

[EXT] Second draft of the WHO Discussion Paper regarding the Updated Appendix 3 of the WHO Global NCD Action plan_AT comments

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Dear colleagues,

thank you very much for your work and the possibility to comment on the second draft of the WHO Discussion Paper dated 1 August 2022 regarding the Updated Appendix 3 of the WHO Global NCD Action plan.

Austria welcomes and supports the WHO Discussion Paper and would like to make the following remarks:

- Objective 2 – which is relevant for the health policy level – should be concretized with policy examples, including examples of national NCD strategies, "health in all policies" approaches and health impact assessments.
- Under Objective 3, specific examples of interventions are grouped by risk factor (smoking, alcohol consumption...) and under Objective 4, by major NCD groups (CVD, diabetes, cancer...). However, interventions in the area of single risk factors are less effective than common risk factor approaches that address the burden of disease of several NCDs simultaneously. Therefore, concrete examples of approaches in the area of health literacy (e.g. Austrian Platform for Health Literacy), as well as of other determinants of health, should be included.

Thank you!

Kind regards,
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