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Joint Action Prevent Non-Communicable Diseases

WP7 Pilots Meeting

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Welcome and objectives

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WP7 at a glance



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Overall aim of WP7: to ensure that the JA contributes to cancer and other NCDs inequalities reduction in Europe.

What are we doing?

7.1

Collecting evidence

- 1) On **inequalities** in cancer, NCDs and their risk factors
- 2) On public health **dashboards** to monitor inequalities

7.2

Identify effective policy actions and interventions

to reduce avoidable inequalities in cancer and other NCDs

7.3

Capacity building on health equity

- 1) Health Equity Tool
- 2) Health Equity Group
- 3) Webinars

7.4

Strengthening health literacy

(general, digital, organizational, and mental HL) to reduce inequalities in cancer and other NCD

7.5

Pilot actions in 3 areas

- 1) Health Inequalities Monitoring
- 2) Vulnerable Groups
- 3) Health Literacy



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Task 7.5: WP7 pilot actions



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Health Inequalities Monitoring

9 pilots focused on strengthening the monitoring of health inequalities by improving data, indicators and evidence on determinants of health.



Health Literacy

5 pilots aimed at improving health literacy through evidence-based interventions that empower vulnerable populations, enhance prevention and care.



Vulnerable Groups

8 pilots with the goal of improving equitable access to prevention, screening, and care through tailored, community-based interventions in vulnerable populations.



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WP7 Pilots Meeting



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Rationale & Purpose

- Although different, WP7 pilots **share** equity-driven **goals and approaches** and might produce similar or complementary **results**.
- A specific meeting with the involvement of pilot leaders, stakeholders and other WPs allows for **discussions on synergies** as well as sustainability, transferability and policy or research **uptake**.

Objectives & Output

The meeting is based on an **interactive approach**, in order to:

- Identify **common denominators** within and across clusters
- Discuss potential **synergies** within WP7 and across the JA
- Prioritize **uptake** of promising results, discuss **sustainability** and **transferability**



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Agenda Day 1 – Morning



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Timing	Item
9:00 - 9:30	Registration
09:30 - 09:45	Welcome and objectives – WP7 lead <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the purpose of the meeting• Explanation of the interactive approach (pilots, WPs and stakeholders working together)
9:45 - 10:30	WP7 pilots and JA context – Pilot leads (2 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of WP7 and its three pilot clusters• Brief presentations of pilot leaders and pilots' goals
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 12:00	Session 1 - Common denominators within pilot clusters – Cluster Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants work in three groups (pilots + stakeholders + other WPs)• Each group focuses on one pilot cluster• Identification of shared targets, settings, approaches and outputs
12:00 - 13:30	Session 2 - Cross-cluster common denominators – Mixed groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mixed groups analyze similarities across different pilot clusters• Identification of shared targets, settings, approaches and outputs
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch



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Agenda Day 1 - Afternoon



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Timing	Item
14:30 - 15:45	Session 3 - Interactions with other WPs and WP7 tasks – Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on how WP7 pilots can contribute to other WPs• Discussion of the identified complementarities, overlaps and collaboration opportunities• Discussion on potential synergies between WP7 pilots and other WP7 tasks
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:00	Session 4 - From pilots to shared WP7 results <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflection on the conclusions from the previous sessions• Identification of key points and results and how these can serve WPs and stakeholders
17:00 - 17:30	WP7 annual meeting organization – Separate meeting (TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WP7 lead and Icelandic partners



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WP7 pilots

Pilot leaders



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Brief presentations of pilot leaders and pilots' goals



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Pilot leaders are asked to briefly present themselves in 2 minutes by listing:

Name and institution

Cluster

Name of the pilot

Main goal to be reached



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Coffee Break



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Session 1

Common denominators within pilot clusters

Group Discussion



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Goal & Points for discussion



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GOAL:

To identify common denominator(s) within each pilot cluster that can strengthen the impact of both pilot results and the cluster as a whole, also beyond the JA.

Work method:

3 groups, one for each pilot cluster.

Discussion:

After reviewing the pilot fact sheets of your group's cluster, identify connections in:

- Setting of the pilots in the cluster: local, national or multi-country
- Targeted population
- Similar results (e.g., same finding in different populations) or complementary results (e.g., findings that reinforce each other when combined)
- Target external stakeholders who could further disseminate or scale up the pilots' results



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Output



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Based on the previous discussion identify:

- One or more **common denominators** within the cluster
- The **pilots that contribute** most significantly to strengthening the impact of the identified common denominator(s)

1h discussion + 15min conclusion

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Session 2

Cross-cluster common denominators

Group Discussion



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Goal & Points for discussion



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GOAL:

To identify synergies among pilots belonging to different clusters.

Work method:

3 mixed groups, each composed of representatives from different clusters.

Discussion:

After reviewing the pilot fact sheets of the participants in your mixed group, reflect on:

- Potential connections between individual pilots within the mixed group
- Potential synergies among clusters

In particular, consider how shared or complementary results could reinforce impact in terms of policy development, research advancement, scaling up or transferability.

