

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH

MINISTRY'S THEME – ECONOMY OF WELLBEING

- Economy of wellbeing means that wellbeing and the economy are closely intertwined and mutually reinforcing.
 1. How does wellbeing generate economic growth and macroeconomic stability?
 2. How does the economy boost wellbeing?
 3. How does this interaction improve stability and security in society? Identifying the links between wellbeing and the economy enables both security and economic growth.

Joint effort of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Culture and Ministry of the Environment. A common goal is sustainable development and its social, economic and environmental components.

FINLAND'S GOALS

- During its Presidency, Finland wants EU decision-makers to recognise how wellbeing leads to both economic growth and social and macroeconomic stability and how economic growth helps improve wellbeing.
- Wellbeing policy and economic policy are not exclusive but are interlinked. The EU should also strengthen the links between gender equality policy and economic policy.
- The aim is to ensure better wellbeing for EU citizens and more sustainable societies. People's wellbeing is one of the corner stones of the EU. By focusing on improving wellbeing, the EU can increase its credibility among its citizens.

ECONOMY OF WELLBEING HIGHLIGHTED IN THE MINISTRY'S PRESIDENCY EVENTS

- The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health organises three high-level events
 - High-Level Forum on the Silver Economy, 9–10 July 2019
 - High-Level Conference on the Economy of Wellbeing, 18–19 September 2019
 - Europe for Gender Equality? Taking Stock – Taking Action, 30 September–1 October 2019

It also organises seven other meetings of working groups and experts.

Wellbeing Economy – a Way to Sustainability in the HIV and AIDS Response?

4 October, in
Helsinki

We need to reduce social inequalities, build sustainable, universal and more equitable health systems and improve health outcomes for all.

Could a Wellbeing Economy give a way to achieve a sustainable response to HIV, AIDS and co-infections? Is it possible to achieve the fundamental goal of sustainable wellbeing with dignity and fairness for humans?

- **Opening and Welcome**

Towards a sustainable response to HIV, AIDS and co-infections in EU/ETA and neighboring countries. How to ensure better wellbeing for all?

- **HIV in Europe in the lights of statistics**

Expert on monitoring an evaluation, ECDC

- **How to manage HIV Epidemic in the corner of Europe and next to Russia**

Director Department for Health Security, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)

- **HIV testing and Integration of Services**

Benefits of early diagnosis and integration of services. *European Testing week (and on behalf of INTEGRATE Joint Action)*

- **The three big barriers to wellbeing: Stigma, Discrimination and HIV Criminalization (exposure, transmission and non-disclosure)**

AIDS Action Europe

- **Harm Reduction: Decriminalization of Drug Use and Respectful Drug Policies?**

Why people living with HIV end up in prisons, and why we need to talk more about gender aspect to harm reduction. *THL*

- **Wellbeing and Dignity – 30 year's fight against HIV and for People living with HIV**

- Council conclusions on health / wellbeing economy
- To be adapted in October ?