

Conference on Health inequalities and vulnerability: Capacity Building & interventions among EU Member States

An EU Member State Initiative to disseminate the results of the 2nd EU Health Programme Under the auspices of the EU Italian Presidency

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Viale Giorgio Ribotta, 5, Rome – Italy

Background

The Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (Chafea) of the European Commission is co-organising a series of five workshops/conferences to present the main achievement of the second EU Health Programme. The list of conferences are¹ Health inequalities and Vulnerability conference in Rome, Health Security workshop in Brussels, Rare Diseases in Prague, Chronic Diseases and Healthy Ageing, Amsterdam and Mental Health in All Policies, in Helsinki.

The **Health Inequalities and Vulnerability Conference** is kindly hosted by the Italian Ministry of Health under the auspices of the Italian Semester of Presidency.

Our Conference

Health inequalities in the EU are dependent on a many factors related to differences in socio-economic status, gender and age. Belonging to a minority group, such as migrants and Roma community citizens, or been a patient suffering from a chronic and /or socially stigmatised disease can lead to further health inequalities.

This conference aims to show how the actions of the EU Health Programme (2008-2013) have supported the EU countries to develop strategies to respond to the health inequalities and address the growing health needs of vulnerable groups.

By building networks of experts, the EU Health Programme has strengthen their collaboration European level, increased their capacities to assess the inequalities, develop interventions and policies and respond to the social disparities within and among the EU.

During the event the publication on " Action on health inequalities in the European Union - The EU Health Programme's contribution to fostering solidarity in health and reducing health inequalities in the European Union 2003–13 brochure and the health inequalities information sheet " by the Health unit of Chafea will be presented.

The Conference target audience are experts in the field of health inequalities, health professionals, policy makers/ health managers at national and regional level of EU countries with a specific focus on Mediterranean region and South-East Europe.

¹ The topics, identified as high public health priorities by the EU Health Programme National Focal Points (NFP).

DAY 1

9:00 - 9:30 **Registration**

9:30 - 9:45 **Opening and welcome**

- **Mr Luc Briol**, Director of the Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (Chafea), EC
- **xxxxxx**, Director General, Ministry of Health Italy

9:45 - 10:45 **Opening session**

HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN A HEALTH-IN-ALL-POLICY PROSPECTIVE

Co-chaired by:

Mr Philippe Roux, Head of Unit C4, Health determinants, DG Health and Consumers (DG SANCO), EC

Mr Jacques Remacle, Head of Health Unit, Consumers, Health and Food Executive Agency (Chafea), EC

- **The EU perspective**, **Mr Philippe Roux**, Head of Unit C4, Health determinants, DG SANCO, EC (20')
- **The WHO European Review of Social Determinants and the Health Divide in the frame of the WHO EURO Health 2020 strategy implementation**, **Dr Agis Tsouros**, Director Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being – World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Office for Europe, (20')
- **A Member State perspective**, **Prof Giuseppe Costa**, University of Turin – Italy, (20')

10:45 - 11:00 **Discussion**

11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 - 12:30 **Session 1: HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN A HEALTH-IN-ALL-POLICY PROSPECTIVE – SHOWCASES: ACTIONS CO-FUNDED UNDER THE 2ND EU HEALTH PROGRAMME**

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- **Equity Action - Joint Action on Health Inequalities (10')**, Chris Brookes, National Heart Forum, Health Action Partnership International (NHF- HAPI) - UK
- **Action-for-health – Project on Reducing health inequalities: preparation for action plans and structural funds projects (10')**, Tatjana Krajnc-Nikolic, Nacionalni inštitut za javno zdravje/ National institute of public health (NIJZ) - SI
- **Crossing Bridges – Project on Developing methodologies and building capacity to advance the implementation of HiAP and achieve health equity (10')**, Ingrid Stegeman, EuroHealthNet - BE

12:30 - 13:00 **Discussion and conclusion 30'**

13:00 - 14:30 **Buffet lunch (90')**

14:30-17:00 **Session 2: HEALTH VULNERABILITY IN EUROPE, HEALTH RISK EVALUATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

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14:30- 15:20 **Keynote speeches (50')**

- **XXX**, **Dr Silvia Declich**, Istituto Superiore Sanita' (ISS), Rome, Italy (Title TBC with a focus on International Health Cooperation in the Mediterranean Region) (20')
- **Current results of the IOM actions to foster the health provision for migrants, the Roma, and other vulnerable groups in Europe, EQUI-HEALTH (20')**, **Ms Roumyana Petrova-Benedict**, International

Organisation for Migration (IOM)

- **Disease surveillance & response to public health need of vulnerability "Mare Nostrum" initiative** (10'), **Dr Loredana Vellucci**, Directorate General of Prevention Ministry of Health Italy (Title TBC)
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15:20 – 15:15 Discussion (15')

15:15 – 15:35 Session 3: HEALTH VULNERABILITY IN EUROPE, HEALTH RISK EVALUATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS – SHOWCASES, ACTIONS CO-FUNDED UNDER THE 2ND EU HEALTH PROGRAMME

Introduced by:

Dr Giovanni Nicoletti, *PC NFP for the EU Health Programme, Ministry of Health Italy*

