

Annual report 2023

EUPHA section on Health Services Research (EUPHA-HSR)

Goals for 2023

An overarching goal is to continue and expand on previous activities to enhance visibility of HSR at a European stage, build capacity at national and European level, increase opportunities for networking and two-way learning between Section Members and strengthening collaboration with national level HSR associations.

A second goal is to foster collaboration in HSR with European Institutions and international Institutions to attract more individuals to join HSR Section and through them, motivate their institutions to join EUPHA as Institutional Members. This includes engaging with young HSR researchers of different backgrounds and disciplines and attract them to the HSR Section and in doing so, expanding their awareness for public health, and EUPHA, with the additional output of linking them to EUPHA-NEXT.

Collaboration with Section Members

Section Members were encouraged to collaborate with the Section and invited to submit their ideas and requests for joint proposals for the EPH2023 conference. Members were also motivated to engage actively within the Section and share relevant news and developments, either via the Section Newsletter or via a dedicated LinkedIn Group created during the past year for dissemination and networking purposes.

Activities at the EPH conference

The following sessions and workshops were organised in a collaborative effort with Section Members and fellow Sections:

- Preconference ‘Sustainable primary healthcare: lessons learned, quick wins and challenges’, organised by NHG - Dutch College for General Practitioners (Netherlands); European Forum for Primary Care (EFPC), EUPHA-HSR and European Society for Quality & Safety in Family Medicine (EQUIP).
- Workshop ‘Fostering integrated care through a large-scale structural health system reform in Finland, organized by THL, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and EUPHA-HSR.
- Round table ‘Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention: which opportunities from the EU Cancer Mission?’, organized by EUPHA-EPI, EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-CHR, EUPHA-HSR, EUPHA-PHG.
- Lunch Symposium ‘Enabling health and care systems transformation through the THCS partnership’, organised by THCS and EUPHA-HSR.

Our president and vice president were present as chair and co-chair of different sessions during the EPH.

Other activities

Strengthening linkages with national HSR associations

As HSR-Section we continued our collaboration with national level counterparts, such as the German national HSR Association DNVF (Deutsches Netzwerk für Versorgungsforschung; <https://www.dnvf.de/home.html>), as well as counterparts in other parts of the world, such as the US HSR Association AcademyHealth to bring together HSR networks from different continents.

Support to European Partnership on Health and Care Systems Transformation under Horizon Europe

Under Horizon Europe a new Partnership has been launched, with the purpose to strengthen capacity and learning potential in the area of health systems research. As Partnership between national funding bodies in EU countries and outside the EU it among others creates funding opportunities for national applicants from member countries in the Partnership. Focus is on how to transform health and care systems and improve the uptake and transfer of service and policy innovations across Europe. The Section has been involved in the preparations of such a Partnership as of its infancy stages, among others by organizing dedicated preconferences and workshops at annual EPH conferences. It will continue to do so during the 7 year execution phase of the Partnership, also in collaboration with other relevant Sections.

Annual meeting

The Join the network meeting took place during the annual EPH Conference 2023, and among others collected additional inputs for training sessions to be organised to support the Section Members and for potential workshop topics for the 2024 conference.

General communications with Section Members

In 2023 the Section circulated a number of newsletters, aimed to inform Members of relevant initiatives and funding opportunities, as well as providing a means for interaction by inviting Members to share relevant news items. To facilitate more bottom-up interaction, a dedicated LinkedIn Group, established in the year before, has been used to complement the communication channels used.

International participation in events on behalf of EUPHA

- The Section organized a workshop during the World Congress of Public Health in Rome from May 2-6 2023, titled “Research Methods for Global Public Health Oriented Health Services Research – what can we learn from each other?”. The session was organized by EUPHA-HSR in collaboration with EUPHA-EPI, EUPHA-HIA, EUPHA-HTA, EUPHA-ECO and EUPHA-PHPP.