

Meeting of the EUSBSR Policy Area Health Steering Group held jointly with the 17th NDPHS Partnership Annual Conference
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Title	Minutes from the EUSBSR Policy Area Health Steering Group held jointly with the 17th NDPHS Partnership Annual Conference (PAC)
Submitted by	Secretariat

1. Opening

The Meeting was opened and chaired the Vice-Minister of Health of Lithuania Dr. Laimutė Vaidelienė, who welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Meeting adopted the agenda.

3. Innovative and Creative Approaches to Strengthening Mental Health in the Region: Baltic Sea Region (BSR) Mental Health Platform as an Operation of Strategic Importance

The NDPHS Secretariat presented the progress and outcomes of the work on mental health, highlighting the achievements of the project “Arts on Prescription in the Baltic Sea Region” and the conclusions from its final event, which was held the day before as the side-event to the Partnership Annual Conference. The Secretariat also recalled the outcomes of the MentalHealthMatters project, updated on the ArtWell project and emphasised the ongoing and planned activities of the BSR Mental Health Platform as an Operation of Strategic Importance.

The meeting held a roundtable discussion reflecting on national priorities, innovative approaches and joint opportunities for action in the discussed themes.

The meeting adopted the joint statement [“Strengthened Mental Health for a Resilient Baltic Sea Region”](#).

4. Closing of the meeting