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1. European Public Health Conference



Health in Europe: are we there yet?
*Learning from the past,
building the future*

Brussels - 6th European Public Health Conference – 13-16 November 2013

The abstracts for the Brussels 2013 conference are being submitted. Please do not forget the **deadline for submission: 1 May 2013** (midnight CET).

The plenary programme has been updated and has a wide range of excellent speakers and panellists. Please check the website for the latest news: www.eupha.org/Brussels2013.

We are currently working on the pre conference programme with about 20 interesting sessions being planned at the moment.

If you are interested in organizing a workshop or participating in one, please feel free to contact office@eupha.org.

2. EUPHA update

Latest news - EUPHA

EUPHA joins the EHMA case for Health Services Research funding in Horizon2020. The European Commission set out its priorities for research programme Horizon 2020 which holds a budget of €80 billion for the period 2014 to 2020. On behalf of EHMA, chair of EHMAs Scientific Advisory Committee Kieran Walshe co-authored with Martin McKee, Mark McCarthy, Peter Groenewegen, Johan Hansen, Josep Figueras and Walter Ricciardi an op-ed for the Lancet commenting on the envisioned budget.

Both the opportunity and need for learning about systems and services through health services research, and its significant contribution to making health services as safe and efficient as possible are outlined. In the light of Horizon 2020 it is emphasised that the European Commission's view on health research priorities – and accordingly funding across the wider health sector – risks remaining too narrow and focused on biomedicine, pharmaceuticals and medical technologies. Consequently, a strong point is made for increasing funding for health services research for the benefit healthcare and the wider well-being of European citizens. The article is online available [on the website of the Lancet](#) (access required).

EUPHApedia – Building knowledge and capacity together



At the end of March 2013, we have 2895 documents included in EUPHApedia (increase of 35 from last month). This month, we have included the presentations from the Malta 2012 conference we received. All persons in our database have access to search EUPHApedia, all EUPHA members can upload information on to EUPHApedia.

3. Interesting News

Pioneers in Healthcare – Conference with a reduction for EUPHA members

Pioneers in Healthcare provides a unique opportunity for those facilitating and effecting change within their field to interact and collaborate on the critical issues facing healthcare research today. Bringing together researchers from across the world, this is more than just an event: it is the sharing of over 500 research stories and experiences, and will offer the opportunity to build partnerships, promote collaboration and drive innovation.

Have a look at the full speaker line up [here](#)

We have secured an exclusive discount for you, when booking a ticket, just enter EUPHA13 in the box for an extra £100 off the 2 day or 2 day+dinner ticket.

[Book now](#)

New office for the WHO Regional Office for Europe

As of 2 April, WHO's Regional office for Europe will be relocated to the new UN City in Copenhagen, Denmark. For more information:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/home/sections/news/2013/03/whoeurope-in-copenhagen-moving-to-new-premises>

EUROSAFE

Brussels, 14 March 2013 – On the occasion of the 15th European Consumer Day, organised by the European Economic and Social Committee on 14 March in Brussels, a coalition of twenty-eight European umbrella organisations are issuing a [Joint Call](#) appealing to the European Institutions and the Member States to create an EU-funded accident & injury data system under the co-ordination of the European Commission.

Earlier this week EuroSafe reported that 41 million injuries per year are treated in Emergency Departments across the EU (see report '[Injuries in the European Union](#)'). This is not only an extraordinarily high number but these injuries also contribute to significant healthcare costs, a share that is estimated at €78 billion each year. Three-quarter of such accidents occur at home or while engaged in leisure, including sports.

Aiming to reduce the number of preventable injuries and also healthcare costs, a broad coalition of European business groups, consumer organisations, standardisation bodies and safety promoters urge the European Commission to found and fund an EU-wide accident and injury data system in a representative sample of emergency centres.

They are convinced that such a system would contribute to safer products for consumers, better standards and regulations, and fewer accidents and injuries. Moreover, the cost of creating such a system would be more than offset by reductions in health care costs.

HEAL publishes report: Coal's health bill reaches €43 billion a year

- Air pollution from burning fossil fuels blamed for premature deaths and illnesses, health groups urge major rethink of EU energy policy
- New study shows how moving away from fossil fuels would boost health by significantly reducing chronic lung disease and some heart conditions
- Recent upturn in the use of coal makes awareness of health costs more urgent and is at odds with events promoting the EU Year of Air 2013

Link to report on website www.env-health.org

EuroREACH – Health Data Navigator



EuroREACH, a coordinated action under the FP7-Health programme is providing the **Health Data Navigator** as a toolbox to researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders. This digitised compendium exhibits a conceptual framework and validated information about available data sources suitable for performance assessment.

