

Round table on IA integration: health beyond HIA

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Other impact assessments coexist with HIA, such as Environmental Assessments (EIA and SEA), and Social Impact Assessments (SIA).
Analysing the pros and cons of integrating these assessments is crucial for achieving the ultimate goal of improving population health and equity, regardless of the context.

This session aims:

- To discuss how health is addressed within other IA, and if it makes more sense to consider health separately as an HIA *stand alone* or integrated into those other IA.
- To analyse the pros and cons of integrating different IA

SPEAKERS

- **Luis Moya Ruano**, *Expert in HIA, Public Health Directorate. Regional Ministry of Health of Andalusia (Seville, Spain)*
- **Henk Hilderink**, *EUPHA-Foresight section, top expert on Population Health Foresight at Institute for Public Health and the Environment, Welfare and Sport (RIVM, Netherlands).*
- **Ana Gil Luciano**, *Head of the Health Promotion and Equity Area, Spanish Ministry of Health (Madrid, Spain)*

SLIDO Questions

1. Please indicate, of which tools/methods you have already heard of: **(multiple answers possible)**
 - a. Foresight
 - b. Certain health equity tools
 - c. Environmental Impact Assessment
 - d. Others

SLIDO Questions

2. Should health always be a core component of these tools, or are there cases where it makes more sense to consider it separately?
 - a. Yes, as a stand-alone process
 - b. Yes, but integrated into other process as a separate chapter
 - c. It is already being addressed in the existing processes
 - d. No

3. What about the quality of the usage of IA tools/procedures, were they performed properly in your country?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Institutionalising HIA in Europe for better supporting decision-making processes

**ROUND TABLE: Impact assessment integration: health
assessment beyond HIA**

**Luis A. Moya, Expert in HIA, Public Health Directorate
Regional Ministry of Health of Andalusia (Spain)**

Health impacts in EIA

Submission from affected authorities: **Screening** **Scope** **Feasibility**

SHORTCOMINGS



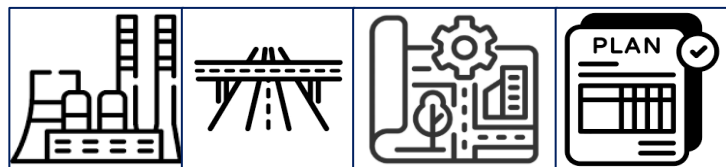
RESPONSES

- Actual ruling from non health experts
- Non aligned priorities
- Focus on activity, not in setting
- Health info usually missing in docs
- No input on public perception
- Non uniform requirements

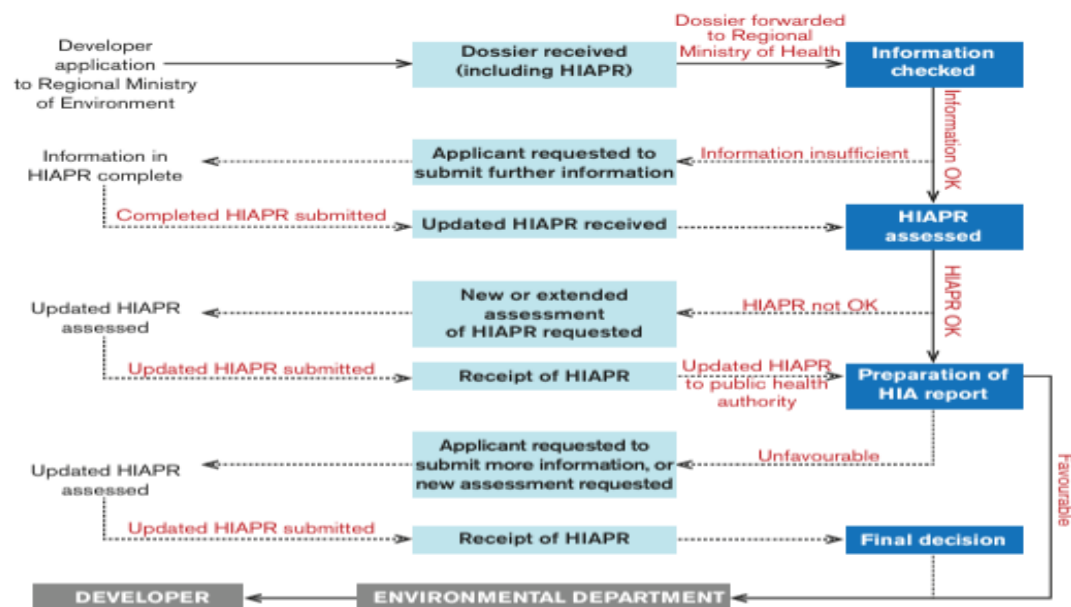
- Binding report
- Mandatory report (own scope)
- Specific doc, tailored methodology
- Document validation
- Report after public consultation
- Report in regional permits, not EIA

