



# EuroHealthNet

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPROVING HEALTH, EQUITY & WELLBEING



## OUR YEAR: REJUVENATE

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# EuroHealthNet

## Our Mission

- To promote health, equity, and wellbeing across Europe.
- To support actions which address the Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities.
- To ensure consideration for health and health equity in EU activity.
- To help EU societies to become more sustainable.

## Our Work

Identifying, generating, and promoting policies and practices that support good health and wellbeing for all citizens, and help them contribute to prosperous and sustainable societies.

## Our Value

- ✓ **Monitoring policies and advocating for health and equity at European and national levels.** Supporting the implementation of effective policies, and analysing the impact of changing policy landscapes on health and equity.
- ✓ **Facilitating collaboration across Europe,** drawing on good practice and strengthening the evidence base for policy and implementation.
- ✓ **Building capacities and exchanging knowledge amongst members.**
- ✓ **Putting evidence to work.** Building a solid evidence base and making sure it is recognised in policy and in practice.
- ✓ **Making crucial links** between sectors, policies, organisations and people for unified and dynamic progress.

## Our Year: REJUVENATE

Our 'REJUVENATE' Framework guides our work. It outlines 10 considerations that we and others in the field of health promotion must apply to ensure that our actions are effective in the modern world:



1. **BE RESPONSIVE**  
*adapt to challenges and use opportunities*



2. **BE EQUITABLE**  
*address the 'causes of the causes'*



3. **BE JOINED-UP**  
*build partnerships and governance across sectors*



4. **BE UPDATED**  
*act smartly to influence 21st century realities*



5. **BE VALUE DRIVEN**  
*develop values and the right to health in new contexts*



6. **BE ETHICAL**  
*promote fair standards in all we do*



7. **BE NEW**  
*create and implement new ideas*



8. **BE ACTIVE**  
*practice inclusive engagement*



9. **BE TECHNOLOGICAL**  
*understand and apply technical and digital advances;*



10. **BE ECOLOGICAL**  
*sustain and protect our environments*

# Welcome to EuroHealthNet

***EuroHealthNet is the European partnership for improving health, equity, and wellbeing. Our aim is to identify, generate, and promote approaches that improve health and reduce health and social inequalities, in order to improve quality of life for all people and ensure a strong foundation for a strong Europe.***



Nicoline Tamsma, President



Caroline Costongs, Director

Welcome to EuroHealthNet, and welcome to this annual report covering mid-2016 until mid-2017. It has been both a challenging and exciting year. A year during which we continued our efforts to highlight the most important European developments to our members and partners, supporting them to engage with EU initiatives and improve the health of their population nationally and locally. It was also a time to consider how we as a health promotion community can continue to develop equitable, effective and sustainable solutions which meet the specific challenges of today and tomorrow.

The main result of these considerations has been the development of the REJUVENATE framework, which you will discover throughout this report. The framework is the result of a thorough reflection process triggered by the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion. We concluded its values and principles are still valid and relevant, yet time has moved on since, and so has our knowledge. Thus, we developed a fresh set of principles, fit for purpose in the complex globalised world of today. One that very much links with that new major international ambition that champions equity and intersectoral approaches: the UN 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.

The REJUVENATE framework outlines principles to be implemented globally, nationally, and locally, in order to translate the Sustainable Development Goals into concrete health promoting policies, strategies, and practices. These principles apply in our daily work and strategic approaches. They should help and underpin our work while building sustainable policy, developing knowledge, transforming health systems, and encouraging effective use of resources.

Since we launched our framework in the autumn of 2016, we have shared and discussed it with policy makers, practitioners, and researchers in Europe and beyond.

