

Introduction PHPP Section Profile

Why do we need a Section Profile?

Public health practice and policy is a cross-cutting theme and of great added value to other sections within EUPHA. All sections deal with PH practice and policies. So what are the unique PHPP section aims, interests and contributions? This living document can be updated if deemed necessary after the annual Section meeting at the EPH conference.

Process

- Section Council 2015 introduction idea and general feedback from other sections
- Join the Network meeting Oct 2015 introduction idea in PHPP section community
- March 2016 draft circulated among PHPP community
- Join the Network meeting Nov 2016 present Section Profile and Strategy as a living document
- EPH conference 2016 Communicate and start implementing Section strategy



Public Health Practice and Policy (PHPP) Section Profile & Strategy 2016 – a living document

Section aims and focus

Without good policies built on solid stakeholder support and a professional organisation interacting between different sectors and scales, public health interventions are not likely to generate sustainable health impact. The major aims of the Public Health Practice & Policy Section are proposed to be the following:

- 1) Improving the understanding and active management of the feasibility, acceptability and impact of health policies and governance systems
- 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 policymaking and governance across the different EUPHA audiences, thereby contributing to the implementation of the EUPHA strategy, more specifically the second strategic objective 'to build capacity and knowledge' and the third objective 'to prepare future generations of engaged and connected public health professionals for their leadership role in public health' (<http://www.eupha.org/2014-2020>).

The PHPP section has a unique **focus** on the everyday practice of public health policymaking (WHAT) and governance in the context of the (infra)structures and

processes for policymaking and revision (HOW), the allocation and distribution of power among different actors (WHO), and democratic implications (WHY).

The PHPP Section's **core topics of interests** are:

- to explore the constitution of policy frameworks and their impacts,
- to identify processes of policy change and mutual learning,
- to analyse quality systems and accountability regimes (assessments, monitoring, evaluations, supervision and control etc.),
- to discuss and improve methods and strategies for studying as well as applying different governance modes and their implications at different governance levels.

Proposed Section strategy

The section offers opportunities for inter- and transdisciplinary cooperation. The Section's proposed strategy achieving the proposed aims consists of:

1. Linking up effectively with other EUPHA sections, EUPHA pillars and their audiences, as well as with European level public health networks and institutions (i.e. EU/Chafea, WHO Europe, European Observatory Health Systems, Eurohealthnet etc.) See Annex 1 for proposed cross-Section activities.
2. Attracting more active participants for the PHPP section, with special attention for attracting policymakers, in the open LinkedIn Section platform also.
3. Making more use of the section network capacity and expertise, and facilitate internal networking and exchange among members, especially among academics and policymakers, and to the broader EUPHA audiences

The section will be chaired by the president and vice president who are responsible for the annual cycle of activities concerning the organisation and reporting of Conference workshops and events; consultation and communication in the Section community and with other Sections and relevant European networks. They will set up a Section Steering Group to:

- support and communicate activities around core issues (see "aims and interests");
- advise on priorities and how to align the Section's agenda to relevant European developments;
- safeguard the presence of specific topics of interest, and bring in new topics in the section's agenda
- engage speakers in challenging workshops and debate sessions;

The Section Steering Group will operate in a flexible manner and in line with the preparation of EUPHA and EPHC priorities and topics.

Annex 1: Suggestions for cooperation with other EUPHA sections

EUPHA sections can be seen as more or less “disciplinary/methodological” or “domain/topic” oriented (see table). :

Topical/Domain sections		Child and adolescent health	Infectious diseases control	Chronic diseases	Migrant and ethnic health	Environmental diseases	Mental health	Food nutrition	Urban health	Injury and safety	Social Security Health	Health Promotion	Genomics	(proposed) LGBT and health
Disciplinary sections	Disc. Cooperation with PHPP													
Ethics	x													
HIA	x													
HTA	x													
HSR	x													
Economics	x													
Epidemiology	x													
Monitoring and reporting	x													
Policy and practice		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Our suggestions for cooperation:

Each year we could organise one joint conference session with another disciplinary section, a second joint conference session with another domain section, and a third “own” conference session:

1. The joint disciplinary workshops could dig deeper into the interplay between technical or methodological issues and policies, governance and public health practices.
2. Joint topical/domain workshops could explore the governance dimension of that particular domain, by focussing on comparative studies, examples of good practice, transferability and mutual learning.
3. A third PHPP conference workshop may then focus on cross-domain governance-related themes such as multilevel governance/transposition of guidelines and directives, accountability, adaptive governance, evidence-informed policymaking, or local level implementation (incl. HiAP, European Semester, ESIF policies, small states, subnational levels etc.).

Annex 2: Suggestion for cooperation with EUPHA pillars

(to be discussed with representatives of EPHA pillars on the basis of the PHPP section position paper)