



## **Annual report 2020**

### **EUPHA Public Health Economics section (EUPHA-ECO)**

#### **Goals for 2020**

Although the president of the section Diana Sonntag is in parental leave until the middle of 2021, the Public Health Economics (PHEco) section of EUPHA has been quite active this year both by advocating Public Health Economics in Europe and organizing workshops and meetings for the European Public Health Conference.

#### **Collaboration with section members**

As in 2019, we planned, together with Mariana Dyakova and her group (Public Health Wales), a joint skill building workshop. Yet, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to postpone our plans to the year 2021.

#### **Activities at the EPH conference**

The vice president of the PHEco section Beatriz Gonzalez Lopez-Valcarcel represented a summary of the establishment of an international obesity modelling network at the networking meeting of the PHEco section. Six people attended to the meeting.

#### **Other activities**

Michele Cecchini, a member of the PHEco section steering committee, contributed to the EUPHA's video series on COVID-19 and public health. The proposed questions were: It's not just governments who have a role to play, can you talk through your view on the need for European and international collaboration amongst scientists, policy makers and practitioners to help mitigate the mental health damage of the pandemic. What can we all as citizens do to support one another now and once the pandemic has passed?

#### **Annual meeting**

Kindly, see above.

#### **General communications with section members**

Networking meeting, email etc. We are planning a ZOOM meeting with the PHEco section members when Diana Sonntag is back to work.

#### **International participation in events on behalf of EUPHA**

Diana Sonntag organized, together with scientists of Norway, Ireland and Sweden, a symposium on *"Simulation models for health economic assessments of obesity management and prevention interventions: Application, interpretation and translation"* at the International and European Congress of Obesity (ICO-ECO).