The **Health Data Navigator** features EuroREACH results and is designed to be dynamic to encourage cross-country exchange of best practices without providing a comprehensive inventory of databases. The ultimate aim is to improve the quality of comparative health systems analysis and performance measurement.

On May 16 and 17 2013 we will present the findings of EuroREACH at the **final conference** in Vienna. For more information: www.euroreach.net/final-conference.

Europa Media – Proposal coordinator’s actions (part 4)



In our last article, we arrived to the stage in proposal development when we have a sound partnership, a clear picture of all of the call requirements, and know what we need to compile in terms of technical, financial and administrative data. We are now ready to actually write the technical proposal, develop a budget and fill in the financial and administrative forms. Here comes the challenge: who will actually take on this responsibility and when and how everything will be prepared?

This is a team work to be led by a “proposal coordinator” (you!), who may be the owner of the project idea or assigned to this role by the institution coordinating the project. In this process, the proposal coordinator will need to act like a conductor of an orchestra. A sound plan also needs to be in place; this plan should indicate what needs to be compiled by when with a number of strict deadlines and milestones until the proposal submission deadline.

Clearly, you will need the input of your partners to various parts of the proposal. Some of this input will be generic, which need to be provided by all of the partners (e.g. administrative and financial data), while you will also need specific technical input for the technical parts of the proposal. The latter is usually more difficult to acquire from the partners. Here, if you know your partners’ expertise very well, you can request and obtain from them very relevant input for different parts of the proposal. The proposal coordinator’s goal here should be to get the most out of these partners.

In order to organise this process and receive consistent and complementary input (as opposed to receiving overlapping input and ending up having gaps), first make a good outline of the proposal with specific sections and sub-sections including the major project activities and their brief definitions (i.e. work packages). Provided that you have a good picture of your partners’ expertise and capabilities vis-à-vis the project concept, you may already assign roles to the key partners, such as “work package (WP) leadership” in the project. In that case, those partners should compile and develop the relevant sections of the proposal (e.g. WP descriptions, related background information, etc.). Similarly, for those specific technical chapters, you can turn to the most relevant partners and ask them to compile those chapters. In so doing, compile a first draft of the proposal with the main objectives and concepts as well as work plan laid out and ready to be further developed or adjusted, as needed.

In our next post, Part 6 of this series, we will discuss how to further develop and complete the proposal and bring it to finalisation.

4. EUPHA member updates

French Society of Public Health - www.sfsp.fr

La Société Française de Santé Publique a le plaisir d’annoncer son prochain congrès biennal, qu’elle organise cette année avec l’Association des Epidémiologistes de Langue Française, sur le thème de la prévention, du 17 au 19 octobre 2013 à Bordeaux.

Pour pouvoir bénéficier du tarif préférentiel d’inscription au congrès, veuillez vous inscrire avant le 30 juin 2013.

Pour plus d’informations, consulter le site internet <http://www.congres-adelph-sfsp-2013.fr>

Slovak Association of Public Health – www.savez.sk

Organises the 1st V4 Conference on Public Health combined with the 5th International SAVEZ conference. The main theme is “Adding years to life and life to years in V4 countries”. Organised from 9-10 May 2013 in Kosice, Slovakia.

5. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International promotes training and further education for experts and newcomers in public health and humanitarian assistance around the globe. The flagship of Going International is the online education database »medicine & health«. It contains international courses, master programmes and conferences in the field of medicine and international health. Due to the large number and variety of training events the education database enables health professionals to find their educational event at their fingertips. For further information: www.goinginternational.eu/en/online-datenbank/ Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

**Title: Primary Health Care and NCDs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia:
Where do we stand and where to go?**

Date: 10 April 2013

Place: Basel, Switzerland

Organiser: Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

More info: www.swisstph.ch/spring_symposium_2013.html

Title: European Economic Congress 2013

Date: 13 – 15 May 2013

Place: Katowice, Poland

More info: <http://www.eecpoland.eu/en/>

**Title: European Public Health. 20 years after the Maastricht Treaty.
Turning past experiences into visions**

Date: 22 – 23 May 2013

Place: Maastricht, The Netherlands

Organiser: Department of International Health at Maastricht University

More info: <http://euprevent.compleet.nu/evenement/eph/>

Title: Multilevel Modeling: Analysis of Clustered Data

Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 22 – 24 and 27-28 May 2013

Place: University of Basel, SwissTPH, Switzerland

More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: 31st Annual Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Date: 10 – 28 June 2013

