Moving forward prevention and promotion

Lessons from day 1:

"the sky is the limit"

The process

- WHO Conference: PH approach to MH

- European Commission:
  - Support implementation (as called for)
  - Green Paper within its competencies

The process

- Green paper:
  $\Rightarrow$ Consultation and recommendations $\Rightarrow$

- EU Strategy on MH (which might):
  $\Rightarrow$ EC Council recommendations
  $\Rightarrow$ Co-operation at Community level
  $\Rightarrow$???

This meeting

As Part of a Broader CONSULTATION:

- To feedback on promotion and prevention areas developed in the Green Paper

- To identify new areas to recommend for the EU Strategy (prevention – promotion)

Process:

- 3 groups: aimed to capture the different concerns and angles

On the basis of day 1:

I. Reflections on yesterday's discussion

II. Reflections on other issues and "what next"

Discussion points: 5 main areas

Rich discussion similar across the 3 groups, including issues of today's discussion

1. Framework (General Background)
2. Indicators - Determinants
3. Actions - Implementation
4. Monitoring - Evaluation
5. Sectors - Stakeholders

In the scope of moving from the Green Paper towards the Strategy

- Points highlighted (also in green paper)

- New issues (to recommend for strategy?)

- Areas not commented (in green paper)

1. Framework

Highlighted issues (also in Green Paper)

- Public health approach
- Clarification of Concepts: positive mh

New issues (recommended for strategy?)

- Mental Health and Mental Illness
- Share needs – feedback mechanism: policy making, research and implementation

2. Indicators-determinants

Highlighted issues (also in Green Paper)

- Lack of indicators and longitudinal data
- Burden mental ill health for other sectors
- Data across countries is available partly, is not comparable and is discontinuous

New issues

- Information fits needs of policy makers

3. Action - Implementation

Highlighted issues (also in Green Paper)

- Vulnerable groups: negative labelling
- Migration, employment: link to other sectors
- Need for tailored strategies

New issues

- Need to tackle funding mechanisms
- Need for effective management
- Country differences: learn but not replicate
- Need knowledge on how to implement

4. Monitoring-Evaluation

Highlighted issues (also in Green Paper)

- Assessment of the status quo
- Support the evaluation of policies and MHIA

New issues

- Support evaluating ongoing action
- Develop methods for "multi-sectoral" evaluation
- New knowledge: feedback-improve existing initiatives

5. Sectors and stakeholders

Highlighted issues (also in Green Paper)
- Engage all relevant other sectors
- Lisbon agenda, social cohesion,

New issues (recommend for strategy?)
- Partnership development across the political spectrum

What the EC could do:

Indicators

- Develop indicators (+mh) and data collection systems that are comparable and sustained

Research and Monitoring, SUPPORT:

- Evaluation of ongoing and new implementation, and impact of tailoring
- Monitoring of action in Europe
- Evaluation of policies and MHIA

What the EC could do:

Sectors and Stakeholders

- Support across sectors by reaching out to its different DGs

- Legislation: link to other articles

- Mainstream into other EU strategies

Some issues not commented on

- Action areas/implementation
  - green paper, background papers
  - do we want topic areas in the Strategy?

- How abstract or concrete should the Strategy be?

- What is needed for prioritising: conceptual or pragmatic approach?

II. Reflections on other issues and "what next"

Reflections on the process

- Understanding and learning the EC processes, instruments and the consequences of the outcomes

- Some issues are one person's views, some are agreed in group discussion

- How could we support and ensure the dialogue between the 3 groups?

What else would we want in the EU Strategy?

➢ Inter-sectorality: Much more prominence in the Strategy

➢ Training and support of professionals
➢ Development of infrastructures
➢ Reliable-integrative information systems
➢ Support and sustainability

"How far could we go?"

What about after the Strategy?

- Monitor impact of its implementation
- EC Council Recommendations
- Integrate with some EU directive?
- Other sectors: open method of co-ordination?
- Sustainability of platforms of dialogue