



ANNUAL MEETING

16 October 2020

President: Marleen Bekker

Vice President: Sofia Ribeiro

AGENDA

- ▶ Opening and open exchange of experiences
- ▶ Section strategy
- ▶ Publications
- ▶ Presentation Populist radical right and health: an emerging joint research agenda – Chiara Rinaldi
- ▶ Presentation COVID-19 Shifts in authority and democratic implications - Olivia Biermann
- ▶ To do list 2021! What would you like us to do?
- ▶ Closing

WHO ARE WE? MEMBER SURVEY 2018

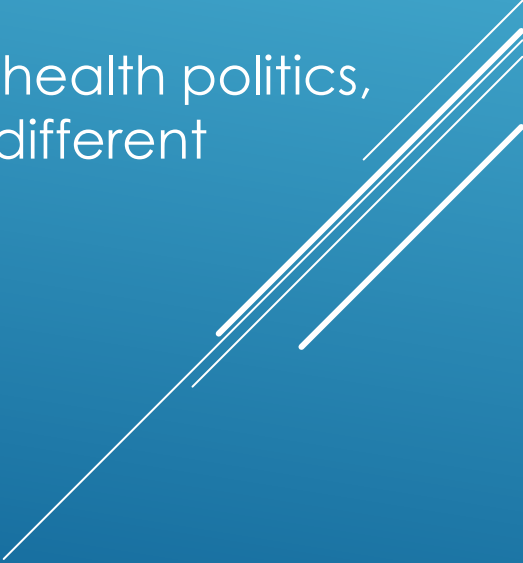
- ▶ conducted in 2018
- ▶ 2672 members (2018) (– 3726 Oct 2020)
- ▶ 108 countries worldwide
- ▶ Most common profile: MD with MSc/PhD working at academia or public health institutes

WHERE ARE MEMBERS FROM?



SECTION

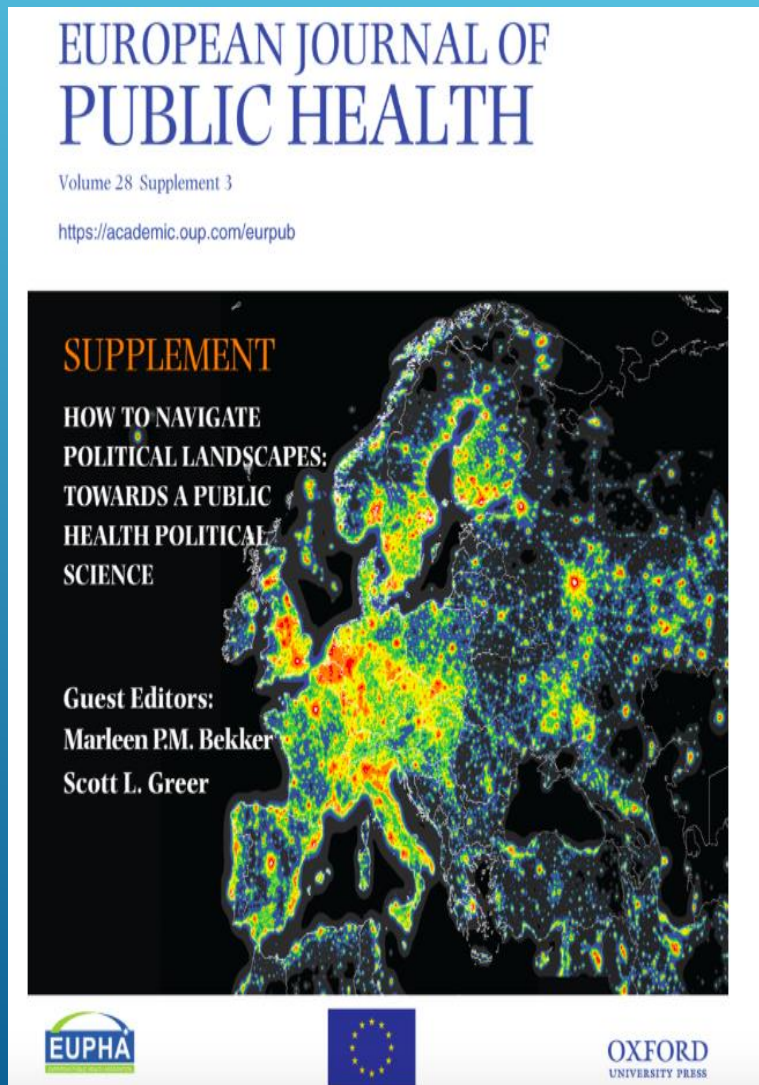
► Aims

1. Improving the understanding of policymaking and governance systems for health
 2. Building productive cross-cutting linkages among different public health disciplines across the practitioner, policymaker and academic realms
 3. Contributing to capacity building in public health politics, policymaking and governance across the different EUPHA audiences
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3. Olivia Biermann
4. Dorja Vocanec