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Ms Roumyana Petrova-Benedict, *International Organisation for Migration (IOM)*

- Assessing Health system, preparedness to crises management within the WHO EURO Region. The case of massive irregular migration to southern European Region (10') Dr Santino Severoni, Coordinator Public Health and Migration, World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Office for Europe
 - MEM-TP – Project on training packages for health professionals to improve access and quality of health services for migrants and ethnic minorities, including the Roma, (10'), Ainhoa Ruiz, Andalusian School of Public Health, Granada, Spain.
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15:35 – 15:50 Question & Answer (15')

15:50 – 16:05 Coffee break (15')

- 16:05 – 16:35**
- Roma health report, Health status of the Roma population. Data collection in the Member States of the European Union (10'), Laura Todaro or David Murray, MATRIX Insight - UK
 - AURORA – Project on A European network on cervical cancer surveillance and control in the new Member States (10'), Ms Pilar Montilla, Osservatorio Nazionale sulla salute della Donna (O.N.Da) – IT
 - Health 25 – Project on Health promotion for disadvantaged youth (10'), Sylvia Schanne, Verein zur Förderung der BBRZ-Gruppe (BBRZ-G) - AT
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16:35 – 17:00 Question & Answer (25')

17:00 – 17:30 Conclusion by the chairs 1 to 3 (30')

19:30 – 21:00 Cocktail dinner

9:30-12:30 Session 4: INTERVENTIONS AND PROJECTS STRENGTHENING MS CAPACITY ON ACTIVE PREVENTION AND REDUCING THE BURDEN OF CHRONIC AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Introduced by:

Attila Balogh, Unit C4, DG Health and Consumers, EC

Co-chaired by:

Attila Balogh, Unit C4, DG Health and Consumers, EC and **Dr Pasqualino Rossi**, DG Communication and International Relations, Ministry of Health Italy

MORNING SESSION: Harm reduction among at-risk groups

09:30 – 10:10 Keynote speeches (40'):

- **EU-DG SANCO, Healthy Lifestyle, Review of the EU situation, Mr Philippe Roux**, Head of Unit C4, Health determinants, DG SANCO, EC (20')
- **Harm reduction amongst people who use drugs, Roland Simon**, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) (20'),

10:10 – 10:25 Discussion (15')

10:25 – 10:40 Coffee Break (15')

10:40 – 11:20 Session 5: HARM REDUCTION AMONG AT-RISK GROUPS – SHOWCASES, ACTIONS CO-FUNDED UNDER THE 2ND EU HEALTH PROGRAMME

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- **RARHA** – Joint Action on Reducing Alcohol Related Harm (10'), Patricia Pissarra, Serviço de Intervenção nos Comportamentos Aditivos e nas Dependências (SICAD) - PT
- **BISTAIRS** – Project on Brief InterventionS in the Treatment of Alcohol use disorders In Relevant Settings (10'), Bernd Schulte, Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE) - DE
- **ReDNet** – Project on Recreational Drugs European Network: an ICT prevention service addressing the use of novel compounds in vulnerable individual, (10'), Ornella, Corazza, University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation - UK
- **NEW Implementation** – Project on Nightlife Empowerment and Well-being Implementation (10'), Luciano Gamberini, Asociación Bienestar y Desarrollo (ABD) - ES

11:20 – 11:40 Question & Answer (20')

11:40 – 11:50 Conclusion by chair (10')

11:50 – 12:30 Session 6: Social determinants and communicable diseases

Introduced by:

SANCO C3, Health Threats, DG Health and Consumers, EC (TBC)

Co-chaired by:

SANCO C3, Health Threats, DG Health and Consumers, EC (TBC) and **Giuseppe Ippolito**, Scientific Director, Istituto Nazionale per le Malattie Infettive Lazzaro Spallanzani (TBC)

Keynote speeches (40'):

- **Do economic downturns have an impact on communicable diseases in Europe?**, Tek-Ang LIM, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) (20')
- **EU DG SANCO C3 Unit, Health threats**, (Title and speaker TBD) (20')

12:30 – 13:30 Buffet lunch (60')

13:30 – 14:40 Session 7: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES – SHOWCASES, ACTIONS

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- **CORRELATION Network** – Project on European Network Social Inclusion and Health (10'), Eberhard Schatz, Foundation De Regenboog AMOC Inloophuizen - FR
- **IMPACT** – Project on Improving Access to HIV/TB Testing for marginalized groups (10'), Nadia Gasbarrini, Fondazione Villa Maraini - IT
- **TUBIDU** – Project on Empowering civil society and public health system to fight tuberculosis epidemic among vulnerable groups (10'), Aljona Kurb, TERVISE ARENGU INSTITUUT - EE
- **SIALON II** – Project on capacity building in combining targeted prevention with meaningful HIV surveillance among MSM (10'), Massimo Mirandola, Azienda, Ospedaliera Universitaria Integrata Verona-Veneto Region - IT
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14:40 - 15:00 Q & A (20')

15:00- 15:20 Conclusion (20')

15:20 - 16:00 Closing remarks: SANCO/Chafea/Ministry of Health Italy (15')
