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## Mission of Research Program:

The HITT-CIS Research program is:

1. International scientific research co-operation between CIS countries, EU countries and Canada
2. Interdisciplinary scientific research co-operation between disciplines in Health Sciences, Economic Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences
3. Over-time scientific research co-operation in period 2000 - 2013 between scientific institutions in Commonwealth of Independent States and European Union
4. International scientific research co-operations between Universities, Academies of Science and independent research centres and private research companies
5. International capacity building for comparative research of health transitions, economic transitions and social transitions

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## Mission of Research Program I:

The HITT-CIS Research program is:

1. International scientific research co-operation between countries from the Former Soviet Union, EU countries and Canada:

Eastern Europe:

Belarus [1], Russian Federation [2], Ukraine [3], Moldova [4]

Southern Caucasus:

Georgia [5], Armenia [6], Azerbaijan [7]

Central Asia:

Kazakhstan [8], Kyrgyzstan [9]

Western Europe:

Austria [10], United Kingdom [11] + Canada [12]

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## Mission of Research Program II:

The HITT-CIS Research program is:

2. Interdisciplinary scientific research co-operation between disciplines in Health Sciences, Economic Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences

Cross-disciplinary co-operation between many academic subjects:

Public Health Science [1], Health Policy research [2], Demography [3], Sociology of Health [4], Sociology of Transition [5], Economic Sociology [6], Micro-Economics [7], Macro-Economics [8], Public Policy Analysis [9], History [10]

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## Mission of Research Program III:

The HITT-CIS Research program is:

3. Over-time scientific research co-operation in period 2000 - 2013 between scientific institutions in Commonwealth of Independent States and European Union

The successful HITT Research Team from 12 countries is working together already since 2000, since more than a decade.

The first International Research Program with the same mission and goals took place between 2000 and 2003 in terms of fieldwork and primary research and between 2004 and 2008 in terms of analysis and publications.

The International Research Team published 4 books and around 30 articles in scientific journals worldwide in many languages.

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## TRANSITION FROM LLH TO HITT-CIS

**2000 – 2003:**

**International Research Program LLH“**

*Living Conditions, Lifestyles and Health“* <http://www.llh.at>

**2004 – 2008:**

**Analysis and Publications from LLH**



**2009 – 2013**

**International Research Program HITT - CIS**

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## Mission of Research Program IV:

The HITT-CIS Research program is:

4. International scientific research co-operations between Universities, Academies of Science and independent research centres and private research companies.

The HITT-CIS Team is a productive and effective collaboration between University of London, University of Aberdeen, Belarus State University, M.V.Lomonosov State University in Moscow, University of Kharkov and the Armenian Academy of Sciences in Erevan.

With independent research centres such as Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, East Ukrainian Foundation for Social Research, Open Health Institute in Moscow, Curatio Foundation in Tbilisi

With private research companies such as Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation, Opinia and Concluzia Prim in Chisinau, CIOM in Almaty and GORBI in Tbilisi and SIAR in Baku.

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## Mission of Research Program V:

The HITT-CIS Research program is:

5. International capacity building for comparative research of health transitions, economic transitions and social transitions

In the period between 2000 and 2011 the HITT-CIS Research Team has involved several hundred scientists, researchers, technicians, interviewers, translators, media and dissemination experts and project administrators across 9 countries in the CIS Region.

An important part of the mission of this research program was the training and education of young scholars and academicians in form of summer schools, seminars, training events, workshops and annual research program meetings in Yalta.

All partners have developed a high and excellent capacity to design and implement world-class primary research in the many academic disciplines involved in it.

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## CORE AIMS OF RESEARCH PROGRAM

TRANSITIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN CIS IN PERIOD 2001 AND 2011

DIMENSIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH BETWEEN 2001 AND 2011

DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND DISEASE BETWEEN 2001 AND 2011

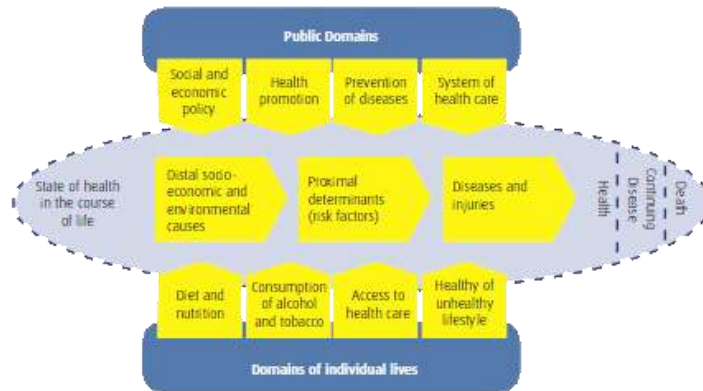
CHALLENGES FOR HEALTH POLICY IN CIS RESULTING FROM HITT-CIS STUDY

PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH POLICY REFORM



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### Dimensions and Determinants of Health and Disease



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## 2010 – 2011: HITT – CIS SURVEY

Survey study with 18,000 face-to-face interviews in national samples:

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Belarus            | N = 1,800 interviews in April / May 2010 |
| 2. Russian Federation | N= 3,000 interviews in April/ May 2010   |
| 3. Ukraine            | N= 2,000 interviews in April/May 2010    |
| 4. Moldova            | N= 1,800 interviews in April/May 2010    |
| 5. Georgia            | N= 2,200 interviews in May/June 2010     |
| 6. Armenia            | N= 1,800 interviews in May/June 2010     |
| 7. Azerbaijan         | N= 1,800 interviews in June/July 2010    |
| 8. Kazakhstan         | N= 1,800 interviews in April/May 2010    |
| 9. Kyrgyzstan         | N= 1,800 interviews in April/May 2011    |

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## Survey Dimensions

- LIVING CONDITIONS
- work
- housing
- Economic conditions
- Social conditions
- household & family
- social capital

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## Survey Dimensions

- LIFE STYLES
- healthy life-style
- unhealthy life-style
- diet & nutrition
- consumption of alcohol
- consumption of tobacco
- exercise & sport

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## Survey Dimensions

- HEALTH AND ILLNESS
  - past illnesses and diseases
  - current illnesses and diseases
  - chronic illnesses
  - critical events in life
- HEALTH CARE
  - Access to health
  - experiences with health care institutions

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## 2011 – 2012: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

### **Community Profiles (2010-2011)**

Visual and textual profiles of neighbourhoods of selected survey sampling points.

### **Focus Groups**

Young people (18-25 years)  
 Middle-aged women & men (35-55 years)  
 Affluent areas of capital cities  
 Poor area in rural countryside

### **Rapid Appraisal of Health Care Delivery**

Case study of diabetic care  
 Analysis of policies  
 Analysis of service delivery

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## **2012 – 2013: HEALTH POLICY DEBATE**

**Presentation of Research Results from 2009-2012 to stakeholders and actors in health policy**

**Health Ministers and top-level politicians**

**Health Officials and top-level civil servants from the health sector**

**Employees in Health sector, such as medical Doctors and Nurses**

**Patients and patient groups as users and clients of health care system**

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## **2013: HEALTH POLICY REFORM**

**Presentation of proposals to improve the health care sector in particular and public health in general.**

**Top-level conference in order to discuss and publish a catalogue of short-terms measures, mid-term improvements and long-term reforms of public health in the area of CIS.**

**Publication of HITT-CIS CONCLUSIONS**

**'HEALTH IN TIMES OF TRANSITION:  
From Health Research to Health Policy.**

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