



# Enhancing evidence-informed decision-making in Europe

Preconference lunch-to-lunch event to the 8<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference

Wednesday 14 October p. m. – Thursday/15 October a.m. 2015, Milan/Italy

## Organizers

The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe, Health Services Research (HSR) Europe, the EUPHA Section on Public Health Practice and Policy and the EUPHA Section on HSR.

## Aim

To share knowledge and experience, and to openly debate on how to promote evidence-informed decision-making (EIP) in the European Region.

## Background

Regardless of our positions in the health care field, we all recognise that health research does not automatically feed into policy and decision-making, thus limiting the possibilities of making use of scientific evidence and best practices. Past European Public Health conferences have extensively addressed factors which hamper the uptake of research evidence. Our ambition is to take these discussions a step further and identify how we can jointly create an environment favourable to research utilisation, among others by addressing growing evidence on strategies and infrastructures leading to a co-production of policy-relevant research and evidence-informed policies.

As requested by its Member States, the WHO Regional Office for Europe recently developed, in consultation with researchers and policy-makers, an accelerated roadmap to enhance evidence-informed policy-making (EIP) in the European region. This roadmap calls for joint actions of all stakeholders with a vested interest in strengthening EIP. As a starting point for discussions, the preconference will provide a forum to present the WHO Regional Office for Europe accelerated roadmap for key stakeholders to *reflect on this roadmap* and to share their knowledge and experience on what has and has not worked in the past. It also provides room to *openly debate what each can contribute to EIP*, individually and collectively, both at national, European and sectoral/organizational level, e.g. within hospital settings, for health insurance companies, patient organizations, etc.

## Target audiences

Stakeholders of all levels in the health services and public health research community, established experts on EIP and knowledge translation (KT), knowledge brokering organizations, policy-makers, managers and other decision-makers in health care, and other stakeholders and NGOs at national and European level.

## Registration fee (€120)

The fee includes buffet lunch and refreshments on both days. After registration, participants will be informed about an optional dinner arrangement (self-pay). Registration can be made at [www.ephconference.org](http://www.ephconference.org). For more information, please contact [hsr\\_europe@nivel.nl](mailto:hsr_europe@nivel.nl).

# Provisional programme

## Wednesday – 14 October 2015

12:30 – 13:30 Registration/Lunch

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13:30 – 15:00 **Setting the scene: Evidence-informed decision-making (EIP) in Europe**

*Chair: Dr Claudia Stein (WHO/Europe)*

*Key note speakers:*

- *Nick Fahy, University of Oxford, on the state-of-the art of knowledge translation (KT) and EIP: what do we know and what is lacking?*
- *Dr Vesna-Kerstin Petric, Ministry of Health, Directorate for Public Health, Slovenia, on the use of EIP in policy practice*

*Plenary discussion with different stakeholder groups*

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15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

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15:30– 17:00 **The WHO accelerated roadmap on enhancing EIP**

*Chair: Prof Mark Leys, Vrije Universiteit Brussel*

*Plenary presentation by WHO-Europe*

*Facilitated discussions on identifying participants' contributions to the roadmap, including feedback on the four strategic directions of the roadmap and an identification of specific KT/EIP needs related to these strategic directions.*

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## Thursday – 15 October 2015

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

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09:00 – 9:15 Recap from day before

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09:15 – 10:30 **Facilitated discussions on key topic areas to be announced.**

*Chair/speaker: Prof Roland Bal, Institute of Health Policy & Management · Erasmus University Rotterdam*

*Example topics include the role of various stakeholders, the opportunities of participatory research and coproduction, lessons on how to access and share knowledge and on packaging and exchange*

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10:00– 10:30 Coffee

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10:30 – 11:30 **Facilitated discussions continued, including reporting back and identification on main lessons**

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11:45 – 12:30 **Closing session on strengthening future skills and forming a community of practice**

*Reflections and identification of action points by representatives from the research community, European and national level policy, knowledge brokers, etc.*

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12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

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