

Annual report 2020

EUPHA- Health Impact Assessment section (EUPHA-HIA)

Collaboration with section members

- The EUPHA HIA-section partners, together with the Health section of IAIA (International Association of Impact Assessment) and the WHO European Centre for Environmental Health (WHO-ECEH) developed a reference paper on principles for the coverage of population and human health within the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedure. The draft paper was presented and discussed at the EPHC in Marseille in a dedicated workshop chaired by Piedad Martín-Olmedo, and at the Join the Network meeting. A consultation process was set up incl. conducting a webinar on Dec. 3rd 2019, organized by IAIA and contribution of section members. Based on the multiple constructive feedback out of this consultation process the reference document was revised by the editorial group and will be finalized.
- The paper 'Addressing Human Health in Environmental Impact Assessment' will be launched at the 2020 IAIA conference in Seville, Spain, which is postponed to 2021.
- At a virtual IAIA symposium (5-8 October 2020 - <https://conferences.iaia.org/virtual2020/>) main findings from the reference paper will be presented and discussed.
- Preparation of an article related to the consultation process for gathering different positions referring to the reference paper mentioned above, and how addressing health within EIA (to be submitted in December 2020)

Activities at the EPH conference / Global Congress on Public Health 2020

- **Tue 13th Oct. 12:15-13:15.**
4.D. - Workshop: Health Impact assessment of chemical exposure: state of the art and challenges Organized by: EUPHA-HIA, EC JRC, ibs.GRANADA (Spain), EASP (Spain). Chairperson(s): Piedad Martin-Olmedo - Spain, Stephanie Bopp - Italy
- **Wed 14th Oct. 9:45-10:45**
10.D. - Workshop: Health Impact assessment of climate change: monitoring and experiences. Organized by: EUPHA-HIA, EUPHA-PHMR, Public Health Wales. Chairperson(s): Piedad Martin-Olmedo - Spain, Liz Green - United Kingdom
- **Wed 14th Oct. 19:45-20:45**
Workshop: The Place Standard Tool around the world – experience on impact, equity aspects and transferability. Organized by: BZgA (Germany), Scottish Government, Public Health Scotland (UK), EUPHA-PHMR, EUPHA-HIA, JAHEE. Chairperson(s): Christina Plantz - Germany, Kat Hasler - United Kingdom.
- **Fri 16th Oct. 15:45-16:45**
30.K. - Round table: What is and what is not HIA; expectations and realities. Organized by: EUPHA-HIA. Chairperson(s): Gabriel Gulis - Denmark, Jean Simos – Switzerland
- **Thu 15th Oct. 11:00-12:00. via Zoom**
JTN13 - Join the network meeting EUPHA Health impact assessment section. EUPHA-HIA

Other activities

- Documentation of the 2019 pre-conference '[Health Impact Assessment \(HIA\) institutionalization and multisectoral collaboration in Europe](#)' incl. the book of abstracts¹.
- The section is participating in EUPHA's Green Club and produced a [report for the Green Club](#).
- Collaboration with the Global Working Group on HIA of the International Union of Health Promotion (IUHPE).
- Contribution to the campaign HW113 - Monitoring wider population health impacts of COVID-19, organized by the EUPHA section Public Health Monitoring and Reporting during the European Public Health Week (11 May 2020).
- Participation in the [German Competence Network Public Health COVID-19](#), Working Group 'Indirect health impacts of COVID-19 mitigation measures'. Publication of a paper '[Integrated health policy recommendations](#)' (Odile Mekel).
- Odile Mekel attended the EUPHA section council meeting in January 2020 in Utrecht and will participate in the section council conference evaluation meeting at the WHCPH

Annual meeting

The Join the Network meeting will be held via Zoom on 15th of October. Objectives:

- Election of new president/vice-president
- Discussion of future actions and collaborations

General communications with section members

The section communicates mainly by email through the EUPHA Maillist, e.g.

- Dissemination of the World Congress on Public Health (28/2/2020)
- Dissemination of the report: "A Health Impact Assessment of the Staying at Home and Social Distancing Policy in Wales in response to COVID-19 pandemic" elaborated by Public Health Wales, posted at EUPHA-HIA section website on 22nd June.
- Call for a new section president (27/8/2020)

Odile Mekel, president of the HIA section

Piedad Martín-Olmedo, vice-president of the HIA section

September, 11th 2020

¹ https://eupha.org/repository/sections/HIA/EPH2019/HIA_preconf_abstract-book.pdf