Place: Baltimore, USA

Organiser: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

More info: <http://bit.ly/10Owi42>

Title: Executive Course on Global Health Diplomacy

Date: 1 – 5 July 2013

Place: Geneva, Switzerland

Organiser: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

More info: <http://bit.ly/YDevZ8>

Title: APHES Summer Course – Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situation
Date: 01 – 12 July 2013
Place: Brussels, Belgium
Organiser: The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disaster
Deadline: for applications: May 15, 2013
More info: <http://www.aphes.be/>

Title: Writing a Journal Article.. and Getting it Published
Date: 03 – 03 July 2013
Place: University of Bern, ISPM, Switzerland
Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: EuroEpi 2013 - European Congress of Epidemiology
Date: 11 – 14 August 2013
Place: Aarhus, Denmark
Organiser: European Epidemiology Federation of the International Epidemiological Association (IEA-EEF)
More info: www.euroepi2013.org

Title: 21st IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion
Date: 25 – 29 August 2013
Place: Pattaya, Thailand
Organiser: IUHPE
More info: <http://www.iuhpeconference.net/en/index.php>

Title: Summer school in public health policy, economics and management
Date: 26 – 31 August 2013
Place: Lugano, Switzerland
Organiser: University of Lugano and Swiss School of Public Health+
More info: [Register now](#)

Title: Conducting Qualitative Research in Health: Writing and Getting Published
Organizer: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health
Date: 11 – 13 September 2013
Place: University of Basel, Switzerland
More info: http://www.ispm-unibasel.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: International Conference on Intercultural Mediation in Health Care
Date: 19 – 20 September 2013
Place: Huelva, Spain
Organiser: Centre for Migration Studies of the University of Huelva
More info: uhu.es/health-migration/

Title: 13th International Conference on Health Impact Assessment (HIA)
Date: 2 – 4 October 2013
Place: Geneva, Switzerland
More info: <http://www.hia2013.net>

Title: 2013 European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease
Epidemiology (ESCAIDE)

Date: 5 – 7 November, 2013

Place: Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: ECDC

More info: www.escaide.eu

Title: Genes - Are They Key to Public Health?

Organiser: SSPH+ PhD Program in Public Health

Date: 26 November and 4 December 2013

Place: University of Basel, Swiss TPH, Switzerland

More info: http://www.ispm-unibas.ch/ssphplus/spip.php?page=phd_courses&lang=en

Title: Concepts of Epidemiology (5-Day Course)

Date: 9 – 13 December 2013

Place: Edinburgh, UK

Organiser: University of Edinburgh

More info: <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/epidemiology>

6. Interesting publications

New Edition of the Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice

Third Edition

Edited by Charles Guest, Walter Ricciardi, Ichiro Kawachi, and Iain Lang

<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199586301.do>

Alcohol: Science, Policy and Public Health

Peter Boyle et al.

<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199655786.do>

New Edition of the Oxford Handbook of Clinical Immunology and Allergy

Third Edition

Gavin Spickett

Now members of the EUPHA can claim 20% off this title when ordering through the Oxford University Press website. Just click on the link below and 'Add to Basket' to receive your discount!

<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199603244.do?code=ampromo6>

Global Health: Science and Practice

March 2013 - Volume 1 - Issue 1

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/14ihUlW>

Understanding Sexual Health and its Role in more Effective Prevention Programs

Public Health Reports / 2013 Supplement 1 / Volume 128

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/YwR162>

Using and abusing evidence in science and health policy

Edited by: Prof Timothy Caulfield

Collection: March 2013 BMC Medical Genomics 2013, 6:8

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/YrXVJU>

Making Health Care Safer:

A Critical Review of Evidence Supporting Strategies to Improve Patient Safety

Annals of Internal Medicine - March 2013 - Vol. 158. No. 5_Part_2

Articles available at: <http://bit.ly/114rdko>

Working for Health Equity: The Role of Health Professionals

UCL Institute of Health Equity - Department of Epidemiology & Public Health

University College London – March 2013

Full report PDF [118p.] at: <http://bit.ly/Y4Voem>

Summary: PDF at: <http://bit.ly/16JdYJS>

Case studies for the report: <http://bit.ly/15qzFLI>

Layers of complexity in interpreting evidence on effectiveness

A. Tannahill, M.P. Kelly

Public Health - Volume 127, Issue 2, February 2013

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/WDzMmh>

Population and Public Health Ethics: Cases from Research, Policy, and Practice

University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics: Toronto, ON Canada