The Andalusian approach

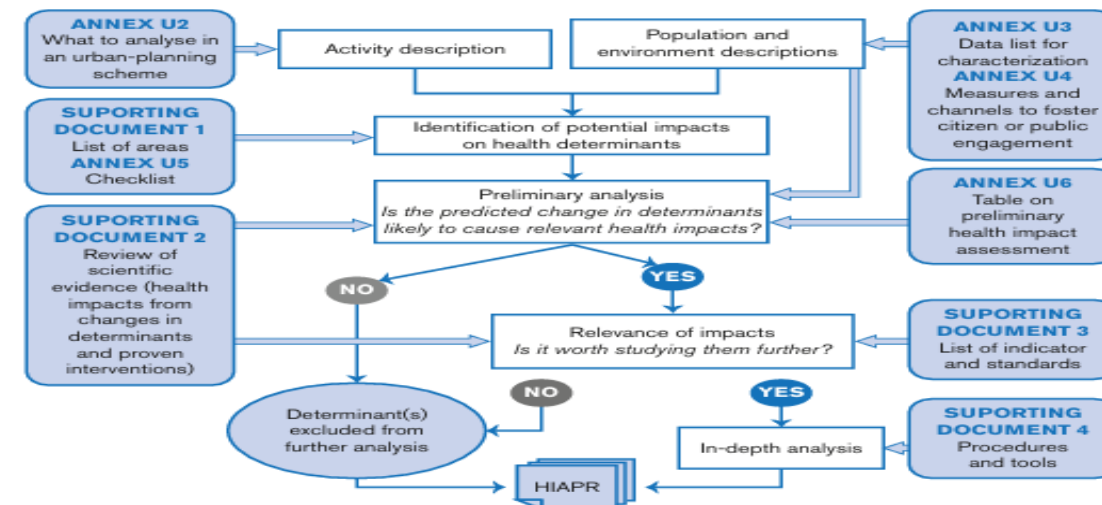
HIA in Andalusia Scope



Process



Methodology



Response depth based on impact relevance

Impact relevance	Analysis to be carried-out	Info to include in report
No impacts detected	None	None
No significant impacts	Qualitative analysis	Some info included Doesn't affect decision
Significant impacts that meet standards	Quantitative analysis Optimization studio	All info included May add suggestions
Significant impacts not meeting standards	In-Depth analysis	All info included Feasibility constraints

