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Scope and Purpose for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the JA PreventNCD

Katowice June 16-18, 2025

It is already more than a year ago since we had the formal Kick-off meeting of the JA PreventNCD in Oslo. Now we are planning for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the JA PreventNCD consortium to take place in Katowice mid-June. A tremendous amount of work has taken place since the start of the project, and the Katowice event will provide an opportunity to share and review progress to date and to discuss fundamental public health issues that challenge us across work packages. For each one of us, it offers an opportunity to network and get to know partners and colleagues within the consortium.

This two-day meeting (Monday-Tuesday) will in part overlap with the 2nd Meeting of the Consortium on Cancer and other NCDs Prevention (“EU-CCP”) which will take place Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday – see below.

Aims and purpose of the meeting

The Annual Meeting takes place just as all partners have reported on the technical (work performed) and financial (resources spent) progress of the project, a report that is due to the European Commission as of June 30th. Thus, the meeting offers an excellent opportunity to take toll where we are in terms of our contribution to the overall objectives:

- improve joint capacities of MSs to plan and implement prevention policies and activities at national, regional, and local levels
- improve the monitoring system for NCDs and their common risk factors
- contribute to reduced inequalities in NCDs
- engage with key actors in the field of NCD prevention, including decision makers, civil society organizations, professionals, the general population, and patients’ groups to facilitate cooperation and joint efforts.

By bringing together colleagues across work packages and the more than 100 partners involved in JA PreventNCD, the **aims of the meeting** are to contribute to develop effective collaboration within the project, promote high scientific quality and relevance of our work, ensure project coherence and common understanding of project objectives, and to facilitate open discussions of the status of our work, including challenges and opportunities.

Topics to be included:

The program is not finalized, but the following topics are being discussed as part of plenary or parallel sessions:

- Health inequalities in Europe; what works to reduce them and how does JA PreventNCD ensure equity perspectives are maintained throughout our work
- Best practices and pilot actions in JA PreventNCD – collaboration on implementation, monitoring, evaluation and sustainability
- Country capacities for NCD monitoring and prevention – results from the mapping survey and the benefits and opportunities of a WHO collaboration
- Investigating corporate political activities in relation to tobacco and nutrition policies – how to address and increase awareness of the commercial determinants of health?
- Promoting health literacy and reaching individuals at risk, including through risk-stratified and personalized prevention
- Securing end-user involvement, youth engagement and an effective stakeholder forum to strengthen our work and ensure sustainability

Who should attend?

This meeting is open to all partners of the JA PreventNCD consortium, including associate partners. Invitations are directed to, in particular but not limited to, colleagues with a leading role in tasks, subtasks, pilots or other key activities, as well as members of our External Expert Advisory Board.

Why should you attend?

The meeting will offer several opportunities for engagement and discussions, including:

- Meeting and discussing with fellow Consortium participants *in-person!*
- Learning about early project results and their implications – aiming for *high reach!*
- Thinking together about ways to keep public health on the political agenda despite an unsettled (and unsettling!) political landscape
- Engaging in open and honest discussions of how to deal with key challenges in our project, such as:
 - mainstreaming health equity perspectives
 - promoting quality implementation and impact of pilot actions
 - ensuring sustainability of project outcomes
 - aligning our efforts with policy priorities for larger impact
- Exploring the potential for larger impact by working together in Joint Actions – dialogue with sister Joint Action projects and Action Grants

2nd Meeting of the Consortium on Cancer and other NCDs Prevention (“EU-CCP”)

Except for the opening session (Tuesday June 17; 14:00-15:30 CET which is by invitation only), this meeting is also open to all participants of the JA PreventNCD Annual Meeting. This included the evening session and working dinner Tuesday, as well as the sessions Wednesday. Please see the draft program for further details.

Note:

In the JA PreventNCD Grant Agreement and Consortium Agreement, this annual consortium event is referred to as the ‘General Assembly’ (GA). Due to the full meeting schedule in Katowice, the formal GA part where partners are represented and asked to vote on issues brought to them by the Executive Committee, will be conducted as an on-line meeting on May 14th, 2025.