Over the course of 2016, the initiative to create a EUPHA section on Sexual and Gender Minority Health has progressed and was formalized into a formal section at the meeting of the governing board of the European Public Health Association. Work in 2016 mainly focused on further developing and clarifying the section’s aim and vision. During the year, the first infrastructure for section members (currently 73 members) was laid out and the section initiators were appointed president and vice-president.

This report will describe the aims and current structure of the section, the 2016 activities, and the scheduled activities for 2017.

Section’s aim

The aim of this section is to:

- Increase knowledge on sexual and gender minority populations differences in health and health care
- Promote monitoring of health disparities among LGBT populations
- Explore the underlying mechanisms and reasons for health disparities in this group
- Spread knowledge on sexual and gender minority populations differences in health and health care
- Promote the development of interventions that aim to tackle these differences

Further, the section aims at setting methodological standards for European countries to identify sexual and gender minority groups to promote exchange of information and provide a basis for comparative studies.

The section’s priorities are to build a network of researchers in the field of sexual and gender minority health from a public health and behavioral science perspective. The section will give the opportunity for researchers and policy makers to discuss conceptual and methodological issues regarding differences in health and health care among sexual and gender minorities. The wide differences in LGBT acceptance and differences in institutional discrimination make cross-European studies particularly suitable for the exploration of the consequences of structural discrimination on health. The special section devoted to LGBT health aim to facilitate such cross-European research initiatives. Such initiatives could greatly increase our knowledge regarding how both individual level and structural level stigma can contribute to ill health.

In addition to these academic aims, the section aims at increasing political attention at national and European levels for consequences of disparities among this group on health and health care. The section and its members will work towards the development of strategies to influence national and European policy makers and politicians to increase their attention to disparities in health among sexual and gender minorities and health care differences.

The section will encourage research presentations at the annual EUPHA meeting and will organize yearly workshops on conceptual and methodological issues. Next to the activities at the annual meeting, national and international workshops and conferences will be stimulated.
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Section’s structure
President: Richard Bränström, PhD (richard.branstrom@ki.se)
Vice-president: Arjan van der Star, MSc (arjan.van.der.star@ki.se)
Registered section members: 73 (December 2016)

Section’s activities in 2016
During this year’s European Public Health Conference in Vienna 2016, 9-12 November, the section organized two workshops and a join the network meeting.

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<td>EUPHA Sections are theme-specific networks that organise workshops and projects together. EUPHA Pillars are concerned with general aspects of public health. All EUPHA Sections and Pillars are inviting you to Join the Network and attend their annual meeting. These meetings are open to all delegates. Get your lunch before or after the meeting and feel free to join the network.</td>
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Upcoming activities
For 2017, the section aims to further structure the section internally. Hence, the section will start with the first annual meeting and the section will intensify the communication with its members through the use of the newly installed mailman system. Also, the representation of the section within the EUPHA organization will be on the agenda for 2017. Furthermore, the section will further expand its presence at the annual European Public Health Conference by organizing workshops, panel discussions, and a “join the section”-event, and an open discussion on possible research collaborations. The section with work in a collaborative manner with the Public Health Agency of Sweden to organize joint presentations in the field of Sexual and Gender Minority Health during the 2017 conference in Stockholm, Sweden.