HIA in Andalusia: Success factors

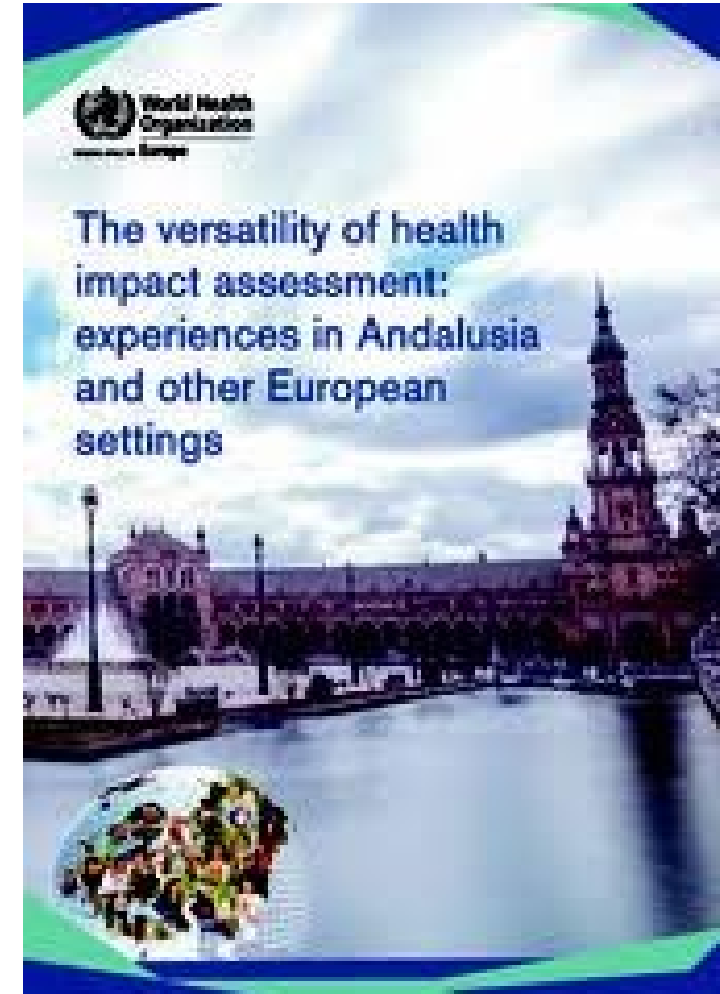
- ✓ **Sustained strong political support**
- ✓ **Focus on internal and external coordination**
- ✓ **Flexible methodology in depth & scope of assessment**
- ✓ **Dissemination of guidance materials. Advocacy**
- ✓ **Population data easily accessible, fine granularity**
- ✓ **Multidisciplinary teams and networking**

Thank you for attention

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<https://www.who.int/europe/publications/i/item/9789289054560>





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Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