As we write this, Europe is searching for responses to unprecedented challenges, threatened by social and political change. It is often the most vulnerable members of society that suffer the negative effects of ongoing changes, and in many areas it seems that inequalities between groups are increasing. Many of the key initiatives and activities the EuroHealthNet Partnership has undertaken addressed the various social determinants of health, as well as environmental inequalities. We believe that for Europe, member states, and citizens to thrive, the values of equity, justice, and solidarity must be at the forefront of all that we do.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Executive Board, members, and partners for their commitment and support of EuroHealthNet. We are also grateful for the EaSI core grant we receive, without which much of our work would not be possible.

In the next year, we will continue to build on the best evidence for action on health and health inequalities with commitment and creativity, in partnerships with our colleagues across Europe.

# The Partnership

The members of the EuroHealthNet partnership are publicly responsible organisations that work in the fields of health promotion, public health, disease prevention, and/or the determinants of health and social inequalities. They are mostly agencies, authorities, or institutes. They work at national, regional, or local levels.

EuroHealthNet is organised into three strands specialising in policy, research, and practice. Organisations that are involved in all strands join EuroHealthNet as Health Promotion Europe (HPE) Members and participate in all EuroHealthNet activities. Some organisations, which focus exclusively on policy or research, may choose to become 'partners' and participate only in the appropriate strand. All members and partners pay a fee, and are subject to approval by the Executive Board.

***"Developing our REJUVENATE framework together with members and partners has been a significant and creative process. We hope it will inspire everyone committed to equitable health and wellbeing and help advance health promotion in the coming decade!"***

NICOLINE TAMSMA  
EUROHEALTHNET  
PRESIDENT



EuroHealthNet has two governing bodies, the Executive Board and the General Council. The General Council is made up of members and partners; it is responsible for setting the broad policy and direction of EuroHealthNet. The General Council meets annually to discuss progress, and to approve annual reports and budgets. The General Council also elects the Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board serve terms of two years, during which they develop annual strategies, work plans, and budgets. The Executive Board is informed by an external evaluator.

EuroHealthNet's Brussels-based staff put the strategy and work plan into action. They have a wealth of experience of understanding how evidence can be developed into policy and practice, and in enabling dialogue with a broad range of stakeholders.

We take a dynamic, integrated and multipronged approach to achieve our mission. We constantly seek collaboration between members, partners, and sectors in order to find synergies through which our aims of a healthier, fairer Europe can be achieved.





## Health Promotion Europe (HPE)

**Health Promotion Europe (HPE) is the core network that brings together public institutions that are responsible for health promotion and disease prevention at national, regional and local levels.**

HPE promotes knowledge sharing and the development of evidence-based policies and practices in line with the EU 2020 Strategy, WHO Health 2020 and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. It provides members with advice to develop successful health promotion approaches and supports their capacity-building needs. HPE encourages members to use EU funding instruments for the implementation of cost-effective and sustainable health practices, policies, and programmes.

## The European Platform for Action on Health and Social Equity (PHASE)

**PHASE is EuroHealthNet's advocacy and policy-oriented strand, which brings together organisations willing to work on addressing the wider determinants of health.**

Through PHASE, EuroHealthNet involves members and additional partners in EU policies and processes that can make a real impact on health and social inequalities on the ground. This includes the EU 2020 Strategy, the European Semester, the Social Investment Package and a potential EU Pillar of Social Rights as well as participation in various EU health related platforms.

## The European Centre for Innovation, Research and Implementation for Health and Wellbeing (CIRI)

**CIRI builds the evidence base for effective policies and practices.**

CIRI exchanges the latest evidence related to wellbeing, health equity and the social determinants of health between researchers, social innovators and policy makers. Partners include leading centres of research and public health that are committed to improving the uptake of evidence in policymaking processes.

## Cross-cutting actions

EuroHealthNet's core staff work across the three strands, identifying opportunities for collaboration, communication, sustainability, and further development

# The Highlights of 2016-2017

## The REJUVENATE health promotion statement

The REJUVENATE statement will guide the work of EuroHealthNet, partners, and help all those working in public health.

