Lifting prevention

Cross-sectoral prevention: Prevention Council and Prevention Science Council

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Situation in prevention

• There is little or no common understanding of prevention and agreement on terms
• Gap between science and practice
• Prevention efforts were fragmented between areas of responsibilities of ministries
• There is no agreement on the evidence standards for prevention interventions
• The effectiveness and process of prevention interventions are rarely measured and evaluated
• There is no overview of preventive interventions implemented in Estonia

Prevention needs cross-sectoral contribution

- In 2021 the ministers in charge of cross-sectoral prevention (Minister of Justice, Minister of Education and Science, Minister of Culture, Minister of Social Protection and Minister of the Interior) agreed on the principles of cross-sectoral prevention (EST)

- In 2022 the Council for Child Protection, the Council for Crime Prevention and the Government Commission for Drug Prevention have been merged and a government commission for cross-sectoral prevention called the "Prevention Council" have been created

- Prevention council first meeting was on Nov 22, 2022.

- Agreed procedure and management of council and action plan for 2023-2026

- In the beginning of 2022 NIHD established “Prevention Science Council”, who advises the Prevention Council on the prevention policy:
  https://www.tai.ee/et/instituudist/koostoo/ennetuse-teadusnoukogu (EST)
The roles of the actors

**PREVENTION SCIENCE COUNCIL**
- SUPPORTS EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION-MAKING
  - REPRESENTATIVES OF ESTONIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

**PREVENTION COUNCIL**
- LEADS CROSS-SECTORAL PREVENTION
  - MINISTERS, DIRECTORS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF MAIN PARTNERS

**CROSS-SECTORAL PREVENTION TASK FORCE**
- PLANNING, IMPLEMENTING AND EVALUATING INTERVENTIONS
  - REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRIES AND STATE INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREVENTION COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF MAIN PARTNERS
Objectives of cross-sectoral prevention

1. Effective prevention interventions are available in different sectors
2. Effective prevention interventions are valued by decision-makers and public. Perception of prevention has increased
3. Project-based prevention funding have been moved to sustainable funding
4. Planning and implementing of prevention interventions is based on data
5. Effective prevention interventions are preferred and the conditions for evaluating prevention interventions are created
6. Prevention workforce competences are in focus
Objectives of the Prevention Science Council

1. To develop the system for evaluating the evidence of prevention interventions
2. To support data and evidence-based decision-making in prevention
3. To reduce the gap between science and practice