

# Annual report of the activities of the EUPHA section on Public Health Monitoring and Reporting (EUPHA PHMR)

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## I. Publications, presentations and other activities by the section

The section president, Nicole Rosenkötter, was invited by the “BMC Blog Network” to write a guest post on the article collection “Health information in Europe” in “Archives of Public Health”. The article collection features research within the framework of the BRIDGE Health project, exploring the possibilities of creating an organisational entity that could undertake the tasks associated with the development of an EU Health Information System.

Rosenkötter N. The long and winding road towards an EU health information system. BMC blog On Health, <http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/on-health/2018/08/20/long-winding-road-towards-eu-health-information-system/#commentlist> (20.8.2018).

The section President and Vice-president gave an interview on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 for Healthy Europe on international health information databases that was published in the EPH conference 2018 issue of Healthy Europe..

The section President was asked to participate together with other EUPHA representatives in the external Evaluation of Joint Action on Health Information (InfAct).

## 2. Participation in the Steering Group of the WHO-EURO European Health Information Initiative (EHII) on behalf of EUPHA

The European Health Information Initiative (EHII) is a WHO Europe network committed to improving the information that underpins health policies in the European Region. It fosters international cooperation to support the exchange of expertise, build capacity and harmonize processes in data collection and reporting. The EHII is the umbrella network of several topic or region-specific networks:

- Central Asian Republics Information Network, CARINFONET
- European Burden of Disease Network, EBoDN;
- Small Countries’ Health Information Network, SCHIN;

- a new health information network established within the South Eastern European Health Network, SEEHN
- a WHO Action Network on measuring population and organizational health literacy (M-POHL Network)
- European Evidence-informed Policy Network, EVIPNet
- Health information network with the Commonwealth of Independent States, CIS;
- European Health Research Network (EHRN)

By October 2018, the EHII had 39 members, including 30 WHO Europe Member States, several non-state actors, charitable foundations, and the European Commission and the OECD. When considering member state participation in health information networks, all 53 Member States of the WHO Europe Region take part in and contribute to at least one of these networks. In 2018, the EHII established a further sub-group on Evidence-informed Policy Making which met once following the Steering Group meeting.

The EHII works in six key areas:

- gathering and analysing information that deepens the understanding of health and well-being, with a focus on indicators;
- enhancing access to and dissemination of health information;
- building capacity;
- strengthening health information networks;
- supporting the development of health information strategies; and
- communication and advocacy.

The EUPHA PHMR section president participated in 2018 in one meeting of the EHII Steering Group.

→ 11<sup>th</sup> meeting – a WebEx meeting – on 16. July 2018, and

→ (12<sup>th</sup> meeting – a WebEx meeting – was postponed from 15. November 2018 to 22 January 2019)

The Steering Group meetings have usually a common structure:

- Updates from WHO Europe, especially regarding activities in the key areas and on the development of health information networks within the EHII.
- Updates from the EC, Eurostat and OECD as well as updates from the current major activities in Member States, including the EU health information Joint Action InfAct and their work on the development of a European Research Infrastructure Consortium on Health Information for Research and Evidence-based Policy.
- Updates on activities like a health indicator mapping exercise. This exercise aims to identify overlaps between indicator sets of the main international health information stakeholder in Europe (WHO-Europe, OECD, Eurostat). Updates on the revision of the SUPPORT tool, a tool that is used to assess health information systems and develop national health information strategies.
- Review of the action plan and suggestion of new actions.

During the meetings the EUPHA PHMR president has given updates on EUPHA activities like publications and EPHC pre-conferences and workshops.

Every meeting is summarised in a meeting report that can be found on the EHII website.

More information: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evidence/european-health-information-initiative-ehii>

The section president also participates in an EHII subgroup on mapping indicator sets in the WHO European Region. Aims and targets will be discussed during the first WebEx Meeting of the subgroup.

→ 1<sup>st</sup> meeting – a WebEx meeting – on 19. October 2018

### 3. Activities of the section Steering Committee

- The Steering Committee was involved in preparing the pre-EPHC section [newsletter](#).
- The Steering Committee supported the section president and vice-president in submitting/ organizing EPHC 2018 workshops and the pre-conference.

### 4. European Public Health Conference 2018

#### **EPHC pre-conference (28<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 09:00-17:00)**

The section organizes a pre-conference on “**Navigating the international health information databases: unravelling the processes behind the numbers**” together with The Joint Action on Health Information – InfAct, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC), and WHO Regional Office for Europe.

The presentations of the pre-conference can be found online on the [EUPHA PHMR section website](#).

