



Minutes of the Synopsis-Meeting WORKHEALTH

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Actions to be taken

Welcome of Participants and Minutes of the Start up-Meeting

The co-ordinators welcome all participants (see annex 1). Some project partners are not able to attend the meeting (Marc De Greef, Montserrat García-Goméz); for other countries (France, Portugal) possibly new project partners will have to be identified.

The minutes of the last meeting are accepted without changes. All actions which had to be taken have been carried out in the meantime.

The agenda is explained and adopted without changes. However, during the course of the meeting, some deviation from the original agenda occurred.

All documents referred to in these minutes are provided as annexes.

Topic 1: Status of Work and Objectives of the Meeting (for slides see annex 2)

Work done & timetable: Work package 1 ("status on indicators") which was about reviewing the literature and preparing a synopsis ends with this meeting, while work package 2 ("supplementing indicators") now begins. The project is very good in time compared with the original work plan.

Background activities:

Financial Affairs:

Contracts have been placed with most partners by now and the first instalment is on its way.

Our arrangement concerning the flights (avoiding meetings at the weekends and therefore not being able to use apex fares) has been accepted by the Commission on condition that all in all, no more money is needed – that means, somewhere else money has to be saved. With regard to the merging of two satellite workshops, this seems to be feasible at the moment.

Cooperative Partners:

With some partners, it has been not been completely unproblematic to establish a solid communication. With regard to France and Portugal, the project partners who were foreseen for the project are not able to take part any more and new partners have to be identified; for France, a new contact has been established already.

International Contacts:

To achieve an awareness of the WORKHEALTH-activities, email communication has been established to a number of international institutions, for example WHO, NIOSH, ILO, and Eurostat.

Co-ordinators' Meeting in Luxembourg (March 2003):

The new Public Health Programme was presented. This as well as the work plans for 2003 and 2004 and the respective call for proposals can be accessed from the new website at the European Commission.

Wolfgang Boedeker:

identify new project partners

all:

provide co-ordinators with names for project partners

Objectives of the meeting

For the objectives of the meeting please see respective slide.

Topic 2: Synopsis of work-related health monitoring

(for slides see annex 2)

Julia Kreis presents the synopsis of work-related health monitoring. The participants suggest to think about including the OECD indicators and considering the experiences made by WHO with the Healthy Cities-project. Further suggestions refer to changes in the illustration "Integration" and have been incorporated in the respective slide.

The participants consider it as useful to disseminate the draft document, for example as a link from the websites of the WHO Collaborating Centers and ENWHP. The discussion about the dissemination is picked up again at the end of the workshop (see Topic 5).

Topic 3: Framework for work-related health monitoring from a public health perspective

(for slides see annex 2)

Wolfgang Boedeker introduces a model for work-related health monitoring from a public health perspective which is based on the WHO-definition of public health and contains three pillars "preventing diseases", "prolonging life" and "promoting health". Also the scope of work-related health monitoring from a public health perspective is presented and agreed on by the participants.

A lively and very constructive discussion evolves around the presented model and the linkage to the new Public Health Programme. As an additional input the ECHI project and its user-windows approach in particular is introduced by the co-ordinators.

A new model for work-related health monitoring is proposed by Richard Wynne. The version finally agreed on by all participants and its implications for the further proceeding in the project is described in annex 3.

Topic 4: Group Work – Further input for Satellite Workshops

The new model of work-related health monitoring from a public health perspective is again outlined by Richard Wynne and briefly discussed. Wolfgang Boedeker introduces a matrix which illustrates the envisaged final structure of the WORKHEALTH indicator set which is agreed on by the participants. Also the differentiation between generic and operational is presented and briefly discussed. A new version of the matrix – adapted to the new policy model – is provided in annex 4.

The participants work in three groups representing the future satellite workshops (Labour Inspectorate, Social Insurance and Public Health & OSH) and discuss an example for the model from their professional perspective, the further proceeding with respect to the satellite

workshops and a proposal for the structure of satellite workshop-reports provided by Eleftheria Lehmann. The examples are, as far as they are helpful for understanding the model, worked in to the description of the model in annex 3.

The organisers Eleftheria Lehman for the Labour Inspectorate-satellite and Sisko Bergendorff for the Social Insurance-satellite point out that they do not need any further input from the co-ordinators for preparing their workshops. Karl Kuhn and Dimitra Triantafyllou for the Public Health & OSH-workshop ask the co-ordinators to prepare an overview of what issues are covered by the Dublin Foundation and the State of OSH-report – as a supplement for the ECHI-list.

All participants agree that an exhaustive overview of all indicators of all existing monitoring is not necessary for the further proceeding in the project. Instead, the co-ordinators will prepare a list of policy domains (e.g., health inequality, social inclusion) which are important to consider as an input for all satellite workshops and distribute them to all project partners.

The structure for the satellite workshop-reports provided by Eleftheria Lehmann is welcomed and shall be used as a guideline for all satellites. It is further suggested to add ideas for user-windows in the report.

Co-ordinators:
compile an overview of issues covered by Dublin Foundation and Bilbao Agency

Co-ordinators:
compile a list of policy domains

Topic 5: Miscellaneous

Dissemination of the synopsis:

Before the synopsis is going to be disseminated, chapter 4 will be revised and the new model incorporated, as well as some changes in the figure “Integration” in chapter 3. It will also be pointed out in the document that it is a first draft and discussion paper; the members of the project group will be listed and chapter 5 be deleted.

A short discussion evolves around the paragraph “What is our understanding of work?” in the synopsis (draft 1.0, p. 56). Obviously, there is no agreement on this point at the time being. It is decided to leave the paragraph like it is for now, as it in its present form still allows for different interpretations. A joint answer will have to be found in the further course of the project.

Co-ordinators:
revise synopsis

Date for Public Health satellite workshop:

It has been agreed to merge the Public Health and the OSH satellites; the combined workshop will take place on October 6-7 (two full days) – possibly on Crete. The original date for the Public Health satellite (June 9th 2003) will therefore not be made use of.

Final workshop:

Possibly the final workshop (14.-15.06.2004) will overlap with the ENWHP meeting in Dublin. However, it might be attractive to link our final workshop with the ENWHP meeting. This will be checked with Gregor Breucker (Chair of ENWHP).

Co-ordinators:
check date and possibility for linkage with ENWHP meeting

Glossary:

The participants have received a glossary of relevant terms for our project. They are invited to comment on it. The need for an extension with respect to the new aspects that have been worked out at this meeting is foreseeable.

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