It will help ensure health systems and health promotion work is innovative, sustainable and responds to future challenges.

The statement has been presented to senior policy makers at European and Global levels

## Sustainable Societies: Health and Social Investment in the EU

This conference was an opportunity to assess how Europe and its Member States are progressing in developing sustainable systems.

It led to healthy exchanges between the EU Institutions and Member States, national, and regional institutions. It helped build capacity to seize existing opportunities

## The European Pillar of Social Rights

Work on the European Pillar of Social Rights has raised awareness of how health and social equity can help meet wider priorities and goals, and should be considered in wider fiscal and employment policy at all levels.

It has involved new actors in health promotion, bringing the mission and values of EuroHealthNet to new sectors.

## INHERIT

INHERIT is developing and implementing new, practical solutions to make society more healthy and sustainable.

This cutting edge research is innovative in that it links behaviour change to sustainability and health. It explores interventions that support the environment, good health, and equity at the same time, creating a 'triple win'.

# Practice // Health Promotion Europe

## Our value

Supporting public health bodies to build capacity and knowledge, building on good practices, and strengthening the evidence base for policy and implementation. Health Promotion Europe brings together innovative health promotion knowledge, policy, and practice.



## Our work

The necessity of making health systems sustainable by moving to a prevention model is well recognised; however this idea is often not reflected in the way resources are allocated in health systems. The issues public health bodies address are complex, often entrenched, and dependant on many interplaying factors. Health Promotion Europe provides these bodies with an essential platform to unite, learn, and inspire each other. They are able to reinforce resources, and collaborate and shape international initiatives. They have access to knowledge and the opportunity to join cross-national initiatives. Members of HPE are also members of CIRI and PHASE.

## Our year

### 1. Capacity and Knowledge building

- ✓ General Council Meeting
- ✓ Conference on 'Sustainable Societies: Health and Social Investment in the EU'
- ✓ Two study visits
- ✓ Five country visits

### 2. Building collective expertise on

- ✓ Mental Health
- ✓ Tobacco
- ✓ Non-communicable diseases
- ✓ Healthy Ageing
- ✓ Health Systems

### 3. Exchanging knowledge and building evidence for policy and practice on

- ✓ Chronic diseases (Joint Action)
- ✓ Alcohol (Joint Action)
- ✓ Mental health (EU-Compass)

### 5. Spreading knowledge and identifying opportunities

- ✓ Maintaining [healthyageing.eu](http://healthyageing.eu)
- ✓ Redeveloping [health-inequalities.eu](http://health-inequalities.eu)
- ✓ Presenting calls and opportunities to members
- ✓ Supporting the use of European Strategic Investment funds for health

### 4. Tackling Inequalities

- ✓ Health4LGBTI
- ✓ Health for Vulnerable groups

# 1// Capacity and knowledge building: working effectively together

## REJUVENATE: promoting health and wellbeing towards 2030

EuroHealthNet took the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the WHO Ottawa charter to reflect on its values and approaches for priorities in the coming years. The 2030 'Agenda for Sustainable Development' also provides a global backdrop against which opportunities to improve governance, ensure sustainable policy making, and implement health promotion can be evaluated. This Agenda is universal. It presents public health and health promotion with two challenges: how to translate the goals into policies, strategies, and practices; and how to contribute and benefit from the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at all levels.

The Result of reflection on these topics was 'the REJUVENATE Framework for Health Promotion' which sets out approaches through which progress on health and wellbeing, and the implementation of the SDGs can be made.

***"In health promotion all forces need to come together to ensure the best possible impact on people's health. Public actors need to engage in dialogue and collaboration with civil society, where there is much force and energy put into work for improved health and disease prevention, not least to reach vulnerable groups that may be missed out in the public services"***



BIRGER FORSBERG,  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER  
(SWEDEN)

## Annual meeting

In June 2016 Members, partners, and staff met to review and discuss strategic issues of mutual concern. The consultation on the potential EU Pillar of Social Rights was addressed, along with the role of EuroHealthNet in the EU Semester (the framework for the coordination of economic policies).

The UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were introduced, as well as the draft of the 9th GCHP Shanghai statement by the WHO participants joined working groups to consider how health promotion should change and develop in order to meet coming challenges; these ideas were further developed into the REJUVENATE statement.



## Conference on 'Sustainable Societies: Health and Social Investment in the EU'



BE JOINED-UP  
build partnerships and governance  
across sectors

EuroHealthNet organised an important conference to discuss sustainability, health, and investment. The event was attended by 116 people from around 25 countries, representing



NGOs, EU Member State governments, national and regional authorities, EU Institutions, academia, and the media. The European Commission's EaSI programme supported the conference and the Committee of the Regions was the host.



The EU Political Strategy Centre delivered a keynote on the implementation of the SDGs and the importance of reforming current governance systems. At the conference, WHO Europe focused on progress and challenges concerning health inequalities and the importance of consistent monitoring.

Representatives from the EU Institutions (DG EMPL, DG SANTÉ, Social Protection Committee) discussed the social dimension of the EU, economic and social challenges, and the measures the EU is introducing to reduce inequalities.

EuroHealthNet members presented the work underway in States and regions, including national goals for a "prosperous, resilient, healthier, more equal and globally responsible Wales" (UK) and the actions taken to involve civil society. Spanish representatives explained how an intersectoral system has been built around the health promotion and prevention strategy, which focuses on healthy environments and lifestyles. In Sweden, a National Social Sustainability Forum has been set up to promote welfare, equity, and sustainability. Regions are also championing the issue of sustainability, for example Västra Götaland where, health and wellbeing is considered an integrated resource for children.

***"The study visit gave us invaluable insights into Social Investment. We learned how to connect better with EU actions, and how it can support our multi-sector work at the national level. It was also an excellent opportunity to share our work with other members. Being involved in EuroHealthNet has been one of the highlights of my career."***

## Study visits

Study visits are organised to facilitate peer learning and exchanges between agencies. These popular events are an opportunity for members and partners to see how other agencies are tackling common challenges. In 2016, two study visits took place.



MOJCA GABRIJELČIČ BLENKUŠ,  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER  
(SLOVENIA)

## LEARNING FROM HEALTHY AND ACTIVE AGEING PROGRAMMES IN SLOVENIA

Maintaining a healthy and active ageing population is one of the main challenges for Slovenian society. Budget constraints and demographic changes including migration require more efficient use of resources and integrated policies. This visit focused on how Slovenia is facing those challenges through more intersectoral action.



Participants learned about the outcomes of the Active and Healthy Ageing Slovenia (AHA.sl) project. This focused on how to keep older people in work, healthier and active for longer, and how to strengthen long term care, integrating social and health services at the local level. It also looked at developing tools to support active and healthy ageing in all communities.

The ongoing activities in Slovenia have been supported by EU funding and initiatives, and have seen strengthened coordination mechanisms between nongovernmental, public and private organisations working on health and social issues for strategic development.

As Europe's population is ageing, many other areas face similar challenges; this visit provided support and inspiration to other agencies looking to develop solutions. A report on the visit, including the main lessons learned is available for download from the EuroHealthNet website. The visit was organised by the National Institute of Public Health in Slovenia (NIJZ) and EuroHealthNet.

***"I have brought back several best practice ideas '...'. In [our] city council welfare department we have implemented several of them, applying for funding from the municipality, as well as from international funding options."***

COMMENT FROM A PARTICIPANT  
FOLLOWING A STUDY VISIT ORGANISED  
BY EUROHEALTHNET (EXTERNAL  
EVALUATION)

## SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN WALES

This study visit, organised by Public Health Wales and EuroHealthNet, looked at the innovative work in Wales to address health, equity and social justice through a sustainable development lens. Representatives of national and regional agencies had the opportunity to look at practical approaches, pathways, and frameworks to translate the UN 2030 Agenda and EU policies into meaningful action at both strategic and operational levels.



