

# Public Health Practice & Policy Section

Newsflash 1

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## *Make more of our Section network!*

Call for feedback and active communication

### 1. Section Profile & Strategy

With this first Newsflash, we have enclosed a draft Section Profile kindly asking your feedback in a short survey.

The Profile will help us define our strategy to activate our network to your benefit. The strategy will aim at building governance capacity among the members, and thereby contributing to implementing EUPHA Strategy 2014-2020.

Please send us your feedback **before April 1**, so we can present a consensus-based Section Profile and Strategy at the next EPH Conference in Vienna!

### 2. Section LinkedIn Group

We have set up a LinkedIn group in order to facilitate and promote your active networking and

communication throughout the year among your fellow Section's members.

Your LinkedIn membership is entirely voluntary. You are cordially invited to request your LinkedIn Group membership using this link: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8496503>.

### 3. EuphaNxt call

The students and young professionals from EuphaNxt participate actively in our Section. EuphaNxt is always looking for internships and job opportunities, webinars or other forms of online streaming of lectures, podcasts, and MOOCs. Please share using the new LinkedIn Group, or send the links to Marleen Bekker (see Colofon).



## Colofon

The PHPP Section Newsflash will appear 3-4 times a year.

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## Milan 2015 Section conference activities

### Five successful events

The PHPP Section has been involved in two preconference events and three conference workshops.

#### 1. Preconference Evidence-Informed Policymaking (EIP):

WHO Europe, HSR Europe and the HSR and PHPP sections welcomed 45 participants to present the latest academic findings as well as policymaker experiences on this theme, introduce the 'Accelerated roadmap to enhance evidence-informed policy-making (EIP) in the WHO European Region' (see picture), and discuss crucial elements of partnerships, knowledge brokering, academic cultures and societal impact. For more info: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/netherlands/news2/news/2015/09/accelerated-roadmap-for-actions-to-strengthen-evidence-informed-policy-making-presented-at-ehma-conference>. A report will be made.



#### 2. Pre-conference WHO RHN (22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting)

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the WHO Regions for Health Network (RHN) was organized as a pre-conference of the 8<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference. The meeting focused on improving health and equity across regions and sectors. Representatives from 28 regions discussed 4 key issues:

- policies and evidence
- practical approaches driving change
- participatory approaches and work across sectors
- collaborative and European funding opportunities.

A short report of the event can be found at

[www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/networks/regions-for-health-network-rhn/news/news/2015/11/regions-for-health-network-meeting-in-milan-a-big-step-forward?utm\\_source=WHO%2FEurope+mailing+list&utm\\_campaign=8283913510-RHN\\_newsletter\\_january\\_2016&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_60241f4736-8283913510-103317277](http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/networks/regions-for-health-network-rhn/news/news/2015/11/regions-for-health-network-meeting-in-milan-a-big-step-forward?utm_source=WHO%2FEurope+mailing+list&utm_campaign=8283913510-RHN_newsletter_january_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_60241f4736-8283913510-103317277)

#### 3. Scaling up workshop

The skills seminar on “scaling up projects” was organized in cooperation with the WHO Regions for Health Network. Approx. 40 participants followed and discussed presentations addressing theoretical elements and frameworks, results from a survey addressing the validity of some theoretical assumptions, and two case studies addressing experiences with EU projects in regional and border region settings.

#### **4. Workshop Evaluating Whole of Society programs in public health.**

There were two presentations on the Public Health Responsibility Deal program in the UK, and the National Prevention Program 'Everything is Health...' in the Netherlands. It raised a heated discussion among the 60 participants.

#### **5. Workshop "Health assessments: Status and perspectives of basic and advanced approaches"**

The workshop with approx. 30 participants was organized by the EUPHA sections PH Policy and Practice; PH Epidemiology; PH Monitoring & Reporting; HIA and HTA. The presentations addressed needs for information and evidence from a policy and

practice perspective, gave an overview of the current situation and developments in the fields of PH Monitoring and Reporting, HIA and HTA, and addressed cross-cutting issues (e.g., interest in / uptake of evidence, usage of tools, perspectives of 'co-evolution' of health assessments). An article is in preparation.

## Agenda towards Vienna Conference 9-12 November 2016

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

**May 1, 2016** Deadline online abstract/ workshop submission EPH Conference Vienna

We need **5 senior level Section members** willing to review 5-10 abstracts using the EUPHA Office Review Guidelines before **May 31st**.

Please make your willingness to review known to Marleen Bekker (see Colofon).

**November 9-12, 2016** EPH Conference Vienna 'All for Health, Health for All'

We need **5-10 junior and senior level Section members** willing to **chair oral presentation and pitch sessions** in the field of public health practice and policy.

Please make your willingness to chair known to Marleen Bekker (see Colofon).

### Throughout the year

Finally, the EUPHA Presidency and the EUPHA Policy Pillar call for experts in particular fields of public health interest to be available for brief consultations sharing your expertise in preparing EUPHA public statements, rapid responses to urgent issues, and/or more general advocacy.

We need about **5 senior Section members** willing to be available for **consultation in your specific field of interest** for the preparation of **EUPHA statements** in urgent issues or more general **advocacy**.

Please make your willingness to be available for brief expert consultations known to Marleen Bekker (see Colofon).