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Lifting prevention

**Cross-sectoral prevention:
Prevention Council and Prevention Science Council**

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Situation in prevention

- There is little or no common understanding of prevention and agreement on terms
- Gap between science and practice
- Prevention efforts were fragmented between areas of responsibilities of ministries
- There is no agreement on the evidence standards for prevention interventions
- The effectiveness and process of prevention interventions are rarely measured and evaluated
- There is no overview of preventive interventions implemented in Estonia

Prevention needs cross-sectoral contribution

- In 2021 the ministers in charge of cross-sectoral prevention (Minister of Justice, Minister of Education and Science, Minister of Culture, Minister of Social Protection and Minister of the Interior) agreed on [the principles of cross-sectoral prevention](#) (EST)
- In 2022 the Council for Child Protection, the Council for Crime Prevention and the Government Commission for Drug Prevention have been merged and a government commission for cross-sectoral prevention called the "Prevention Council" have been created
 - Prevention council first meeting was on Nov 22, 2022.
 - Agreed procedure and management of council and action plan for 2023-2026
- In the beginning of 2022 NIHD established “Prevention Science Council”, who advises the Prevention Council on the prevention policy:
<https://www.tai.ee/et/instituudist/koostoo/enetuse-teadusnoukogu> (EST)

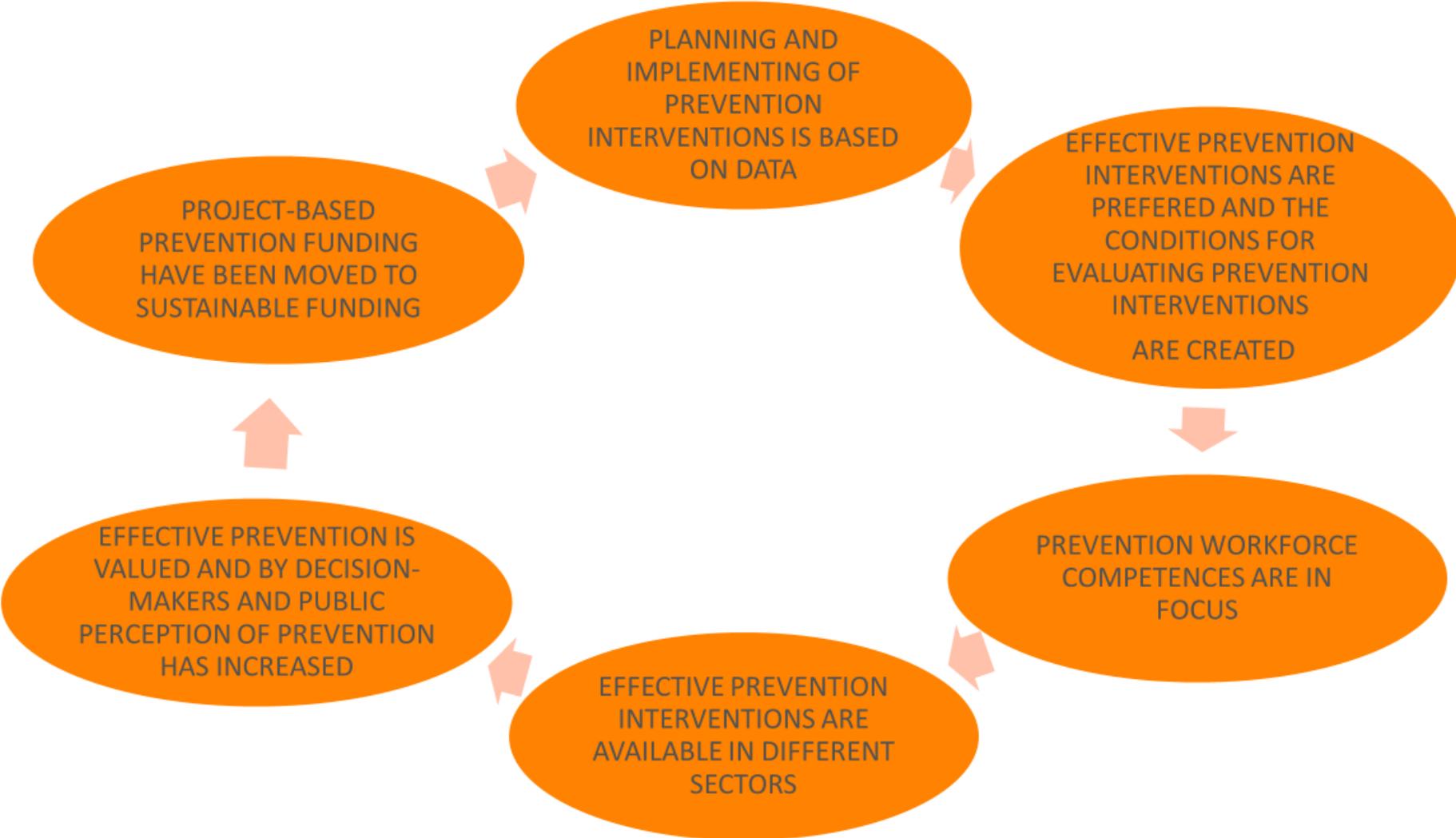
The roles of the actors

PREVENTION SCIENCE COUNCIL
SUPPORTS EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION-MAKING
• REPRESENTATIVES OF ESTONIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

PREVENTION COUNCIL
LEADS CROSS-SECTORAL PREVENTION
• MINISTERS, DIRECTORS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF MAIN PARTNERS

CROSS-SECTORAL PREVENTION TASK FORCE
PLANNING, IMPLEMENTING AND EVALUATING INTERVENTIONS
• REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRIES AND STATE INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREVENTION COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF MAIN PARTNERS

Objectives of cross-sectoral prevention



Objectives of the Prevention Science Council



**To develop the system
for evaluating the
evidence of prevention
interventions**

**To support data and
evidence based
decision-making in
prevention**

**To reduce the gap
between science and
practice**