



AER Social Policy and Public Health Committee
Draft Political Priorities & Work Plan 2014
Adopted at the Committee 2 plenary in Valencia, 13 December 2013

These priorities will be discussed and adopted by the Committee 2 plenary meeting on 13 December in Valencia (E) as an orientation paper. This document will be harmonised with and integrated in the AER overall priorities, taking into account the capacities and budget of AER for 2014 and the working priorities of the European Commission, the Committee of the Regions and Presidencies of the European Council, and Council of Europe, which have been announced in early November 2013.

Priority 1 – Innovation in the public sector: health as a driver for new approaches

🕒 A user-based approach to healthcare

- Contribute to the organisation of the “The co-creating patient” Conference on E-health ALEC 2014 in Norrbotten (SE), (4-5 February 2014)
- Participate to the SmartCare project on integrated care (approach, methodology)
- Participate to the Engaged project on active and healthy ageing (approach, methodology)
- Develop activities in the field of community-based prevention (potential topics include the development of a culture for exercise, healthy nutrition, fight tobacco-related harm, multi-resistant patients, chronic diseases).

🕒 Overcoming resistance to change

- Implementing the AER Leadership Programme together with the Academic Centre to:
 - ▶ Build capacity in AER member regions around strategic planning for health and sustainable strategies for deploying innovative health strategies
 - ▶ Create leaders for sustainable healthcare across AER member regions
 - ▶ Offer an exclusive programme for AER member regions as a tangible added value of AER membership

-1st training session on the occasion of the Committee 1& 2 joint spring plenary meetings, using the “Leadership Academy” toolkit of the Council of Europe, which will be adapted to AER needs.

🕒 Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

- Organisation of an information session on funding opportunities public health (together with the AER Centre for Regional Expertise)
- Organise an event on chronic diseases

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🕒 Support regional networking in the field of health and social affairs

- Regularly inform members of relevant policy developments through the AER newsletter and AER website
- Cooperation with other stakeholders and interregional networks (WHO, CoR, CORAL, EPF, COCIR...)
- Dialogue with the European institutions through key stakeholder for a: European Health Policy Forum, European Platform Against Poverty and Social Exclusion)

Priority 2 – ICT tools for inclusive societies

🕒 Active ageing: adapting our regions' services to an ageing Society

- Participate to the SmartCare project on integrated care (tools)
- Participate to the Engaged project on active and healthy ageing (tools)

🕒 Fighting health inequalities

- AER Political report on fighting health inequalities in the regions (tbc)
- Organising an event on health inequalities (tbc)
- Promote e-health as a tool for social and territorial cohesion (bridge urban/rural divide, prevent & tackle chronic diseases)

🕒 Inclusion of people with disabilities

- Giving a new mandate to the Working Group on People with Disabilities
- Supporting the work of the Working Group on People with Disabilities
- Participation to the EASPD Conference (March 2014)
- Organise a training session, together with the AER Academic Centre on fundamental rights (fall 2014 tbc)

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Priority 3 –Social Entrepreneurship

🕒 Promote social entrepreneurship as a tool for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

- Organise an event on social entrepreneurship
- Monitoring European developments in the field of social entrepreneurship and developing an AER position in this field

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Indicative table of events 2014

Please note the events presented hereunder are provisional and will be confirmed progressively throughout the year according to strategic priorities and resources.

Date	Event	Location
4-5 February	ALEC 2014 Arctic Light E-health Conference	Kiruna (Norrbotten-S)
6 February	Mid-term event – ENGAGED project	Kiruna (Norrbotten-S)
1-3 April	Spring Plenary Session Conference on entrepreneurship (jointly organised with Committee 1)	Edirne, TR (tbc)
3 April	Organisation of a training session within the framework of the Leadership Programme (in cooperation with the AER Academic Centre)	Edirne, TR (tbc)
April	SmartCare Steering Committee	To be confirmed
mid-April	SmartCare workshop on the design and the implementation cycle for smart care services	To be determined
27-28 May	AER General Assembly	Wroclaw, Dolnoslaskie-PL
June (tbc)	Breakfast briefing on community-based prevention (tbc)	Brussels
September	Information Session on Funding Opportunities in the field of social entrepreneurship (in cooperation with the AER Centre of Regional Expertise)	To be determined
Fall 2014	Breakfast Briefing on active and healthy ageing (tbc)	Brussels
Fall 2014	Training session for leaders on fundamental rights in the context of the Working Group on People with Disabilities, <i>subject to adoption of a new mandate for the working group</i> (in cooperation with the AER Academic Centre)	To be determined
Fall 2014	Fall Plenary Session Conference on chronic diseases & integrated care	Aalborg (Nordjylland-DK) tbc

Note on Financial and Human Resources for information (subject to modification):

- **Human resources: staff working for Committee 2:**
 - ▶ 1 Coordinator (100%)
 - ▶ 1 Project officer (20% on SmartCare project, 20% on Committee 2)
 - ▶ 1 Policy Officer (50%)

- ▶ 1 intern
- **Financial resources:**
 - ▶ Implementation of Committee 2's Political priorities: 5800 euros
 - ▶ Travel and Accommodation staff Committee 2: 4500 euros
 - ▶ Welcoming delegations: 500 euros