

Enhancing evidence-informed decision-making to support resilient and sustainable health systems in Europe

Preconference event to the 9th European Public Health Conference

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Organizers

The Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA), with the support of DG SANTE, the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe), Health Services Research (HSR) Europe, EUPHA Section on HSR, EUPHA Section on Public Health Practice and Policy and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.

Aim

- To identify ways to promote the uptake of evidence and the successful implementation of evidence-informed health policies and interventions on key challenges faced by all European health systems.
- To discuss how collaboration in specific topic areas can support countries to successfully address these challenges, be it through action at the European, national, or decentralized level.
- To explore how to leverage EU-funding programs as a "change agent" in support of the so-called EU added value of addressing these common challenges.

History

Past European Public Health conferences have extensively addressed:

- the commonality of the challenges facing European health systems;
- the potential value in addressing them through a collaborative approaches
- the factors which hamper the uptake of research evidence into public health policy and practice;

Our ambition is to bring these strands together and take the discussion a step further and distil lessons for strengthening the use and impact of evidence in the EU and broader international frameworks such as the WHO/Europe resolution and action plan to strengthen the use of evidence, information and research for policy-making in the European Region.

Target audiences

Stakeholders of all levels in the health services and public health research community, knowledge brokering organizations, policy-makers, managers and other decision-makers in health care, and other stakeholders and NGOs at national and European level.

Format

The preconference will start with a plenary session which will set the scene and set out the key issues to be addressed in four parallel sessions (two by two), through a common analytical framework. Focus is on topic areas where there is sufficient scope and rationale for collaborative approaches and where evidence-informed policies or interventions can be expected to contribute to innovative, resilient, efficient and sustainable health systems.

Per parallel round audiences will be able to select two topics of their choice:

- In round 1: either 'Adoption of integrated care models for the chronically ill' or 'Ensuring access to care for migrants and refugees';
- In round 2: either 'Policies and care models for rare disease patients' or 'Innovation and collaboration in cancer control policies'.

Each of the thematic parallel sessions will have a similar and interactive format. A panel of stakeholders who have been engaged in various European initiatives, such as Joint Actions, EU-funded projects, flagship initiatives or other collaborative actions will share their experience with the use of evidence, its transferability across different contexts and its uptake by policy makers.

Based on a common template of questions the group discussion in all four sessions will attempt to draw generic lessons and identify “good practices” in generating the right evidence and ensuring its uptake and use. We will explore the obstacles and enabling factors that determine the impact and success of knowledge transfer. This should help us to identify what elements can really support implementation of evidence-informed policies at country level and how this can be supported by action undertaken at international level. Both the overarching framework and specific questions will be developed and shared with the participants prior to the meeting, so as to facilitate an active group discussion and ensure a fruitful exchange of insights and experiences.

A plenary closing session will bring lessons from all parallels together with a focus on next steps and common actions needed from relevant stakeholders with a vested interest in strengthening evidence-informed policy making in each of the four topic areas, both internationally and nationally.

The expected output would be twofold:

- For the implementers of evidence: A practical "checklist" of pre-requisites for putting the evidence forward and ensuring, as much as possible, its uptake and use.
- For the funding agencies: A rapid assessment framework for reviewing priority setting.

Programme

09:15 – 10:30 hrs. Setting the scene.

Chair: Georgios Margetidis, Chafea

A common framework for evidence-informed decision-making in public health, *Josep Figueras, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies*

Requirements from a European Commission perspective, *Stefan Schreck, European Commission*

Evidence informed decision making in the WHO-European Region, *Claudia Stein, WHO Regional Office for Europe*

How to walk the talk? *Johan Hansen, NIVEL, Netherlands institute for health services research*

11:00– 12:30 hrs.

Session 1: Adoption, scaling up and transferability of integrated care models for the chronically ill

Chair: Anne-Marie Yazbeck, Chafea

Short introductory presentations by:

Marina Maggini/ Jelka Zaletel, CHRODIS JA

Albert Alonso, PJ INTEGRATE; PJ SIMPATHY

Cristina Bescos, ACT@Scale

Niamh Lennox-Chhugani, Optimity Matrix

Discussion with audience

Session 2: Ensuring access to care for migrants & refugees

Chair: Tanja Kuchenmüller, WHO/Europe

Short introductory presentations by:

Nathalie Simmonot, Médecins du Monde

Hristos Lionis, EUR-HUMAN

Santino Severoni, WHO

Ursula Trammer, Center for Health and Migration

Discussion with audience

12:30 – 13:30 hrs. Lunch break

13.30 – 15:00 hrs.

Session 3: Policies and care models for rare disease patients.

Chair: Georgios Margetidis, Chafea

Short introductory presentations by:

Raquel Castro, EURORDIS OG

Ana Rath, RD-ACTION

Ruth Ladenstein, ExPO-r-Net

Till Voigtländer, EU Member States ERN Board (to be confirmed)

Discussion with audience

Session 4: Innovation and collaboration in cancer control policies.

Chair: Giovanni Nicoletti, National Focal Point for the Health Programme, Italy

Short introductory presentations by:

Representative of BENCH-CAN project (tbc)

Prof Ladislav Dušek, (tbc), JA CANCER CONTROL (Setting up a Cancer Control Regional Network)

Dr Claudia Ferrari, (tbc), JA CANCER CONTROL (Survivorship Care Plan)

Jose M Martin-Moreno, University of Valencia

Discussion with audience

15:30 – 17:00 hrs. Closing session.

Chair: Stefan Schreck, European Commission

Wrap-up/ feedback by rapporteurs from each of the parallel sessions

Integrated care: Johan Hansen

Care for migrants and refugees: Marleen Bekker

Policies and care for rare disease patients: Georgios Margetidis

Collaboration in cancer control policies: Willy Palm

Panel discussion and exchange with audience:

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

Panel members:

Walter Ricciardi, President, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy and past-president EUPHA

Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Ministry of Health, Malta and president-elect EUPHA

Clemens Auer, Secretary General, Ministry of Health, Austria (tbc)

Tit Albreht, NIPH, Slovenia

Registration

Participation will be free of charge, courtesy of CHAFEA, including buffet lunch and refreshments. Registration can be made at www.ephconference.org. Updates of the programme will be available at the same website. For more information, please contact hsr_europe@nivel.nl.