The visit was a showcase for initiatives in Wales that support sustainable development, for example the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, and looked at how they fit into the wider EU EaSI programme and WHO Health 2020 objectives. It was an opportunity to see policy implementation in action, and for participants to share experience about practical societal and economic elements which shape implementation. The Welsh experience of implementing international policy locally is now being used to shape the development of future policy.

## Country Visits

Country visits are a key opportunity for close collaboration between EuroHealthNet staff and member agencies. They allow for targeted work on how EU policy affects a particular Member State and vice-versa. The experience gained is widely shared and incorporated into EU-level processes.

## THE INTERPLAY OF EUROPEAN AND ITALIAN INITIATIVES

EuroHealthNet visited Federsanità ANCI, which comprises directors and representatives from Italian local health authorities, hospitals, and municipalities, to inform them about EU initiatives and priorities relating to health inequalities and to look at how these initiatives impact Member States. Amongst the issues discussed were the EU semester and related report and recommendations for Italy, the use of EU structural and social funds (ESIF), and possibilities for cooperation between local, national, and EU levels.

## PROTECTING AGAINST HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGING TIMES IN GREECE.



### BE RESPONSIVE

*adapt to challenges and use opportunities*

Health inequalities have increased in Greece over the last decade. The divide between the most and least well off in terms of healthy life expectancy is increasing; the percentage of lower income families with unmet health needs has increased from 7% in 2008 to 13.9% in 2013. The 6th Panhellenic Forum of Public Health and Social Medicine in Athens, organised by PROLEPSIS, demonstrated ample evidence of how population health is affected by the reforms and austerity measures. At the conference, EuroHealthNet presented the EU policy processes and funds which could potentially be relevant for health equity, including the EU Semester, Structural Funds, and a Pillar of Social Rights. The conference was also an opportunity to meet with Greek stakeholders and to understand what they felt will be needed in forthcoming European measures.



## THE STATUS OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN POLAND

Hosted by its member the National Institute of Public Health & Hygiene, EuroHealthNet carried out a useful visit to Warsaw to exchange learning about health and social inequalities in Poland. In addition to strategic meetings about evidence from the major national research study in progress at the National Institute, discussions were held with Warsaw City and regional authorities on social investment approaches, and with the national Ministry of Public Health on matters related to the EU Semester, and legislation including national reform plans.

## LEARNING FROM FISCAL METHODS AND INTERSECTORAL WORKING IN IRELAND

Following the successful national mission to Dublin in 2015, EuroHealthNet participated in the annual all-Ireland Public Health Open Conference held in Belfast co-organised by its member the Institute of Public Health in Ireland. Sessions focussed on measures to tackle health and social inequalities including food poverty, fiscal methods and intersectoral work initiatives. Meetings were also held concerning the national situation and international health and social issues, national reform programmes, and strategic change developments.

## 2// Building collective expertise: encouraging exchange of knowledge and good practice to create more effective action

### Thematic Working Groups (TWIGs)

The Thematic Working Groups bring together specialists on common topics, so that members can stay up-to-date, pool knowledge, and build common positions. The activities of the TWIGs usually centre around monitoring research and policy, identifying where contributions can be made to policy development, and collaborating with other bodies and initiatives. There are four TWIGs at present- the TWIG on sustainable development has been merged with the activities of the INHERIT project and the Tobacco TWIG is now merged within Non Communicable Diseases.

#### MENTAL HEALTH



**BE ETHICAL**  
*promote fair standards in all we do*

In the past year, activities have included webinars such as the joint EuroHealthNet/Mental Health Europe webinar *Why the European Pillar of Social Rights matters to mental health*, evidence and good practice sharing, and face-to-face exchanges during EuroHealthNet's General Council Meeting.

