

POLICY DIVISION

Policy Division of ESCAP, consisting of three board members (D. Anagnostopoulos from Greece, S. Crommen from Belgium and F. Cuhadaroglu from Turkey) at the beginning, developed its vision and mission statements. In accordance with these aims, an ESCAP Policy Survey was conducted to get information about the child and adolescent mental health (CAMH) conditions and policies of the member countries. The results of the survey were presented at the ESCAP Congress in Madrid, 2015. Considering the results of the Survey and the wishes of the member countries, it was decided to establish a group within ESCAP Policy Division to provide support for the member countries on the development of their local CAMH Policy Programs. We announced a call for representatives from member countries to join the Policy Division and now we are seven in our team with the volunteers from Germany (R. Schepker), Russia (N. Zvereva), Slovenia (M. Radobuljac) and Netherlands (R. Vermeiren). The team gets together at the international meetings and meets online in between.

The plans for the future:

- To work on the draft CAMH policy program for the development of national policy programs for countries which do not yet have it
- To work on how to develop further the existing CAMH policy programs in member countries
- To publish an interview with an expert on bullying to increase the public awareness of the problem (this is realized through ESCAP Online)
- To develop European Ethical Guidelines
- To propose a session on CAMH policies for the IACAPAP Congress in Prague in 2018
- As for our advocacy role, a survey on Children's Rights will be prepared