Available online PDF [183p.] at: <http://bit.ly/13fjrbi>

Summarizing Social Disparities in Health

Yukiko Asada, Yoko Yoshida, Alyce M. Whipp

Milbank Quarterly Volume 91, Issue 1, March 2013

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/Wtnrkr>

Performance Assessment in Primary Health Care: A Systematic Literature Review

CEFAGE-UE Working Paper 2013/03

Olena Kalinichenko, Carla A. F. Amado, Sérgio P. Santos

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/1416eDv>

The Rise of the South: Human Progress in a Diverse World

United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) 2013 Human Development Report

Full report: 2013 Human Development Report [5,793 KB] PDF <http://bit.ly/10MweOd>

Summary <http://bit.ly/13Vx6VI>

Website: <http://bit.ly/Z21yoS>

WHO - European health report 2012

The European health report 2012: charting the way to well-being

Full report: <http://bit.ly/WadqKa>

Website: <http://bit.ly/10MAPUw>

Developing a New Understanding of Enabling Health and Wellbeing in Europe

Harmonising Health and Social Care Delivery and Informatics Support to Ensure Holistic Care

Science Position Paper - Standing Committee for the Social Sciences (SCSS)

European Science Foundation (ESF) – January 2013

Available online at: <http://bit.ly/WaaBsy>

Patient-centred access to health care:

conceptualising access at the interface of health systems and populations

Jean-Frederic Levesque, Mark Harris and Grant Russell

International Journal for Equity in Health – March 2013, 12:18 doi:10.1186/1475-9276-12-18
Available at: <http://bit.ly/ZFly11>

WHO/World Bank ministerial meeting to discuss best practices for moving forward on universal health coverage

Joint WHO / World Bank statement
February 19, 2013: <http://bit.ly/YVQOZ3>

Health Inequalities Impact Assessment

- An approach to fair and effective policy making: Guidance, tools and templates
Published by NHS Health Scotland
Edinburgh office
Website: <http://bit.ly/13HzCyg>

Addressing the Gaps in Global Policy and Research for Non-Communicable Diseases Policy Briefs from the NCD Working Group – 2012

Louis Galambos & Jeffrey L. Sturchio, Editors
The Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health and the Study of Business Enterprise at the Johns Hopkins University
Available online PDF [26p.] at: <http://bit.ly/XsJYys>

Governance Challenges in Global Health

Julio Frenk and Suerie Moon
N Engl J Med 2013; 368:936-94 -- March 7, 2013 - DOI: 10.1056/NEJMra1109339
Website: <http://bit.ly/YeNDvy>

The Global Burden of Disease: Generating Evidence, Guiding Policy

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation IHME - University of Washington
Seattle, WA: IHME, March 4, 2013
Website: <http://bit.ly/14oMEfY>
Full report in PDF file [50p.] at: <http://bit.ly/13CWntq>

Twelve myths about systematic reviews for health system policymaking rebutted

Kaelan A Moat, John N Lavis , Mike G Wilson , John-Arne Røttingen and Till Bärnighausen
Health Policy PhD Program, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada
Available at: <http://bit.ly/HSRKM>

Health equity impact assessment

Susan L. Povall, Fiona A. Haigh, Debbie Abrahams and Alex Scott-Samuel
Health Promot. Int. (2013) doi: 10.1093/heapro/dat012 - February 28, 2013
Website: <http://bit.ly/W0djzn>

7. European Commission news

Investment in Health set as a priority in the Social Investment Package published by DG Sanco.

The Social Investment Package (SIP), adopted by the European Commission today, aims to help Member States use their social and health budgets more efficiently and effectively. The [investing in health component](#) asserts that health, as well as being a value in itself, is a precondition for economic prosperity. It makes the case for smart investments for sustainable health systems - spending smarter, but not necessarily more, investing in people's health -

particularly through health promotion programmes, and investing in reducing inequalities in health as a means of tackling social exclusion.