Towards Foresight-informed policy making in public health

Dr. Henk Hilderink

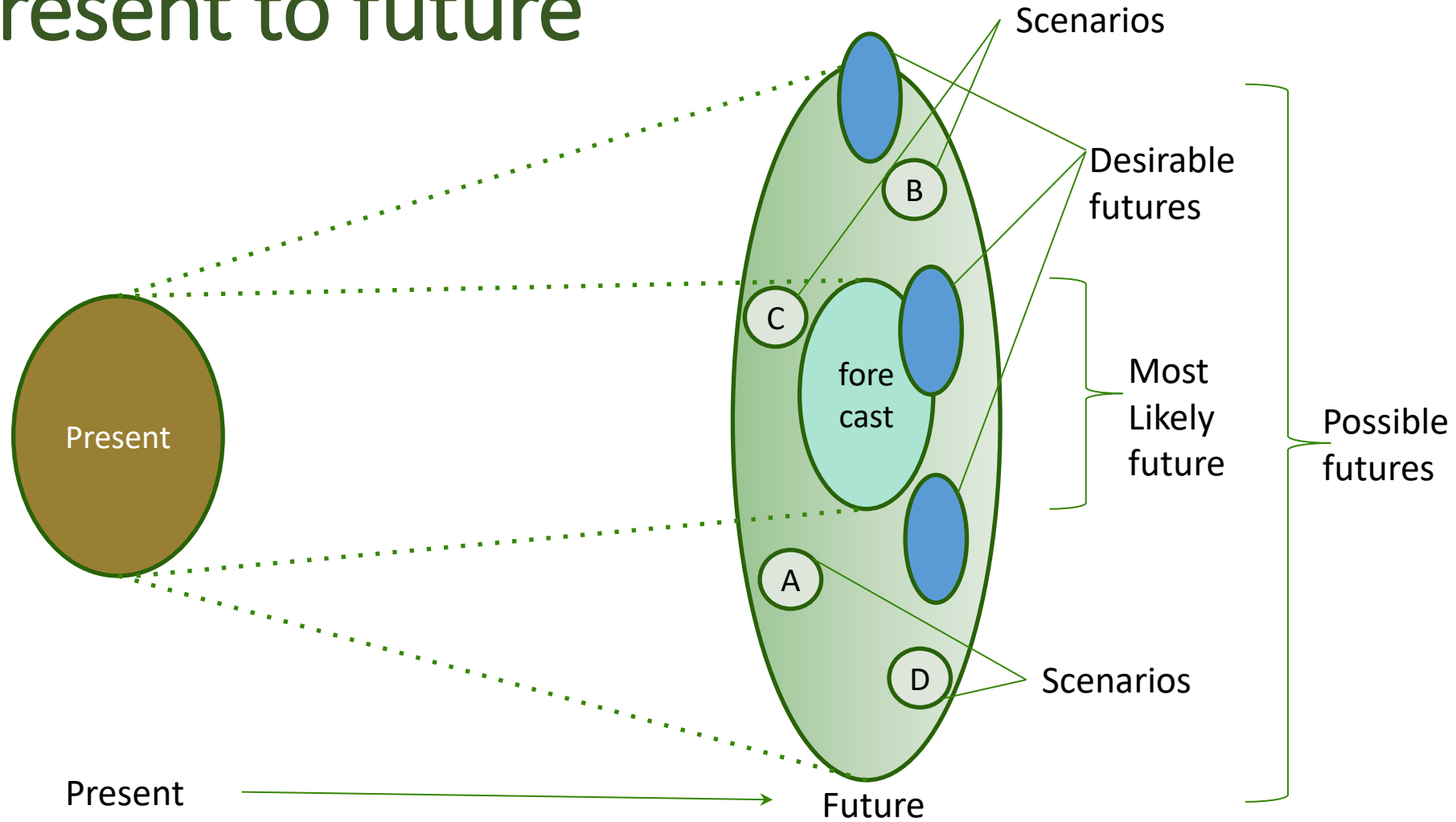
RIVM-Top expert Public Health Foresight
President EUPHA foresight section



What is Strategic Foresight

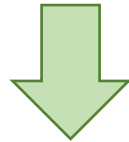
- Strategic foresight is a **proactive and systematic approach** to envisioning **different futures, challenges, and opportunities**
- **Policy making is about the future** (so better to know what possible futures we are facing)
- Foresight-informed policy making in the face of **uncertainty**, ensuring **resilience and preparedness** for societal, technological, environmental, and economic changes
- Includes various methods like horizon scanning, scenario building, stakeholder participation, modelling
- We **don't predict** the future but merely explore possible futures

From present to future

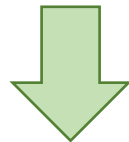


Foresight study: no blueprint, common elements

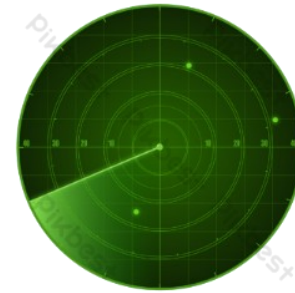
What future are we facing?



What are the most important challenges?



What are the options for action?





