

**Platform for Better Oral Health in Europe**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE: Submission of best practices**

The Platform would strongly welcome best practices your organisation has carried out, or has closely been engaged with, that have positively impacted oral health, and that could serve as good examples to support better policy making. Best practices may include the following:

- Policies promoting oral health which have had a socio-economic impact through innovative approaches;
- Programmes or initiatives promoting oral health, which have improved the general health of the population or of a specific population group (seniors, children, pregnant women etc.);
- Programmes or initiatives addressing a risk factor (tobacco, alcohol, obesity), which have led to an improvement of the oral health or the general health of the population or of a specific population group (seniors, children, pregnant women etc.).

Note that these best practices will be aimed at supporting policy making, rather than informing clinical practice. Submissions should only include policies, programmes, initiatives or interventions that address a policy need, and can be considered as a best practice to promote oral health in society. Submissions should not include clinical best practices, which – albeit very useful – do not fall under the scope of this exercise.

Organisations and entities wishing to submit a best practice to the Oral Health Platform are requested to use the best practice submission form in Annex II. Please describe how the best practice proposed addresses the 13 criteria outlined below:

1. Aims & Objectives
2. Description of intervention strategies and methods of implementation
3. Equity (combined with) Target Population
4. Adequacy, capacity and resources
5. Comprehensiveness
6. Empowerment and Participation (combined with) Multi-Stakeholder Approach
7. Evaluation
8. Sustainability
9. Scalability
10. Leadership and capacity building
11. Ethical Considerations
12. Innovation
13. Context and Needs Analysis

As the Platform currently does not have capacity for translation, we would kindly like to ask you to provide your submission in English.

Once finalised, submissions can be entered by e-mailing the filled-in Annex II submission form to the Platform's Secretariat at the following email address: [secretariat@oralhealthplatform.eu](mailto:secretariat@oralhealthplatform.eu)  
Please do not hesitate to contact the Platform's Secretariat in case of questions or difficulties.

### **Evaluation process**

Following the submission of a best practice, the Oral Health Platform will carry out a formal evaluation, assessing the information provided in the intervention description to the criteria listed above.

The Platform's team of assessors will be composed of two evaluators and one referee. In case there is a discrepancy between the assessments of the two evaluators, the referee will be asked to mediate between the two evaluators with the aim to achieve a common evaluation of the submission.

Following the evaluation of the best practice, the Platform will inform the submitter of its score. Please note that the score will not be made publicly available and will only be communicated to the submitter. In case there are some gaps, or information missing, the evaluators will discuss this with the submitter, to identify any possible improvements that could be made to the submission text.

### **Next steps**

Submissions of best practices will be organised in two categories:

- Good practices;
- Best practices.

Both Best and Good practices will be shared on the Platform for Better Oral Health's online repository. This remains an online tool, but the Platform envisages publishing a shareable document once a critical mass of good practices has been compiled.

The submissions with the highest scores will be considered as 'best practices' and will be submitted – with the approval of the organisation proposing the best practice – to the European Commission Best Practices platform. Please note that the Platform's evaluation criteria are closely based on the model employed by CHRODIS, but that the CHRODIS evaluation is an additional step, which will be carried out by CHRODIS itself. There may therefore be a difference between the scoring of the best practice by the Platform and by CHRODIS.

Should your submission be considered a best practice by the Platform's team of assessors, the Secretariat will pre-fill the submission for to the European Commission's Best Practices portal, and return it to you for approval, before submitting it on your behalf to the European Commission.