The Mental Health Technical Working Group (MH-TWIG) continues to support a number of European initiatives, including the WHO Europe Mental Health Action Plan, the EU pact for mental health and wellbeing, and the EU strategy for health and safety at work 2014-2020.

#### TOBACCO

This TWIG contributed to a number of consultations throughout the year, for example on the implementation of the *Tobacco Products Directive (TPD)* and the *Tobacco Tax Directive*. Members also had the opportunity to join an independent advisory panel.

The TWIG has monitored measures to control illicit tobacco trade, additives, warning messages and e-cigarettes. The NCD TWIG continues to work constructively with the EU Smoke Free Partnership.



#### NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

This TWIG has looked at studies on obesity and diet, the gender and socioeconomic differences in young people's health and wellbeing, the EU initiative for reducing added sugar in foods, and fiscal policies for diet and the prevention of diseases. It has also addressed marketing aimed at children, as well as integrating diet, physical activity and weight management services into primary care.



## HEALTHY AGEING

This TWIG has provided a platform to update members on several European initiatives including the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP-AHA) where it is part of the action group on age friendly environments, and the Covenant on Demographic Change. EuroHealthNet continues to run and update [healthyageing.eu](http://healthyageing.eu), containing information and best practices concerning the maintenance of good health and wellbeing into later years of life.



## HEALTH SYSTEMS

The focus in the past year has been on health promotion initiatives, equity of access issues, and matters of social determinants and equity as part of Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA). EuroHealthNet has a cooperation agreement with the European Forum for Primary Care, linked to the work of this TWIG. EuroHealthNet shared the learning from the WHO event on *Strengthening people-centred health systems: a European framework for action on integrated health services delivery*, which it attended in May.

***"The exclusive opportunity to get high-level expertise and advice from EuroHealthNet, its staff, and other members is highly valuable. Being able to take advantage of all the possibilities offered at the European level helps us reach our full potential. We save time and resources by understanding and sharing the experiences of others- we see that we do not have to reinvent the wheel."***



INETA ZIRINA, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER (LATVIA)

## 3// Exchanging knowledge and building evidence for policy and practice

EU co-funded Joint Actions and projects give members an important opportunity to shape initiatives and engage with experts and agencies from other countries. They provide expertise that can be applied in national, regional, and local settings, as well as evidence that can be used to influence policy decisions. EuroHealthNet is involved in a number of activities including:

### JA-CHRODIS (Chronic diseases)



**BE VALUE DRIVEN**  
develop values and the right to health  
in new contexts

There is a wealth of knowledge within EU Member States about how to tackle the heavy burden of chronic disease, and JA-CHRODIS was designed to exploit and develop this potential on a wider scale. Running from 2014 to 2017, JA-CHRODIS brought together more than 70 partners from 25 countries, including national and regional departments of health and research institutions to develop responses to chronic diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer, which affect 80% of people over 65.

***"This Joint Action was particularly important for the establishment of a database that allows sharing of good practices in health promotion and chronic disease prevention, within Portugal and Europe, and the identification of quality criteria for best practices."***



**JOSÉ MARIA ALBUQUERQUE,**  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER  
(PORTUGAL)



One of the strands of the Joint Action, co-led by EuroHealthNet and its member BZgA, covered health promotion and disease prevention measures; it investigated effective approaches to reducing the burden of chronic diseases and ensuring the sustainability of health systems. It also looked at the potential and cost-effectiveness that lies in mapping, validating, and transferring best practices in health promotion.

Another focus was on multimorbidity, as it affects 65% of people over 65 and 85% of people over 85, who often struggle with fragmented, expensive, and impersonalised care. Given the high and growing number of people with diabetes, JA-CHRODIS also looked at good models for the prevention and management of type 2 diabetes.



