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For regional network partners

BORDERNET II: plans for the future

Unfortunately, the proposal for BORDERNET II has been rejected by the European Union. However, we have been encouraged to submit a proposal for next year, what we definitely plan to do. Being BORDERNET a project that is based on networking and experience exchange, sustainability is a very important and vital concept for the core of the project's idea. Aware of the fact that this sustainability cannot be guaranteed after (hopefully) one year pause, the German Ministry of Health has kindly agreed to support a "between financing" in the form of a skimmed version of BORDERNET II, which will be called BORDERNETwork.

To our regret, it will not be possible to include all the BORDERNET model regions, but at the same time new ones will be added, following the regional interests of the German Ministry of Health. The creation of New Model Regions is not the only change, for former Tandem

Regions will be supported through their transformation to independent Model Regions, as it is the case for Podkarpackie, Lvivska Oblast and to some extent Estonia as well.

The "old Regions" that will be part of BORDERNETwork are Model Region I (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (DE)/Zachodniopomorskie (PL) and Model Region II (Brandenburg (DE)/Lubuskie(PL)). Because the other BORDERNET regions will keep their numbers, the new included Regions have been assigned with their own numbers. Thus, the new regions are:

- Model Region V: Podkarpackie (PL)/Lvivska Oblast (UA)
- Model Region VI: Estonia (EST)/Rusia (RU)
- Model Region VII: Bulgaria (BG), Romania (RO) and Moldova (MD).

Sentinel Surveillance

Despite the rejection of BORDERNET II, we have achieved to find a solution for the further existence of the (with so much effort) built Sentinel Surveillance network. Thanks to the commitment and dedication of all the involved

partners, the network of Sentinel Surveillance will continue to function in the same way further. So - keep on sending all your diagnostic and patient sheets to the SPI address, we are always happy to receive them!

Closing Conference in Zielona Gora



The BORDERNET Closing Conference in Zielona Gora took place on the 16th and 17th of November in Zielona Gora, Poland. The Conference offered a good frame for discussions and presentations on the BORDERNET overall outcomes and the exchange of experiences between the Model Regions and the Tandem partners. The new BORDERNETworks Model Regions were also invited to get the chance to learn about the

dynamics and the way of functioning of the previous and the future project. Several workshops gave the chance to deepen the knowledge and experience transfer on specific topics. The presentation and awarding of chosen best practice examples helped to illustrate all the work and efforts done by all the persons that were involved in BORDERNET throughout these three past years.

Acknowledgements

Last, but not least, we would like to express our gratitude to all the partners and persons that were involved in BORDERNET, for their commitment to the project and their goodwill to keep the project so lively and full of new

ideas and activities. It was a pleasure to work in (and for) this network of dedicated people and we hope that this is not a farewell but only a “see you later”.