1,15min discussion + 15min conclusion

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Lunch Break



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Session 3

Interactions with other WPs and WP7 tasks

Guided plenary discussion

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Goal & Points for discussion



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GOAL:

To discuss synergies and potential areas for collaboration between WP7 pilots and other tasks within WP7, as well as with other Work Packages.

Preparation prior to this meeting:

- **Proposals for connections between single WP7 pilots and other WPs tasks:**
3 excel files (1 per cluster) reviewed by pilot leaders
- **Task 7.4** and Health Literacy cluster: meeting to discuss potential synergies
- **Pilot fact sheet**, «synergies within the JA» box

HEALTH INEQUALITIES CLUSTER - SYNERGIES WITH WPs							
WP	Task	What the WP task produces	Pilots	What WP7 pilots produce	Synergy description		
WP5	T5.7 – Strengthen	Evidence-based assessment of how environmental-exposure policies in		Participatory co-design methods, a municipality-facing app for collecting	This pilot supplies local evidence and		
	HEALTH LITERACY GROUP						
WP5	T6.7 – Strengthen	Evidence-based assessment of how environmental-exposure policies in		Participatory qualification concept for	Local evidence on health		
	VULNERABLE GROUPS CLUSTER						
WP	Task	What the WP task produces	Pilots	What WP7 pilots produce	Synergy description		
WP6	T6.1 – Methodology for place-based interventions	Comprehensive methodological package - including a community-development framework, stakeholder-engagement guide, SWOT analysis, monitoring indicators, and implementation lessons - to support effective, equitable, and participatory implementation of healthy-living-environment interventions at local level.		9	Actions to reduce NCDs & cancer risk in environmentally disadvantaged areas by empowering and engaging communities, also providing a detailed health profile to increase literacy.	T6.1 can validate and / or inform the pilot's work by providing lessons and recommendations for the implementation of health promotion intervention to address NCDs determinants in communities. The pilot can also inform T6.1 of the lesson learned in its implementation.	
	T6.2 - Increasing availability of	Set of integrated, multi-setting pilot interventions targeting key health risk factors, along with a structured evaluation		9 + maybe	Actions to reduce NCDs & cancer risk in environmentally disadvantaged areas by empowering and engaging	Pilots under T6.2 (such as the Turin pilot) have different elements of connection with pilots under WP7 with	

Connections with other WPs identified so far



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Health Inequalities Monitoring

- **Work Package 4**
Tasks 3, 5, 7
- **Work Package 5**
Task 7
- **Work Package 6**
Tasks 1, 3
- • **Work Package 8**
Task 1, 3, 5
- **Work Package 9**
Task 1, 3, 4, 6
- **Work Package 10**
Task 1, 4

Health Literacy

- **Work Package 5**
Task 7
- • **Work Package 6**
Tasks 6, 7
- **Work Package 9**
Tasks 1, 6

Vulnerable Groups

- • **Work Package 6**
Tasks 1, 2, 4, 6, 7
- **Work Package 8**
Task 3
- **Work Package 9**
Task 6
- **Work Package 10**
Task 1, 4



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Links to the files

- [Vulnerable Groups](#)
- [Health Inequalities Monitoring](#)
- [Health Literacy](#)



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Operationalization

30 min discussion



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Guiding questions:

- Considering the outcomes of the previous sessions, which synergies with other WPs are most relevant for your cluster?
- Which connections with other WPs should be prioritized in the short term?
- In practical terms, how do you envision your pilot or cluster of pilots collaborating with other WPs?
- For representatives of other WPs present at the meeting, what is your perspective on the synergies proposed?
- How can the equity group and WP7 leadership support you in connecting with other WPs?



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Possible links within WP7 proposed so far



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Health Inequalities Monitoring

- **Task 7.1:** generation of evidence on inequalities in NCDs and cancer

Health Literacy

- **Task 7.4:** strengthening health literacy (mostly M-PHOL; 7.4.1)

Vulnerable Groups

- **Task 7.4:** strengthening health literacy
- **Task 7.2:** promising policies or interventions to reduce inequalities



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Operationalization

30 min discussion



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Guiding questions:

- How does your cluster connect with Task 7.1, 7.2, or 7.4?
- How can the work within you pilot / cluster of pilots enhance and / or complement the work under Task 7.1, 7.2, or 7.4?
- Which activities can be started or continued together?
- In which practical manner can we collaborate together? How can we bring forward the identified areas for potential collaboration?



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Coffee Break



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Session 4

From pilots to shared WP7 results

Plenary discussion



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Proposal: Joint scientific paper



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- Joint **scientific paper** focusing specifically on the pilot actions implemented under **Task 5** of WP7.
- Building on the paper by Bucciardini et al. (*Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*, 2025) which describes the overall structure and objectives of WP7
- Building on the output of WP7 pilot specific meeting
- Aiming at comparing pilot actions within and across clusters by examining their objectives, design, structure, and implementation to analyze how WP7 pilots together address social inequalities in cancer and other NCDs



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WP7 annual meeting organization

Separate session



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