystem of synergies, and hope to play a part in helping NFPs to navigate it.

What are the biggest challenges for your WP in next period of time?

A challenge for the work package lies in the fact that strategies to enhance synergies at implementation level remain a strictly national purview, and cannot be directly influenced by the WP5 team through the Joint

Action. We hope to provide support to NFPs to enhance interactions with other programmes at national level.

What WP "news" would you like to share with us?

We are happy to share that the 'Survey to assess national networks' was recently launched to all participating NFPs, and marks the start of assessment activities. The survey will collect information on the interactions between EU4Health NFPs and their counterparts of other relevant EU funds and programmes, and will be analysed in order to identify emerging strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities.

WP 6: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

With the aim to support equal opportunities to access to the EU4Health Programme for all Member States, WP6 will reinforce knowledge and skills of NFPs, with a view to synergies offered by other EU health-related instruments. Activities include training and twinning programs, the creation of an interactive platform to share good practices and tools between NFPs, the implementation of co-creation labs to support pilot projects on mixed funds.

"Peer-to-peer learning to accelerate transition to the new EU4Health Programme"

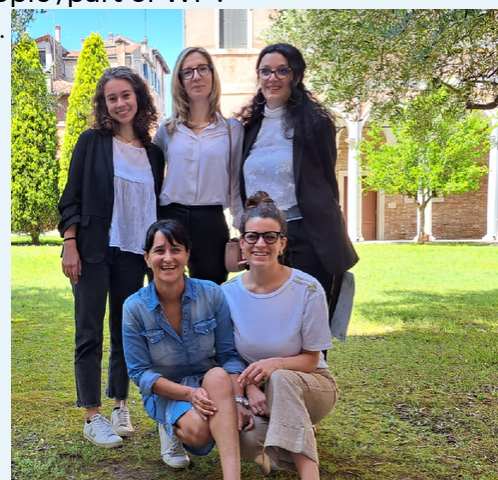
What do you find the most interesting topic /part of WP?

Working both on technical and soft skills. What are the biggest challenges for your WP in next period of time?

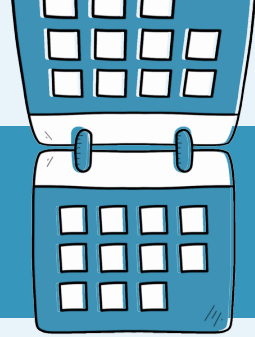
Enabling a sustainable mutual learning experience among NFPs and stakeholders.

What WP "news" would you like to share with us?

In the framework of the WP6 Training Activities, the first two appointments have been held. The first webinar "EU4Health Grants" held on the last 28th April provided NFPs and stakeholders with a general overview of the EU4Health grants, with a specific focus on the management and financial aspects. The second webinar "Action Grants for EU4Health", held on the last 24th May, provided NFPs and stakeholders with a general overview of the EU4Health Action grants, with a specific focus on the management. The events are available on the [ProMIS YouTube channel](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS



Release of the Project Leaflet
July 2022



Meeting:
Physical Consortium Meeting
(update among partners)
16 September 2022
Brussels

Webinar: EU4Health Tenders –
Presentation of Calls for Tenders
20 September 2022
Online

TWO Sessions:
Evaluation of the progress
and status of tasks,
deliverables and milestones
June & November 2022
Online

Meeting:
Executive Committee
Open to the entire Consortium
every four months
Online

Training: Direct Grants of EU4Health
15 November 2022
Online
Presentation of “direct grant” instrument

Training: Module 1 - EU4HEALTH
(Technical/Soft Skills)
1st Edition
10/11 October 2022
Rome - Italy
*limited to NFP4Health group

Training: Module 1 - EU4HEALTH
(Technical/Soft Skills)
2d Edition
21/22 November
Vienna - Austria
*limited to NFP4Health group

*webinars will be recorded and made available for partners' communication channels

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