

Report from the EUPHA Section on Public Health Practice and Policy meeting
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Agenda and discussions:

1. Opening, introductions
Introduction of the section President and Vice-President and welcoming of the participants.
2. Strategy 2018-2020 (<https://eupha.org/public-health-practice-and-policy>) and Work plan 2018

Aims

- Improving the understanding of policymaking and governance systems for health
- Building productive cross-cutting linkages among different public health disciplines across the practitioner, policymaker and academic realms
- Contributing to capacity building in public health politics, policymaking and governance across the different EUPHA audiences
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Strategy

1. Linking up effectively with other EUPHA sections, and European level public health networks and institutions
2. Attracting more active participants for the PHPP section, with special attention for attracting policymakers and service directors as our topic is their core daily business.
3. Making more use of the section network capacity and expertise, and facilitate internal networking and exchange among members

Workplan

1	Prepare e-collection Public Health Policy and Politics and System Governance	Jan-Feb 2018
2	Organise and co-host the bi-annual European Health Policy Group meeting 19-20 April Rotterdam, The Netherlands as a EUPHA HPSG section satellite meeting	April 2018
3	Prepare Theme Supplement or Special Issue following up on 'Policy, politics and Public health' paper in 25 yrs celebration supplement EJPH	published before EPH 2018

		Ljubljana
4	Prepare a EUPHacts fact sheet on HPSG	before EPH 2018
5	Explore opportunities for plenary EPH 2018 Ljubljana 'Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe'.	Spring 2018
6	Set up of Section work group	End 2017-February 2018
7	Explore and prepare Satellite conference Public Health Policy and Systems Governance 2020	Throughout the year

3. Preparation Member survey 2018

In 2018, a member survey will be launched. Our aim is to get to know our members better, and to adapt the section activities to their needs. We will count on our members to help organizing the survey, analyzing its

4. Work group organization

We aim to have the members involved in section work by participating in the different tasks which are a part of our workplan.

- ▶ **Strategy and Development** (implementation Strategy 2017-2020, development new activities and alignment with relevant EUPHA Sections, and external networks and institutions)
- ▶ Coordination and report **Section member survey 2018**
- ▶ Co-organisation of **annual EPH conference** workshops and events
- ▶ Co-organisation of **Satellite activities** throughout the year linked to existing relevant network meetings such as the European Health Forum Gastein and the European Health Policy Group
- ▶ **Communication** (regular activity feed through social media, 3-4 Newsflashes a year)
- ▶ **Publications** (coordinating and authoring of publications following Section events)

5. Communication

We have increased our presence on twitter (check out the conference tweets in our account!) and also on the LinkedIn group. You are welcome to tag our section in your tweets (@EPH_PHPsection) and also to contribute to our LinkedIn group (EUPHA Public Health Practice and policy section).

6. Collaboration and satellite meetings

As mentioned in point 2., we are increasingly collaborating with other EUPHA sections and also organizing satellite meetings. Recent examples include the

organization of a Workshop on Public Affairs management in Public Health at the European Health Forum Gastein, and the expansion of our Advisory Board to include a representative from CHAFEA.

We welcome initiatives by our members, and we remain available to discuss them with you, just drop us a line!

7. Q&A

Topics raised in the discussion:

- Members are welcome to propose topics for workshops which can fit the context of our section
- Networks, other conferences which are relevant to our section (European Health Management Association was given as an example, but we welcome any other suggestions from our members)
- Concerns over quality of abstracts and relevance of the posters
- Number and length of pre-conferences
- Connecting throughout the year: LinkedIn group, everyone is invited to join and contribute, we need all people to make it active!! Get involved in Twitter!