PUBLICATIONS



- ▶ Special Issue Eur J Pub Health on *Politics and health* 1 November 2018
- ▶ Greer, S.L.; Wismar, Pastorino, Kosinska, M. (2017). *Civil Society and Health: Contributions and Potential*. WHO: Copenhagen
- ▶ Greer, S., Bekker, MPM., De Leeuw, E., Wismar, M., Helderma, JK., Ribeiro, S., and D. Stuckler (2017). *Policy, politics and public health*. Eur J Pub Health 27 Issue Suppl 4.
- ▶ Fehr et al. (2017). *Health assessments for health governance—concepts and methodologies* European Journal of Public Health, Volume 27, Issue 4, 1 August 2017, Pages 609–616.

PUBLICATIONS 2019

1. Falkenbach, Bekker & Greer (2019). *Do parties make a difference? A review of partisan effects on health and the welfare state*. EJPH
2. Report: *A New Political Cycle for the Health of European Citizens: A possible way forward for influencing, facilitating, and prioritising health policy at European Union level* Nina Bos - Wageningen University
3. Report: *Towards a model of the influence of populist radical right on public health*. Chiara Rinaldi - Wageningen University



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Systematic Review and Meta Analyses

Do parties make a difference? A review of partisan effects on health and the welfare state

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Health and well-being for all: an approach to accelerating progress to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in countries in the WHO European Region

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Scoping Review



A Scoping Review of Populist Radical Right Parties' Influence on Welfare Policy and its Implications for Population Health in Europe



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- ▶ https://www.ijhpm.com/article_3789.html
- ▶ 11 commentaries IJHPM

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Early lessons from COVID-19 response and shifts in authority: public trust, policy legitimacy and political inclusion

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THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE EURASIAN REGION

- ▶ Implementation of physical distancing measures (incl. lockdowns)
- ▶ Temporary postponement/shut-down of democratic policy-making
- ▶ Great pressure for state-society relationship (incl. trust)
- ▶ Unintended consequences? Minority needs?

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COVID-19 HEALTH SYSTEMS RESPONSE MONITOR



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COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor

The Health System Response Monitor (HSRM) has been designed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak to collect and organize up-to-date information on how countries are responding to the crisis. It focuses primarily on the responses of health systems but also captures wider public health initiatives. This is a joint undertaking of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission, and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.

Click [here](#) for policy recommendations and technical guidance from the WHO Regional Office for Europe on how to strengthen the health systems response to COVID-19 and click [here](#) for the EU coronavirus response in the area of public health.

THE COVID-19 HSRM FEATURES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

CROSS-COUNTRY ANALYSIS: TRENDS AND KEY LESSONS



Cross-country analysis of health system responses and key policy lessons, including:

- How do the COVID-19 testing criteria differ across countries?
- How are countries creating extra bed and ICU capacity?
- How are countries keeping the rest of the health system operating?

[Analysis](#)

COUNTRIES




COMPARE COUNTRY RESPONSES



IMPORTANT REFERENCES





Sweden - Governance

Sweden: Governance

5. Governance

5.1 Governance

The GOVERNANCE of the health system with regard to COVID-19 relates to pandemic response plans and the steering of the health system to ensure its continued functioning. It includes emergency response mechanisms, as well as how information is being communicated, and the regulation of health service provision to patients affected by the virus.

Governance

Sweden has contingency plans for pandemic influenza at national, regional and local levels. The parliament have decided on a legislative amendment that will temporarily give the government increased powers to be able to quickly take measures to limit the spread of infection. The Public Health Agency is coordinating surveillance, communications and testing.