Strategic Foresight at RIVM

- Dutch Public Health Foresight Study
 - Since 1993, legal basis
 - Time horizon +25 years
 - Input for policy process (MoH, local policy makers)
 - Intensive stakeholder participation process
- To gain insights into the most important challenges for **policy and society**
- From scenarios to challenges to **options for action**
- *“Looking into the future to change the present”*



Integrating Health Equity



Round table 3: Impact assessment integration: Health
assessment beyond HIA

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Social determinants of
health are not
distributed in a
equitable way



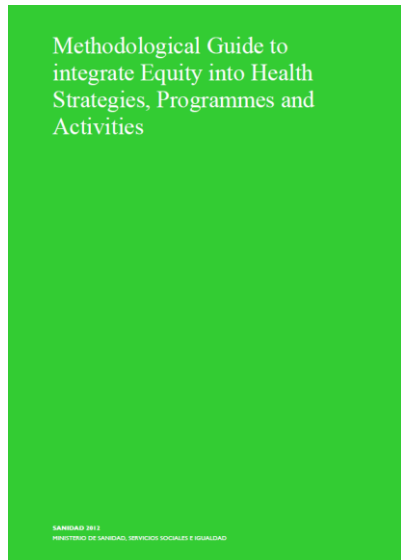
Integrating equity into Health strategies, programmes & activities

2010-2012

2012-2016

2014-2019

2019-ongoing



Capacity building and methodological guide to integrate equity

<https://www.sanidad.gob.es/en/areas/promocionPreveccion/promoSaludEquidad/equidadYDesigualdad/estrategia/actividadDeDesarrollo/guiaMetodologica.htm>



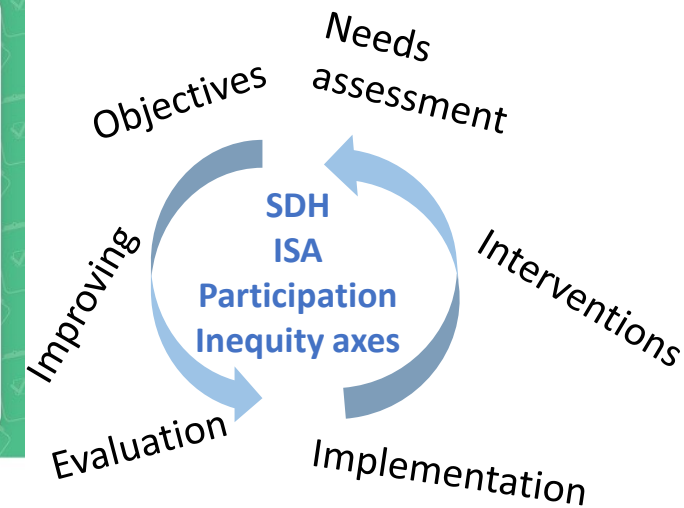
Capacity building with WHO EURO and collaboration in Innov8 – WHO

Tailoring the methodology to other needs



Updated checklist for analysing equity in Health strategies, programmes and activities
Capacity building

<https://www.sanidad.gob.es/en/areas/promocionPreveccion/promoSaludEquidad/equidadYDesigualdad/estrategia/actividadDeDesarrollo/EPAs.htm>



Integrating equity into HIA

2014

National
screening tool –
JA Equity Action

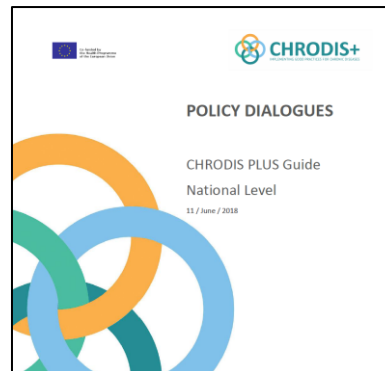


Available [here](#)

2019

Expert working
group

Policy Dialogue
HIA – JA CHRODIS+



- ❖ Analysis of local and regional initiatives in Spain
- ❖ Proposals for discussion

<http://chrodis.eu/event/spanish-policy-dialogue-in-madrid/>



- ✓ Inclusion of a more integrated concept of Health in EIA
- ✓ Development of HIA for policies not in the scope of EIA

