

Nordic Alcohol and
Drug Policy
Network
Action Plan 2021



NordAN, as a regional advocacy network, aims to address different cross-border issues, advocate for introduction and implementation of international and local alcohol and drug policies and support member states and organisations in national developments.

1. ALCOHOL AND CANCER PROJECT

The project started in June 2020 and will last until the end of April 2021. A seminar/symposium is scheduled for March bringing together NordAN member organisations, cancer societies and other relevant institutions.

As an outcome of the project, a Charter of the Nordic and Baltic organisations formulating a position and future roadmap in raising awareness and preventing cancers caused by alcohol will be adopted.

Projects website will be turned into a Europe-wide hub on alcohol and cancer topic www.alcoholandcancer.eu in cooperation with European Alcohol Policy Alliance Eurocare and European Cancer Leagues. NordAN will be the responsible editor of the website after the project as well.

2. YEAR FOR FOLLOW-UPS AND UPDATES

NordAN network has started and initiated several different projects in recent years. We have focused on youth drinking and political youth organisations, cross-border trade and alcohol and cancer.

Our Nordic Alcohol Policy Report gathers information, data and background knowledge on alcohol and drug policy in Nordic and Baltic countries. Alcohol Awareness blog has currently over 1600 posts, introducing hundreds of different campaigns, videos, infographics and other materials from all over the world.

NordAN General Assembly's have adopted resolutions addressing various essential and urgent issues in different countries. We have sent letters of concern and encouragement to governments, parliaments and other institutions supporting evidence-based alcohol and drug policies.

NordAN has also published different policy and position papers.

All of these initiatives require updating and follow-ups. Situations have changed and evolved in countries we have targeted through our interventions. Coming back to our earlier projects strengthens our work and influence in our region.

By acknowledging the fact that project-based work can be hectic and somewhat ineffective as we move from topic to topic, we intend to spend the year to improve our effectiveness and our focus on the issues we have raised in the past.

3. NORDIC-BALTIC ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

NordAN continues to support the introduction and implementation of evidence-based alcohol and drug policies, both on the international and local level.

We continue building and keeping a good contact and cooperation with organisations like Nordic Council of Ministers, Nordic Council, Baltic Assembly, Nordic Welfare Center, NDPHS etc.

We are advocating and supporting the developments of pan-Nordic/Baltic policies.

We are supporting member organisations in national developments. Responding to requests and providing an international experience (policy comparisons in different countries etc.)

We are supporting and are actively involved in the work of Eurocare, the European Alcohol Policy Alliance. We are giving input to various EU and WHO consultations.