Pandemic response plan in place

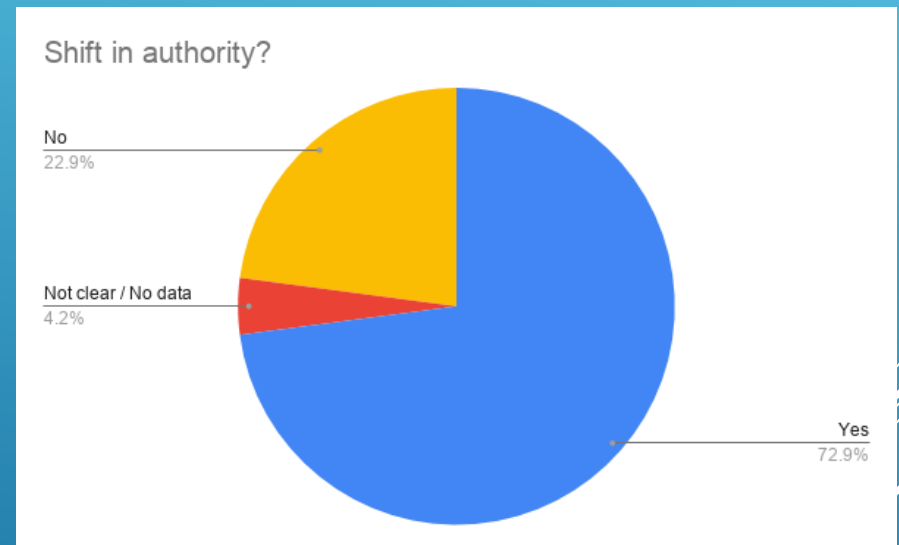
Sweden has contingency plans for pandemic influenza at national, regional and local levels. These plans are also applicable to other major outbreaks of infectious diseases, such as COVID-19. Contingency planning for a pandemic aims to limit the spread of infection and reduce the negative consequences for those affected by the pandemic. The Public Health Agency coordinates pandemic preparedness at the national level and supports planning at regional and local levels, where the operational work is carried out. In each region there is an infection protection physician who develops a pandemic plan and cooperates with emergency responders within the region. International coordination takes place with the World Health Organization (WHO) and within the European Union and its infection control agency the ECDC.

DATA EXTRACTION

- ▶ Preparedness plans and laws
- ▶ Shifts in decision-making authorities
- ▶ New regulations/laws and their duration
- ▶ Declaration of the national state of emergency or crisis
- ▶ Rule by decree as a governance approach

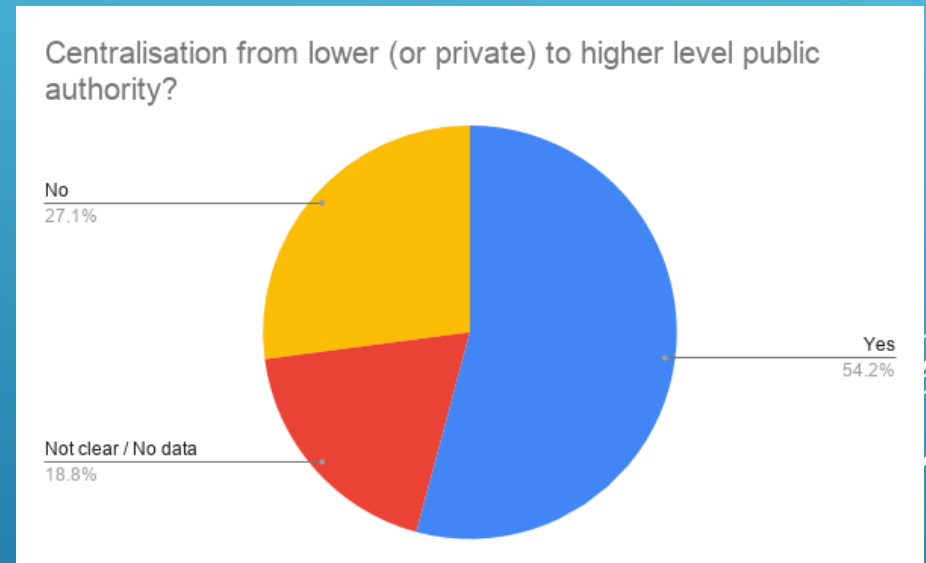
KEY FINDINGS – CONCENTRATION OF POWER

- ▶ **73%** of all 48 countries shifted governmental decision-making authority to a concentrated group of political officials most often directly advised by biomedical experts.



KEY FINDINGS – CONCENTRATION OF POWER

- ▶ **54%** of all 48 countries centralized decision-making to a higher-level public authority and introduced new regulations.



KEY FINDINGS – PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS OF CONCERN

- ▶ Uncertainty about duration of concentrated power
- ▶ "The new normal"
- ▶ Impact on vulnerable and minority groups

STRENGTHENING FUTURE PANDEMIC GOVERNANCE WITHOUT LOSING DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND WHILE MAINTAINING/REGAINING PUBLIC TRUST

- ▶ Scientific evidence
- ▶ Policy feedback and feedforward
- ▶ Intergovernmental infrastructures to adequately and collectively prevent, control and mitigate future pandemics

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THANK YOU



BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Coronavirus Politics.**
https://www.press.umich.edu/11927713/coronavirus_politics
2. **Populist radical right and health: national policies and global trends.** Michelle Falkenbach and Scott L. Greer (Eds). Forthcoming 2nd Q 2021.

Coronavirus Politics

The Comparative
Politics and Policy
of COVID-19



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Any ideas, suggestions, follow up?!

We welcome you to come and help us in the Work group

Q&A

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