

JTN21 - JOIN THE NETWORK MEETING EUPHA CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION

The JTN meeting took place online on Friday, November 12th 10:10 – 11:10 CEST. The network meeting theme was: “Call for action now: health of children and adolescent in the post pandemic era”

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Time	Agenda
10:10 – 10:25	1) Welcome Introduction of the CAPH directorate and short resumé of previous CAPH year
10:25 – 10:55	2) Facilitated group discussion on actions “Call for action now!”
10:55 – 11:10:	Wrap up: Reporting of group discussion and next steps
11:10	3) Closing of meeting

- 1) Sonia Saxena welcomed all participants warmly. Participants introduced themselves with name and country in the chat. 33+ participants were present from 25 different countries (24 European, 1 Brazil). Sonia Saxena introduced the section, its aims, and activities in the previous CAPH year.
- 2) The CAPH Directorate proposed a discussion on urgent action arising from the current pandemic. The participants were invited to talk about and discuss emergent priorities and necessary public health actions from their expert and country perspective. A lively discussion evolved, priority topics were broadly agreed on and several actions and ideas emerged. Table below

Participants/members were invited to participate in the further development of the “call for action” and dissemination. A considerable number of participants asked to be contacted.

The discussion was summarized and refined further following the age-group structure developed in recent JTN meetings (first 1000 days, school-age, adolescent & young people) and relating to priorities in children and adolescent public health from previous years’ network discussion.

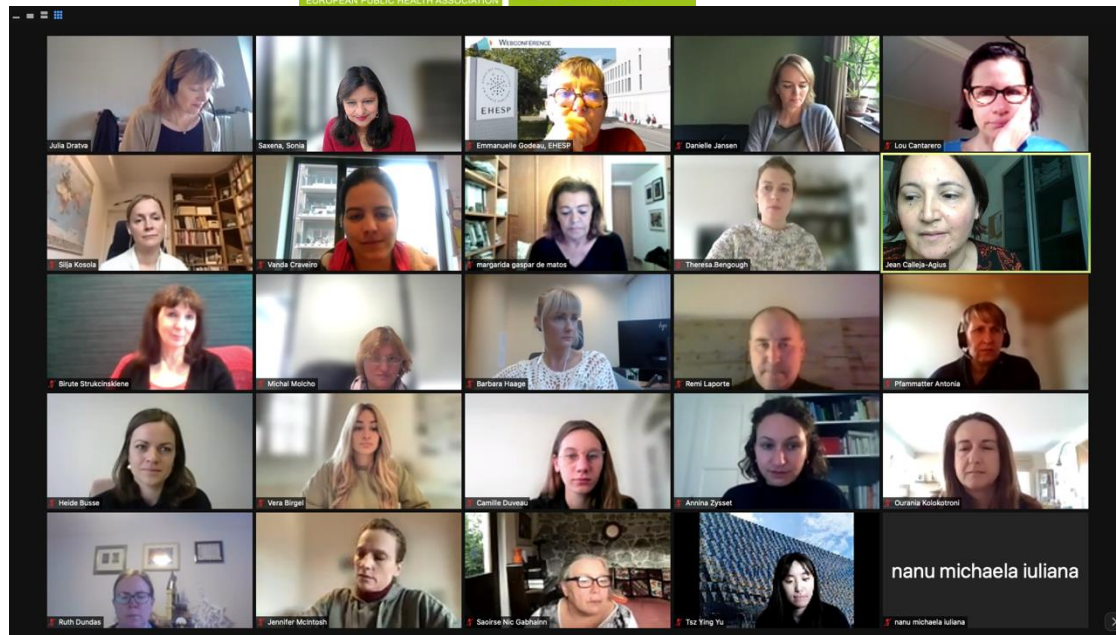
The discussion indicated topics of relevance but also the need to increase networks with other child and adolescent stakeholders, such as acute care hospitals, school health professionals.

- 3) Sonia Saxena closed the meeting and thanked everybody for their engaged participation

Summary table of objectives and actions for CAPH

Theme	Actions	Question to be answered/ Problem to be addressed	First 1000 days	School-age	Adolescent/ young people	CAPH actions
Tackle health inequalities	Monitor health closely	How do children recover from the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe?	x	x	x	write a letter to policy makers/governments on the need to monitor recovery
		How do social determinants of health impact on burden due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery?	x	x	x	
Health behavior	Improve health and peer education	Health behavior has worsened in many countries	x	x	x	
Mental Health	Provide low-threshold access to mental health care	Mental health problems have risen during the pandemic		x	x	
	More and better data on mental health		x	x	x	
Empowerment & Participation	Improve access to electronic health records for youth	Youth were not prepared to use electronic health system or support.		x	x	
	Provide education to increase youth understanding and use of electronic health data	Digitalisation of the health system demands teaching youth to manage electronic health data and systems.		x	x	
	Develop structures for youth to voice their opinions and needs (e.g. EUROCHILD network)	Youth have specific needs and demands to society and the health system.		x	x	develop vessels to do so, regular workshop at EPH with Euphanxt

	Empower youth to make a change			x	x	
	Participatory research		(x)	x	x	
Advocacy	Strengthen advocacy for the right to develop and grow in a health promoting environment	The lives of children and adolescents are stressful and restless, increasing the risk of mental health deterioration.	x	x	x	
	Strengthen advocacy for Children in all Policies – 2030		x	x	x	
(next crisis:) Climate change	Advocate for climate resilient health systems	Youth are aware of the short and long-term risks associated with climate crisis. Climate crisis limits their future healthy perspectives and burdens them now and later.	x	x	x	write article on youth vulnerability in face of climate change; EPH workshop in 2022
	Address youth vulnerability in climate change and their fears.		x	x	x	
	Educate health providers on climate change		x	x	x	
Cooperation	Core cooperation between acute care and public health	Clinical and public health are not working hand in hand, not collaboratively.	x	x	x	
	Collaboration with more stakeholders (school doctors, acute care hospitals, other groups)	Stakeholders are not connected sufficiently.	x	x	x	identify stakeholders to contact in 2022 (school health system,



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