CZECH REPUBLIC

The “Roadshow” has been completed with workshops taking place in Tabor (May 4, 22 nurses), Brno (May 17, 12 nurses), Hradec Kralove (May 30, 24 nurses), and Olomouc (June 1, 20 nurses). In summary, through this creative approach of taking the In-person workshop closer to hospitals outside of Prague, in the second year of the COE project, a total of 146 nurses were trained across the Czech Republic!

Tabor (Vladislava Felbrova presenting)

Hradec Kralove (Eva Roubickova presenting)

Olomouc

The short seminars taught by Vladislava Felbrova and Stanislava Kulovana at the General University Hospital in Prague ended in June with a total of 23 completed short seminars that reached 459 nurses (which comprises about one third of all the hospital nursing staff).
On May 17, 2016, the Czech president, who is a heavy smoker himself, has supported Eva Kralikova’s Professorship. Utmost congratulations to Eva for this lifetime academic achievement!

Please see a newspaper article (in Czech) here:

http://www.zdravotnickydenik.cz/2016/05/prezident-jmenoval-profesory-mezi-nimi-i-bojovnici-proti-koureni-kralikovou/

Unfortunately, another attempt at pushing a new antismoking law in the Czech Republic failed on May 25, 2016. This meant a huge upset to many people who have been aggressively advocating for better tobacco control measures for many years, such as Prof Eva Kralikova.

On May 28, 2016, Prof Eva Kralikova had an interview at the Czech public radio during which she briefly mentioned also the Centre of Excellence project. You can listen (in Czech) here, minute 9:

http://prehravac.rozhlas.cz/audio/3634568

During the World No Tobacco Day on May 31, 2016, nurses from the Prague’s Centre for Tobacco Dependent observed this day by offering to measure CO on the public General University Hospital in Prague grounds.

HUNGARY

The COE team in Hungary has planned four to hold workshops in 2016. Two of them have taken place under the professional management and leadership of Dr Márta Fenyes:

1. On May 27, 2016 in Budapest with 29 participants
2. On June 10, 2016 in Debrecen with 51 participants

(Slovenia)

Katarina Lokar planned and organized two workshops in the Oncology Institute in Ljubljana on May 27 & 28, 2016. There were total of 23 participating nurses.
SLOVAKIA

Slovakia Chamber of Nurses and Midwives has granted in early May a long awaited accreditation for the COE E-learning webinars. The continuing education credits will be granted upon a successful post-test. This will, hopefully, create a bigger interest among Slovakian nurses for the developed programme on Tobacco control and tobacco dependence treatment offered free of charge thanks to the Centre of Excellence project.

Gabriel Balint has organized third workshop during the second COE project year in Bratislava on June 7, 2016 which 15 nurses attended.

ROMANIA

The first 2016 workshop was held in Bucharest on May 26 hosted by Dr. Teodora at the Center for drug addicts and junkies St. Stelian who helped Ekaterina Gulie to develop this workshop. The lecturers were both - Ecaterina Gulie and Dr. Teodora Ciolompea. There were 24 attending nurses who appreciated the workshop and expressed their desire to participate in several events organized by the Association of Nurses. The participants praised this workshop as professional and also that they gained a lot of knowledge about smoking cessation.

The second and third workshops were held on May 28 & 29, 2016 in Constanta at their School of Nursing. Lecturers were Ecaterina Gulie and Florica Udma and Maria Stanciu. They are nursing teachers. Also, Mrs Florica Udma is a member of the Association of Nurses’ Board, and Mrs Maria Stanciu is the President of the Education Commission of the Association of Nurses. There were 20 and 22 participating nurses respectively. Nurses participating in these workshops were delighted, and thanked to the lecturers and organizers for having the opportunity to take part in these workshops.