## MentALLY\*

# Towards improving European mental healthcare



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\*The MentALLY project is a pilot project which has received funding from the European Parliament. Pilot Projects is an initiative "of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness" and permits appropriations for it to be entered in the EU budget for more than two consecutive financial years.

#### Mental Health in Europe

- Mental health problems affect 84 million people in the EU
- 84,000 deaths each year (mental health problems and suicides)
- 50% of mental disorders begin at a young age
- High economic burden with costs exceeding 4% of GDP over EUR 600 billion across the 28 countries in 2015



Green Paper

#### 2005

Improving the mental health of the population: Towards a strategy on mental health for the European Union

#### EUROPEAN PACT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 2008

### Joint Action on Mental Health and Well-being

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND SCHOOLS

Situation analysis and recommendations for action

#### European Framework for Action on Mental Health and Wellbeing

EU JOINT ACTION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING Final Conference - Brussels, 21 - 22 January 2016

a) Mental health in all policies
b) Mental health in workplace
c) Mental health and schools
d) Fighting depression and suicide prevention
e) E-mental health
f) Community-based and socially-inclusive mental health care

### EU approach on non-communicable diseases

- Burden of NCDs
- Sustainable Development Goals
- WHO voluntary targets on NCDs
- Need for a new "business model"



## New mechanisms set up

• Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease

Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases

Best Practice Portal

#### **Steering Group on Promotion and Prevention**

- Sets political priorities
- Selects best practices for implementation
- Improves cross-sectoral collaboration



Sharing knowledge and Best Practices to tackle Chronic Diseases

> Health and Food Safety



## **Best practices**

- Steering Group on Promotion and Prevention prioritises areas for action and best practices
- Practices selected as "best" will be presented to the Steering Group: best practices from previous projects, joint actions, specific calls
- Member States choose which best practice they would like to transfer and scaleup
- Support for implementation from the EU health programme, the Structural Reform Support Programme, other ones



## Priority areas for best practices 2017-2019

- 2017: rare diseases, cancer, cardiovascular diseases and physical activity
- 2018: focus on nutrition & physical activity
  - Example: marketplace workshop (video)
  - <u>https://ec.europa.eu/health/non\_communicable\_diseases/events/ev\_20180315\_en</u>
- 2019: mental health

#### Marketplace workshop on Mental Health

**Eleven good practices** including initiatives for **implementable research** have been presented to Member States and discussed in working groups with the view to select the ones matching the **priorities** decided at national level for transfer, scaling up and implementation at national or regional level. Marketplace workshop on Mental Health Key words

**STIGMA** PREVENTION EQUITY **INTEGRATED APPROACH** WORKPLACE SCHOOL **DEPRESSION** SUICIDE **CHILDREN ACCESSIBILITY GOVERNANCE** PROMOTION COMMUNITY **RESILIENCE** 

Marketplace workshop on Mental Health Best practices presented (1)

- Fighting stigma at work (Denmark)
- Suicide prevention (Austria)
- Mental health care delivery system reform (Belgium)
- Flexible assertive community treatment (The Netherlands)
- Individual placement and support for employment (United Kingdom)
- Housing first (Portugal)

## Marketplace workshop on Mental Health Best practices presented (2)

- European alliance against depression (Germany)
- The professionally guided peer support groups for bereaved by suicide (Finland)
- Children of prisoners, interventions and mitigations to strengthen mental health (COPING - DG RTD - Germany, Romania, Sweden, United Kingdom)
- Accessible mental health services (Mastermind DG RTD Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom)
- Mental health in schools (SPLENDID DG RTD Greece, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland)