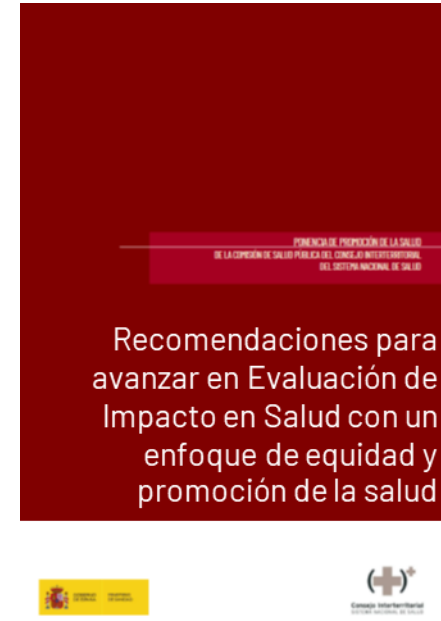
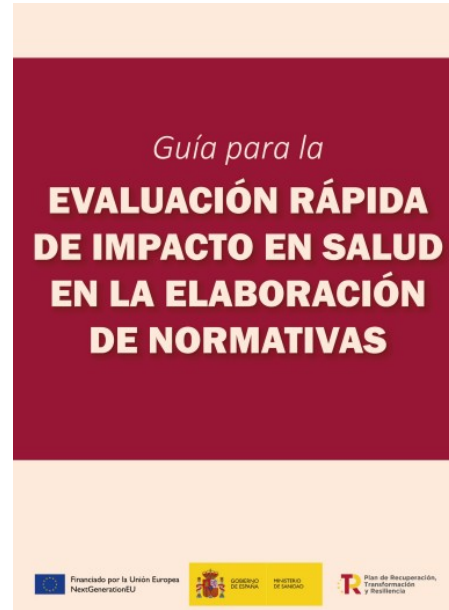
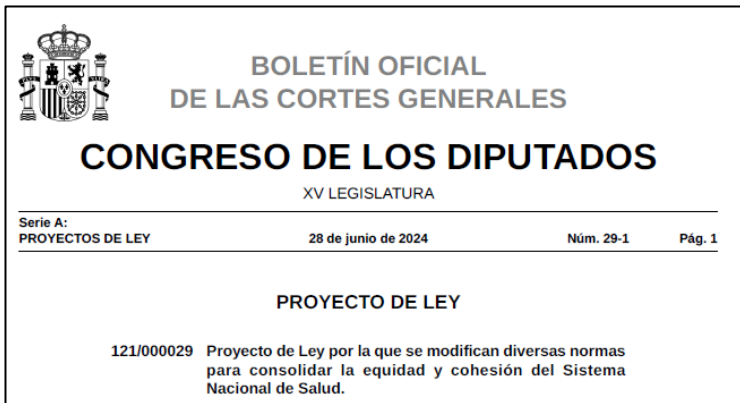
Integrating equity into HIA

2021-ongoing

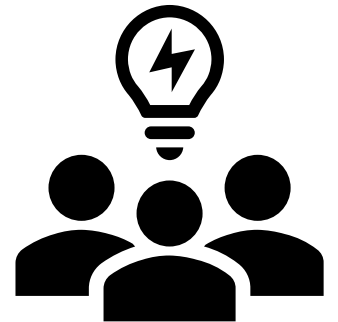
2023

2025

Ongoing



**WORK IN
PROGRESS**



Law Proposal to incorporate HIA
in the assessment of legislative
proposals of different sectors

https://www.congreso.es/public_oficiales/L15/CONG/BOCG/A/BOCG-15-A-29-1.PDF

Guide for rapid HIA in legislative
proposals

https://www.sanidad.gob.es/areas/promocionPrevencion/promoSaludEquidad/equidadYDesigualdad/estrategia/actividadDeDesarrollo/docs/guia_EvaluacionRapidaImpactoenSalud.pdf

Technical document on
recommendations to advance in
Spain in HIA with a health
promotion and equity approach

https://www.sanidad.gob.es/areas/promocionPrevencion/promoSaludEquidad/equidadYDesigualdad/estrategia/actividadDeDesarrollo/docs/recomendacionesEIS_enfoqueEquidadYPromocionSalud.pdf