For more information, please see the eNews on Investing in Health:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/dyna/enews/enews.cfm?al_id=1348

Data collection

Publication: Injuries in the European Union - Summary of injury statistics for the years 2008-2010

Health strategy

Health-EU newsletter 106 - Investment in Health a priority in the Social Investment Package

Health technology assessment

Ecorys Study on European Cooperation on Health Technology Assessment: Economic and governance analysis of the establishment of a permanent secretariat

Indicators

Indicator on Life expectancy (ECHI 10) updated with 2011 data

Mental health

Health programme: launch of the Joint Action on Mental Health and Well-Being

Nutrition and physical activity

Pilot project on increasing the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables in vulnerable population groups - Progress report for February 2013 now available

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 28 February 2013 - Contributions available

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 28 February 2013 - Flash report available

Joint meeting of the High Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity and the Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 14 November 2012 - Minutes available

Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, Brussels, 14 November 2012 - Minutes available

Patient safety

Meeting of the Patient Safety & Quality of Care Working Group, Brussels, 20 November 2012 - Minutes now available

Rare diseases

Press release: EU provides €144 million for new research on rare diseases

New events on Rare Diseases

Orphanet Report – Disease Registries in Europe – January 2013

Social determinants and health inequalities

Health-EU newsletter 105 - Health of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities including Roma

8. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 10, 07 March 2013

In this issue: Surveillance report on the situation of Legionnaires' disease in Europe in 2009-2010

This week's table of contents:

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Detection of a high-endemic focus of *Echinococcus multilocularis* in red foxes in southern Denmark, January 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20420>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Legionnaires' disease in Europe, 2009-2010

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20417>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Capacities, practices and perceptions of evidence-based public health in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20421>

NEWS

ECDC publishes its first data on antimicrobial consumption in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20419>

ECDC publishes the annual epidemiological report 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20418>

MISCELLANEOUS

Addendum for Euro Surveill. 2013;18(9)

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20416>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 11, 14 March 2013

In this issue: Review on outbreaks associated to large open air festivals, including music festivals, 1980 to 2012

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIALS

From national to international – challenges in cross-border multi-country, multi-vehicle foodborne outbreak investigations

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20423>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Evidence of person-to-person transmission within a family cluster of novel coronavirus infections, United Kingdom, February 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20427>

Nosocomial outbreak of disseminated orf infection in a burn unit, Gaziantep, Turkey, October to December 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20425>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Investigation into an unusual increase of human cases of *Salmonella* Goldcoast infection in Hungary in 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20422>

A multistate epidemic outbreak of *Salmonella* Goldcoast infection in humans, June 2009 to March 2010: the investigation in Italy

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20424>

REVIEW ARTICLES

Outbreaks associated to large open air festivals, including music festivals, 1980 to 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20426>

Eurosurveillance, Volume 18, Issue 12, 21 March 2013

In this issue: We mark the upcoming World TB day with a variety of papers on aspects related to tuberculosis

This week's table of contents:

EDITORIALS

Joint efforts needed to stop transmission of tuberculosis in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20435>

RAPID COMMUNICATIONS

Fatal case of extensively drug-resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis Beijing genotype infection in an injecting drug user, Athens, Greece, 2012

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20430>

SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

Extrapulmonary tuberculosis in the European Union and European Economic Area, 2002 to 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20431>

The burden of extrapulmonary and meningitis tuberculosis: an investigation of national surveillance data, Germany, 2002 to 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20436>

Treatment outcome monitoring of pulmonary tuberculosis cases notified in France in 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20434>

EUROROUNDUPS

Challenges in diagnosing extrapulmonary tuberculosis in the European Union, 2011

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20432>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Tuberculosis diagnostic delay and therapy outcomes of non-national migrants in Tel Aviv, 1998-2008

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20433>

NEWS

ECDC and WHO/Europe joint report on tuberculosis surveillance and monitoring in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20428>

MISCELLANEOUS

Job vacancy at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20429>

9. WHO publications

Building European reference networks in health care. Exploring concepts and national practices in the European Union

(Edited by Willy Palm, Irene A. Glinos, Bernd Rechel, Pascal Garel, Reinhard Busse, Josep Figueras)

Under the European Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border health care, the development of European reference networks was promoted as one of the prime areas for cross-border cooperation among Member States. These networks are meant to improve access to and provision of high-quality specialized health care to those patients who need it, and to act as focal points for medical training and research, information dissemination and evaluation, especially for rare diseases.

This book examines the ways in which reference networks have developed in European countries, for what kind of medical conditions or interventions, the motivations behind their establishment, the regulatory and administrative processes involved, and the financial arrangements needed. This study outlines the key policy implications and challenges of developing the concept of reference networks at national and European levels, and will assist policy-makers, health professionals, administrators and others involved in implementing the Directive.

For more information about the book, how to order and a link to the electronic version:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-publish/abstracts/building-european-reference-networks-in-health-care.-exploring-concepts-and-national-practices-in-the-european-union>