# General introduction to DYNAMO - HIA tool 

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## What is the health impact of

Increase price of smoking


Increase excise tax on alcohol

Ban advertising unhealthy foods

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OR B


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$R \mathrm{R}$ is 4
Disease risk is $4 \%$

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## For quantification a tool is needed

Prediction of health effects due to changes in lifestyle factors is complicated by fact that:

- Effect depends on multiple factors:
- \% with risk factor
- \% with disease
- RR
- age distribution
- life style risk factors often affect multiple diseases
- life style risk factors often affect mortality, and hence population exposed to the policy

So where are policy makers without a quantitative model?

## Without quantitative tool


"Good work ........ but think we need jast a litte more detail right here"

## DYNAMO-HIA: what does it add?

- Projects how changes in risk factor distribution affect diseasespecific and summary measures of population health, based on causal pathway in epidemiology and Markov modeling
- Organizes and stores necessary input data
- Syntheses according to standard causal pathway



## DYNAMO-HIA

DYNAMO-HIA is a ready-to-use tool to project the effects of changes in risk factor exposure due to policy measure or intervention on disease-specific and summary measures of population health

## DYNAMO-HIA models multiple risk factors

- Model is generic, risk factors can be selected or added by users
- Model includes already few example risk factors

risk factors can be selected/ added by users
- Model includes already 9 diseases:

Diabetes, IHD, stroke, COPD
Cancers: lung, breast, colorectal, oral, oesophagus
diseases can be selected/added by users

## DYNAMO-HIA tool

## Risk factors

(e.g. smoking, BMI, alcohol) $\downarrow$

## Diseases

(e.g. coronary heart disease, diabetes, several cancers)
$\downarrow$
Morbidity/Mortality/LE/DALE

## Scope of DYNAMO



## What is needed for quantification with DYNAMO-HIA

1. Input data
-> large dataset in the tool
2. Expectations about effect of intervention/policy on risk factor exposure (also in future)
-> USER
3. Computer with DYNAMO tool
-> tool will be provided today

## Data

## Type of data

- Population numbers
- Newborns (optional)
- Incidence, prevalence and mortality for relevant diseases
- All-cause mortality
- All-cause disability (optional)
- Exposure distribution of risk factors
- RRs linking exposure to health outcomes


## General:

- All data by single-year of age (0-95 years) and sex
- Flexibility in choice risk factor exposure, disease type and transitions between risk factor states


## Only population-based data

Tool starts from population-based data
It uses in calculation:
Incidence of diabetes in 40 year old women with overweight
Often not available

But data need is:

- Incidence of diabetes in 40 year old women
- \% overweight for 40 year old women
- RR association between overweight and diabetes


## Data already in the tool

For large number of EU countries:

- Population numbers (all MS)
- Projected Newborns (all MS)
- Incidence, prevalence and mortality for 5 cancers, IHD, stroke, COPD, diabetes (10 MS)
- All-cause mortality (all MS)
- All-cause disability (all MS)
- Exposure distribution of smoking (3 categories + time since quitting), BMI (mean, 3 categories, alcohol ( 5 categories) (at least 18 MS )
- RRs linking exposure to health outcomes (one set)


## Large set of output measures

- Future risk factor prevalence by age, sex and year
- Future disease prevalence by age, sex and year
- Future mortality/survival by age, sex and year
- Structure of population by age, sex, diseased vs. non-diseased
- Summary measures of population health
- Life expectancy
- Life expectancy with(out) diseases
- Disability-adjusted Life expectancy


## Important features

- Simulates a real life population trough time
- Is based on epidemiological evidence + available data
- Provides large set of outcome measures
- Is publicly available + no programming skills needed
- Data are included for large set of EU countries


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