

Public Health Practice & Policy Section

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Section Profile & Strategy

In an effort to strengthen our Section's Profile and Strategy we have formulated some key components. It now has the status of a living document that can be updated when jointly deemed necessary after the annual Section Meetings.

Focus

Our unique focus is on the processes of policymaking from agendasetting, to implementation and evaluation, and governance from the EU level down to the level of service providers or citizen initiatives.

Aims

The PHPP Section aims at:

1. Improving the understanding and management of health policies and systems governance

2. Connecting different public health disciplines across the practitioner, policymaker and academic realms

3. Capacity and skills building in public health policymaking and governance across the different EUPHA audiences.

These aims contribute to the implementation of the *EUPHA strategy 2014-2020*:

Objective 2. 'to build capacity and knowledge' and Objective 3. 'to prepare future generations of engaged and connected public health professionals for their leadership role in public health'.

You can help making it happen by sharing your work and opportunities in our LinkedIn group!



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Vienna Conference 2016 Section events

Five accepted events!

The PHPP Section has co-organized five workshops at the coming Vienna Conference, of which two are preconference workshops.

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

This is a follow up preconference on last year's preconference, organized by the Consumer, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA) with the support of 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.

See Announcement below for more info.

2. **Governance for Health and Health Systems.**

This pre-conference workshop is organized by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, WHO

Regional Office for Europe, with our Section support.

See Announcement below for more info.

3. **Health for All: Health policy making for refugees and other migrants: context, capacity, competences**

This 90 min Conference workshop is organised by the Sections on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, Public Mental Health, and Public Health Practice and Policy, and focuses specifically on dealing adequately with the capricious decision-making process.

4. **Working with society: strategies and instruments addressing the governance challenge.**

This 90 min conference workshop is organized by the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies WHO Europe, and our Section.

The main focus of this workshop is on civil society organizations and their conditions and capacity for (co-) steering society.

5. **Health assessments in support of decision-making**

This 90 min conference workshop is organized by the Sections HIA; Health Services Research; Public Health Economics; Public Health Practice & Policy, and focuses on exploring the role of different types of health assessments for evidence-based governance and policy-making, acknowledging the existence of "evidence-centered" networks and initiatives (which so far do not focus on health assessments), and, relatedly, to identify training needs and opportunities.

Now available:

Meeting report 2015

Preconference Evidence-Informed Policymaking

(EIP), organized by WHO Europe, HSR Europe and the HSR and PHPP sections, available at:

http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/31380/0/EPH-Pre-conference-meeting-report.pdf

Preconference announcements

All relevant info and registration to be found at: <https://ephconference.eu/>

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

Preconference event to the 9th European Public Health Conference
Wednesday 9 November 2016, Vienna, Austria

Organizers

The Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA), with the support of 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 international, national, or decentralised 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.

As such the preconference aims to distill lessons for strengthening the use and impact of evidence in international health policy frameworks such as the EU Health Programme 2014-2020 and to inform knowledge brokering initiatives such as the WHO/Europe accelerated roadmap for strengthening evidence-informed policy-making in the European Region.

Format

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.

To do so we will focus on 4 specific 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.

The preconference will start with a plenary session which will set the scene, by among others presenting how evidence uptake is promoted through the EU Health Programme 2014-2020 as well as the WHO/Europe accelerated roadmap for strengthening evidence-informed policy-making in the European Region. The session will set out the key issues to be addressed in each of the parallel sessions, through a common analytical framework.

Moreover, in a very practical approach, it will define a series of questions, common to the 4 topics, so as to be able to draw generic "good practices" in putting the evidence forward and ensuring, as much as possible, its uptake and use. Moving beyond the barriers that need to be overcome, it will focus on concrete characteristics or features that are pre-requisites for knowledge transfer to function effectively, also incorporating non-traditional approaches towards health information and evidence

The opening plenary will be followed by two rounds of parallel sessions, enabling audiences to select two topics of their choice:

- Round 1: 1.1. Adoption of integrated care models for the chronically ill; 1.2. Policies and care models for rare disease patients
- Round 2: 2.1. Ensuring access to care for migrants & refugees; 2.1. Innovation and collaboration in cancer control policies.

Each of the parallel sessions will have a similar format. A key note speaker will provide an introductory presentation. The focus will be a mapping of current European level initiatives, such as Joint Actions, the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP AHA) or other projects or collaborative actions in each of the topics, focusing on their outputs, expected outcome and potential impact.

Participants will then be asked to discuss: (a). How these specific elements can be used to support change at country level?; (b). What concrete action may be needed for this at international, national or decentralised level; and (c). How to scale up and mainstream innovation into the routine work of health systems.

Specific questions will be developed and shared with the participants prior to the meeting, so as to facilitate an active group discussion and 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.

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.

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.

Governance for Health and Health Systems

Preconference event to the 9th European Public Health Conference
Thursday 10 November 2016 9h30 – 12h00, Vienna, Austria

Background

Many countries in Europe are striving to improve the performance of their health systems. They aim at expanding or retaining universal health coverage; they are eager to raise the efficiency of their public health services and they want to reach out to other sectors to ensure that health is taken into account in all policies. These are all very complex societal goals and a country's success achieving them will much depend on its ability to make and implement adequate collective decisions. But to allow for success, many prerequisites need to be in place as there is no successful decision making and implementation without sufficient transparency, accountability, participation, integrity and capacity. In other words success will depend on a country's governance.

Governance, however, is either poorly understood, or, there is a cacophony of different voices promoting different concepts for different purposes. As a consequence research remains incomparable, scientific debate is not reaping the analytical fruits, and consultants rather confuse policy makers and stakeholders in countries.

It is therefore of utmost importance that the public health community develops a common understanding of what governance is about, how it can be analyzed and what contribution it can make when countries are trying to improve health and health systems.

To this end we propose a workshop that will be based on a recent publication presenting and testing the TAPIC-framework (Transparency, Accountability, Participation, Integrity and Capacity). The TAPIC-framework has initially been developed for the governance analyzes of health systems, but it is applicable to public health and Health in All Policies too.

Aim

The aim of the workshop is to present the TAPIC-framework, illustrate its uses and to enter into a case debate with participants presenting cases coming from their own work or country.

Format

The first session we will frontload the concept, some of the analysis coming from the book, the applicability to all aspects of health and health system governance and early field experiences with the tool.

The second session will be organized like a master class by which the participants bring forth their prepared cases in rather short statements. We will then discuss these cases with authors and editors of the volume.

The workshop will be led by Scott Greer, Monika Kosinska and Matthias Wismar.

Registration fee

The registration fee is € 70 which includes buffet lunch and refreshments. Registration at:

<https://ephconference.eu/registration-fees-and-information-20>