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### Building professional Health Promotion Competencies by joint project in Estonia and Finland

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# HPP - Health Promotion Program –project 2016- 2019







EUROPEAN UNION European Regional Development Fund







Haapsalu Kutsehariduskeskus



**EUPHA** – Vienna Declaration 2016 –

..... to invest in training



'create highly qualified workforce who, in their many different roles and sectors, can contribute to improved health for the entire population'



CHRODIS EU Health Program 2014-2020: Joint A —> Focus in health promotion and primary EU Health Program 2014-2020: Joint Action prevention

JA CHRODIS -Health Promotion and Primary Prevention in 14 European countries: a comparative overview.... ....key findings

> The need to develop and sustain workforce capacity for health promotion and disease prevention

# **Program: EU Interreg Central Baltic**

- Program priority:
   Skilled and Socially Inclusive Region
- Program priority, specific objective: More aligned education and training programmes in the Central Baltic Region
- HPP Health Promotion Program Aims to:
- develop professional future-fit curricula in co-operation with professionals from labour market
- o improve health promotion training
- boost the regional development and economic growth





### HPP – Survey 2017 Future HP Competence needs

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# Method: Survey Questinnaire Desing



- IUHPE: Core Competencies and professional standards for Health Promotion, 2016 —>
- Previously developed and used Questionnaires (CompHP – project 2009-2012 & Shilton et al. 2001, 2005)
- HPP –project: Focus Group Results from Finland and Estonia
- HP experts/practitioners consultation Roundtables
- Piloting



# HPP -e-Questionnaire



#### New skills in Health Promotion

Please choose a language / Valitse kieli / Palun vali keel



#### Dear Respondent,

The purpose of the survey is to identify the labour market expectations and future (**about 10 years from now**) needs in health promotion (in survey HP) in Estonia and Finland, based on identical methodology.

Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over their health and its determinants, and thereby improve their health. It moves beyond a focus on individual behaviour towards a wide range of social and environmental interventions. It?



# HPP-Questionnaire 9 domains, 77 statements

- 1. Knowledge/Awareness, 10
- 2. Enable Change, 10
- 3. Advocacy, 7
- 4. Mediate through Partnership, 7
- 5. Communication, 8
- 6. Leadership, 12
- 7. Need Accessment, 6
- 8. Planning and Implementation, 10
- 9. Evaluation and Research, 7



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#### Domain 1. Knowledge / Awareness

Please **assess** how essential you consider the following competences in **promoting** health and wellbeing in the future.

In the future, a professional/expert must \*





# Results: Background of the respondents

- Data:
  - 837 respondents (♀ 91%, ♂ 9 %)
  - n=588 from Finland, n=249 from Estonia
- Respondents
  - 23 77 years old
  - High educational background
  - Sectoral background
    - Finland from health (80%) and social (14%) sectors
    - In Estonia from social (30%) and education (38%) sectors
- about 50% FI and 32 % EE informed using over half of their working time for HP



#### Figure: Anticipated future HP competencies. Sum score Means by competence domains.



# Table 1: The internal consistency (Cronbach's alpha) of competence domains

Competence domain for HP	Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
Knowledge / Awareness	.813	10
Enable Change	.803	10
Advocacy	.845	7
Mediate through Partnership	.841	7
Communication	.790	8
Leadership	.912	12
Needs assessment	.801	6
Planning and Implementation	.882	10
Evaluation and Research	.853	7

# Enable Change



Strengthen citizens' ability to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing Strengthen cooperation across different sectors and fields Carry out HP in all health and social services Strengthen need- and client-based HP Promote the creation of a healthy work and living environment Carry out HP in hospitals Strengthen community-based actions for promoting health and wellbeing Strengthen HP across the whole population Strengthen citizens' interpersonal skills

Carry out HP in education and culture related activities

4 - essential competence for all

3 - desirable competence for all

2- specific competence, relevant for some, but not for all

1 - not relevant

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# Communication



Communicate by using plain language instead of jargon Critically assess the sources of HP information Communicate by using evidence based information Communicate by using appropriate methods for different demographic and cultural groups Apply various communication methods and channels Use new interactive digital communication channels Use social media in communication Cooperate with communication experts



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# Knowledge base



Know and apply the core concepts and principles of HP Identify the risk and protection factors of health and wellbeing Identify the potential emerging health risks Work actively to reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing Use technological applications to promote health and wellbeing Use the theoretical and research basis of HP Apply multidisciplinary knowledge to promote the health and wellbeing Know the structure and environment of HP in the society Know the national HP policies and programmes Follow and be aware of the international developments in HP



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# **TOP 10 Essential for all competence** items (77) **from FI,** and the corresponding results from EE, %



Suomen TOP10

virolaiset vastaajat (sama väittämä)

### --> HP cources 5 credits each

- Basics of Health Promotion
- Councelling and coaching



- Designing HP programmes and interventions
- Media and communication in health promotion
- Multisectoral networking for health promotion
- Leadership in health promotion
- Urban health / Living environment and health
- Health Equity
- Global trends in health promotion

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# Conclusions

- Internationally shared understanding about HP professional competencies is important
- We could apply them by collaborative process in both countries with professionals from practice to
- So far, students have been satisfied with the contents of courses – pedagogy needs to be developed more

"we have a long, good history in HP - the similar kind of trend should continue forward; hopefully not losing the drive when we have to face the big changes in the near future"

...was considered by one participant in the Finnish focus group

### Our shared challenge

Requisite and novel professional Health Promotion Competence should give more potential for the promotion of health and wellbeing





### Thank you !



