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Karolina Mackiewicz (Polish, lives in Finland), M.A. (Political Science) and nearly completed M.Sc. (Future Studies), has almost 9 years of experience in cross-sectoral and strategic work with local, regional and national authorities in the Baltic Sea Region, including Russian Federation. Since 2009, she has been working with the World Health Organization's European Healthy Cities Network, taking care for project management in the area of public health and health promotion and capacity building of local governments (leadership for health, community diagnosis, management of change, evidence-based policy interventions, health literacy). Since 2011 Karolina has been involved in the Expert Group on Non-Communicable Diseases of Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being.

As a Development Manager responsible for projects and communication, Karolina initiates, develops and conducts the health projects with partners and stakeholders and takes care for its complex communication. In 2016, she was a Project Manager of the study "International Comparison of Differences in Premature Deaths and their Causes in selected NDPHS Partner Countries and Belarus Measured by Potential Years of Life Lost Indicator" conducted in Baltic Sea Region. Currently, Karolina is an Acting Executive Director of the Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association.

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