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Strengthening Governance for NCD Prevention: Integrating Insights from JA PreventNCD and Invest4Health into the Swiss Slovak Health Framework.

Pre-conference workshop on 9 September 2026

A Joint Strategic Event by the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of investments, regional development and informatization of the Slovak republic and EuroHealthNet.

Registration: no fee (seats are limited)

In a strategic collaboration, the Ministry of Health (MoH) of the Slovak Republic and EuroHealthNet are joining forces to advance innovative public health solutions. This workshop serves as a platform to showcase international evidence and tools for interprofessional collaboration in health promotion and disease prevention. A core focus will be on governance for the prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and exploring innovative financing models to ensure long-term sustainability. Together, we will envision a new era of European health promoting health systems: those that are inclusive, integrated, and designed to adapt to evolving community needs and demographic changes. By focusing on governance at international and (sub)national levels, resource allocation and tailored access, the session will use shared dialogue and group reflection to transform best practices into an actionable prevention framework.

Through presentations, dialogue, and group reflection, we will explore:

- **Health in All Policies (HiAP): Strengthening intersectoral and regional cooperation to create environments that naturally enable and support healthy behaviours.**
- **Investing in Health: Leveraging financial mechanisms, to fund sustainable preventive programs in Slovak regions.**

By the end of the session, participants will have identified concrete actions and new solutions for the NCD prevention governance model for Slovakia national, regional and local levels with a focus on:

- **Transitioning from fragmented efforts to a unified, interprofessional approach and commitment to translating knowledge into action.**
- **Moving beyond traditional budgets to explore sustainable, strategic and inclusive financing models that ensure long-term health promotion and disease prevention.**
- **Focusing on professional competencies across sectors to ensure that prevention activities reach high-risk and underserved populations effectively.**

Programme

- 09.00 – 9.15 **Introduction and welcome**
Swiss Contribution Office, Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of investments, regional development and informatization of the Slovak Republic, WHO Europe and EuroHealthNet
- 09.15 – 9.45
Slido for Q's **I. Setting the Scene on non-communicable diseases (NCDs)**
Plenary presentations
- The prevention of NCDs in Europe: the EU Safe Hearts Plan and the Joint Action Prevent Non-Communicable Diseases (JA PreventNCD)*
Caroline Costongs, EuroHealthNet
- Understanding the NCD challenge in Slovakia*
Daniela Kállayová, Ministry of Health, Slovakia
- A Partnership for Change: what the Swiss-Slovak Health Programme makes possible*
Mária Hlásna, Ministry of investments, regional development and informatization, Slovakia
- 9.45 – 10.30
Slido for Q's **II. NCDs Prevention: Governance, Sustainability, and Collaboration**
Plenary presentations
- Overview of alternative models of financing prevention and health promotion –*
Lina Papartyte, EuroHealthNet
- Smart Capacitating Investment and Finance model toolkit for prevention and health promotion*
Balázs Babarczy, Syreon research institute
- Governance Gap – prevention as a systemic tool for regional cohesion*
Ján Králik, Nitra Self-governing Region
- 10.30-11.00** **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 -12.00 **Moderated plenary discussion with presenters from panels I. and II., Q&A**
Ministry of Health, Slovakia/EuroHealthNet
- 12.00 – 12.30 **III. Designing the Blueprint: Slovakia's NCD Governance model under SWISS Slovak Health Program**
Ministry of Health, Slovakia
Group work instructions before lunch
- 12.30 – 14.00** **Lunch break and networking**
- 14.00- 16.00 **IV. Governance model reflection**
Working groups (2 ENG and 2 SKK breakout groups)
- 16.00 – 16.45 **Debriefing from working groups: from breakout to breakthrough.**