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Health in Times
of Transition

An international research project
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First General Assembly of the HITT-CIS research consortium

(kick-off meeting) // 20-23 September 2009 // Vienna

Sunday 20 September

Afternoon: Third meeting of the HITT-CIS Executive Committee

Monday 21 September

Morning: Public Plenary Opening of the HITT-CIS research project

Afternoon: Working sessions

Tuesday 22 September

Whole day: Working sessions

Evening: Initialization of the HITT-CIS Consortium Agreement

Wednesday 23 September

Morning: Concluding meeting of the HITT-CIS ExecCom

Afternoon: Working meetings and consultations

Logistics details...

- Check microphones, headphones, translation service, etc.
- Technical and human support: COPYING, INTERNET, DOCTORS, GOOD MOOD etc.:
Bianca Brandl, Anna Staudinger, Nadine Kraler and other members of IHS team
- Two morning sessions on Monday 21 September 2009 are PUBLIC
- Lunch on Monday 21 September at the IHS (catering) 13:30 to 15:00
is OPEN to all conference participants and guests 😊
- Starting from the THIRD Session (21 Sept., 15:00) till NINETH Session
(22 Sept. 18:00), the conference is open
ONLY FOR PROJECT MEMBERS AND INVITED EXPERTS ☹
- HOWEVER:
everyone, who is now in the room, as well as their accompanying persons are
CORDIALLY WELCOME to join us tonight at the friendly dinner starting from 19:00 at
the restaurant “Gaumenspiel”: Zieglergasse 54, 1070 Vienna 😊
- AND EVEN MORE: 😊
we are HAPPY TO INVITE YOU to celebrate with us the initialization of the HITT-CIS
Consortium Agreement and the closure of the meeting on Tues., 22 Sept. starting
from 18:30 – there will be a small reception at the IHS inner yard (Stumpergasse 56)



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Project goal

HITT-CIS is a detailed study of trends in population health and health policies in 10 countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

Project's primary goal is :

to achieve the better understand of long-term trends of population health as a consequence of socioeconomic transitions, with a focus on lifestyle-related issues.

Project facts (1)

HITT-CIS is

- an international research project
- funded by the 7th Framework Program of the European Commission (FP7)
- implemented in 2009 – 2013 by a consortium of 13 teams from 9 countries
- an expanded follow-up of an earlier project "*Living Conditions, Lifestyles and Health*" (www.llh.at) implemented in 2000 – 2003 by the same core consortium



Project facts (2)

HITT-CIS project is shaped around the “Lucky 13”
(...This is just a coincidence, we have not really planned that...)

There are THREE *magic dozens* throughout the project structure:

- 13 partners build up the HITT-CIS consortium
- 13 countries are involved into the study (10 CIS + UK + AT + Canada)
- 13 work packages constitute the project's working programme

⇒ Thus, we have a CUBICAL THIRTEEN ($3 * 13$)
penetrating all our efforts during the next four years
of project implementation.

*Let's be strong, efficient and HEALTHY to sustain the challenge
and make the project a true success story!*

Addressing stakeholders – whom, why and how

HITT-CIS brings concrete benefits by

- providing recommendations to improve public health policies and interacting with national and international stake-holders
- disseminating findings within each country and to EU policymakers and international researchers
- capacity building through training of researchers
- identifying policy implications based upon research evidence

Geographical scope

- large scale survey in 10 countries (19.000 respondents, 100 formalized questions)
- community profiles in survey regions
- expert interviews, media analysis, focus groups, etc.

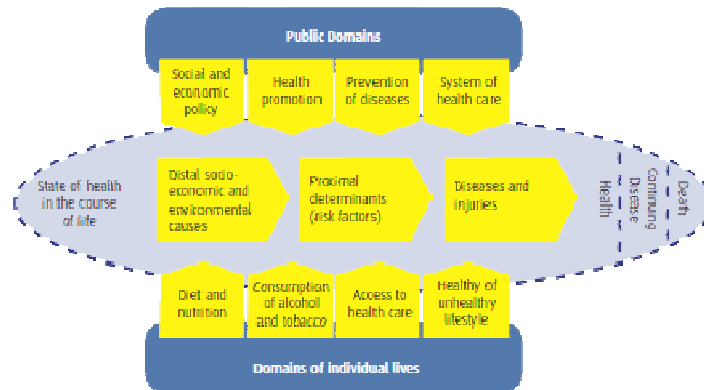


Overall strategy

- The study combines specialist expertise in public health with epidemiological and social science methods.
- Public health experts identify key areas relevant to policy and define areas for research, while the social scientists develop and refine a wide range of sociological measurement tools and techniques.
- This combination will provide new insights into an under-researched but extremely important issue.



Conceptual model of the determinants of health and disease



Research objectives

- Measure and explain the prevalence and distribution of risk factors, health outcomes, and their social, cultural, and economic determinants
- Develop and implement validated community profiles to capture the opportunities and obstacles to leading a healthy lifestyle (in relation to diet, alcohol, smoking)
- Assess health system performance, focusing on accessibility and quality of health services
- Quantify the cost of ill health through reduced labour supply and productivity
- Identify opportunities for and obstacles to policy change (alcohol and tobacco) in Russia
- Market analysis (alcohol & tobacco)
- Regional analysis in Ukraine

Research consortium

1. Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria
2. University of Aberdeen, UK
3. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
4. Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation, Canada
5. Open Health Institute, Moscow, Russia
6. Curatio International Foundation, Georgia
7. Center for Survey Methodology “Concluzia Prim”
8. Center for Sociological Studies MGU, Russia
9. State Institute of Management and Social Technologies of Belarusian State University, Belarus
10. East-Ukrainian Foundation for Social Research, Ukraine
11. Opinia – Independent Sociological and Information Service, Moldova
12. Center for Study of Public Opinion, Kazakhstan
13. GORBI Gallup International, Georgia

Thank you for your attention!