#### **Workshop: Place matters! Local assessments for the development of healthy public policies and actions. 29 November 2018 (09:00-10:30)**

Organized by EUPHA (PHMR), EUPHA (HIA), EUPHA (URB) and EUPHA (ENV)

Chairs: Nicole Rosenkötter, EUPHA (PHMR) & NRW Centre for Health (LZG.NRW) and Odile Mekel, EUPHA (HIA) & NRW Centre for Health (LZG.NRW)

Kat Hasler, UK: Place Standard: a practical tool to support the creation of healthier places  
Nikkie Post, NL: Toolkit prevention in the district: practical tools for an integrated approach  
Barbara Coyle, UK: Using local data to inform asset based approaches to improving health  
Peter van den Hazel, EUPHA (ENV): Quickscan environment at neighbourhood level

The presentations of the pre-conference can be found online on the [EUPHA PHMR section website](#).

#### **Round table: Measuring resilience across individual, community, and system levels. 30<sup>th</sup> November, 14:50-15:50**

Organized by EUPHA (PHMR) and WHO Europe

Chairs: Claudia Stein, WHO Europe and Nicole Rosenkötter, EUPHA (PHMR) & NRW Centre for Health (LZG.NRW)

Speakers:

Niels Fietje, WHO Europe: Evidence for health and well-being in context

Jane South, UK: A rapid review of measurement strategies for health-related community resilience

Erio Ziglio, Italy: video statement

Nicole Bacon, UK: Developing a model for measuring community resilience

It is planned to make the presentations available online on the EUPHA PHMR website.

**Workshop: Strategies to Monitor the Health and Health Care Needs of LGBT Individuals across Europe. 1st December 2018, 8:30-9:30**

Organized by EUPHA (SGHM), EUPHA (PHMR)

Chairs: Richard Bränström, EUPHA (SGHM) and Nicole Rosenkötter, EUPHA (PHMR) & NRW Centre for Health (LZG.NRW)

Speakers:

Charlotte Deogan, Sweden

John Pachankis, US

Igor Grabovac, Austria

The group prepared an Editorial that summarised the discussions during the workshop. The Editorial was submitted to the European Journal of Public Health.

**Workshop: Public health foresight studies: how can we deal with the societal challenges we face? 1st December 2018, 9:40-11:10**

Organized by RIVM, EUPHA (PHMR), EUPHA (ECO)

Chair: Josep Figueras, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Speakers:

Henk Hilderink, NL: The Dutch Public Health Foresight Study 2018

Michele Cecchini, OECD: The OECD FRESHER project

Maaïke Droogers, EUPHA: EUPHA member survey on future public health threats

The presentations of the pre-conference can be found online on the [EUPHA PHMR section website](#).

**Annual meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2018, 13:10-14:10

The [agenda and the minutes](#) of the meeting are published on the EUPHA PHMR website.

## 5. Communication

### Newsletter

The [pre-conference newsletter](#) was sent to the EUPHA PHMR subscribers on 22. November 2018.

### Website

The section's annual activity report 2018 was placed at the section specific web pages of the EUPHA website, as were the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual EUPHA PHMR section meeting in Stockholm 2018. The presentations of the pre-conference and of several workshops (co-) organized by EHPHA PHMR were made available on the section website.



### **Twitter account**

The section has a Twitter account (@PHMRsection). The section president is managing this account. The Twitter account is followed by 415 people (7 February 2019). The number of follower is constantly growing.

### **LinkedIn Group**

The LinkedIn group allows members to start discussions and share new publications or job offers. The section President is managing the account. On 1 October 2018 the LinkedIn Group had 55 members.

The section is thinking about closing this communication channel since there is hardly any interaction via this channel.

### **Mailman system**

The section used the mailman system on several occasions to inform the section members on section related matters and job offers.

## **ADDENDUM**

### **Section structure**

#### **Members**

1579 members (1 October 2018)

#### **Steering Committee**

Marleen Desmedt	Eurostat, Luxembourg (now retired)
Marie Delnord	Scientific Institute of Public Health, Belgium & EUPHANxt
Gaetan Lafortune	OECD, France
Neil Riley	NHS England, United Kingdom
Claudia Stein	WHO-EUR, Denmark
Hans van Oers	RIVM, The Netherlands
Marieke Verschuuren	RIVM, The Netherlands

#### **Vice-President**

Petronille Bogaert	Scientific Institute of Public Health, Belgium InfAct
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#### **President**

Nicole Rosenkötter	NRW Centre for Health (LZG.NRW), Germany
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