 [More information and the knowledge platform is available at \*\*chrodis.eu\*\*](http://chrodis.eu)

## RARHA (Alcohol)



NEW

BE NEW

*promote fair standards in all we do*

Alcohol has a serious impact on the health of European citizens, and carries high direct costs- €155 billion in 2010, covering healthcare, crime, policing, accidents, and lost productivity.

RARHA's purpose was to find ways to reduce these costs and improve the health and wellbeing of citizens. It has done so by addressing the need for comparable data on consumption patterns and harmful use, creating guidelines for the reduction and minimisation of harm within specific context and target groups, and the creation of a tool-kit for best practices.

The Action, which ran from 2014 to 2016, involved 27 EU Member States, as well as Iceland, Norway, and Switzerland. It involved public health institutes and other expert organisations in health. EuroHealthNet contributed to valuable outputs such as the newsletter. EuroHealthNet organised and moderated a policy dialogue using the results of the initiative to stimulate discussions between representatives of EU Institutions and national bodies on developing and/or strengthening strategies and actions to reduce alcohol related harm at national and EU level.



 [More information is available at rarha.eu](http://rarha.eu)

## The EU Compass for Mental Health and Wellbeing

The EU Compass is a mechanism to collect, exchange, and analyse information on policy and activities by Member States and non-governmental stakeholders. EuroHealthNet is part of the Consortium commissioned by DG SANTE and CHAFEA to develop the mechanism further, building on the work of the EU Joint Action on mental health and wellbeing and its deliverables.

EuroHealthNet supports the participation of interested members and partners in the various activities organised for the EU Compass, including Mental Health Forums, surveys, and workshops.

 [More information is available online at ec.europa.eu/health/mental\\_health/eu\\_compass\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/health/mental_health/eu_compass_en)

## 4// Tackling Inequalities

### VulnerABLE



**BE ETHICAL**  
*promote fair standards in all we do*

The VulnerABLE project identifies evidence-based strategies to improve the health of people in isolated and/or vulnerable situations, including individuals experiencing poorer access to healthcare, health conditions and/or health outcomes due to their socioeconomic, demographic (gender, ethnicity, age) and geographical characteristics. EuroHealthNet is a key partner of this initiative led by ICF. It is undertaken on behalf of DG SANTE.



Members and partners have been involved in the project in various ways, including consultations, interviews, participation in focus groups, and surveys. In 2017, they have the possibility to host and participate in workshops being organised by EuroHealthNet to increase national, regional and local capacity to act on improving the health of people facing vulnerable situations.

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### Health4LGBTI

This pilot project aims to reduce health inequalities experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) people. It focuses in particular on overlapping inequalities stemming from discrimination and unfair treatment on other grounds (e.g. older, younger, refugee, immigrant, disability, rural, poverty).



Following series of focus group discussions in six countries and a literature review, many barriers have been identified which will inform training modules for health professionals.

The project is led by the Veneto Region of Italy and The Polish National Institute of Public Health - National Institute of Hygiene is a project partner; both organisations are members of EuroHealthNet. EuroHealthNet is itself a project partner, mostly working on knowledge exchange and the final conference.

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## 5// Spreading knowledge and identifying opportunities

### Calls and Opportunities

EuroHealthNet members receive regular alerts about calls and opportunities concerning EU funding, opportunities to take part in European projects and events, and capacity building. In 2016, 16 issues of the Calls and Opportunities newsletter were sent to members.

### Health-Inequalities.eu

This year, EuroHealthNet redeveloped health-inequalities.eu, which is a knowledge hub for information about health inequalities and what can be done about them. EUROPEAN PORTAL FOR ACTION ON **HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

The website contains information about inequalities at a European level, and provides detailed information for countries and regions both within and outside the EU. The website also contains databases of publications, policies, and projects related to health inequalities.

### ESIF support in the area of health



**BE EQUITABLE**  
address the 'causes of the causes'

European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) have great potential to contribute to EU policy goals through investments. A new project (2016-2018) looks at how the ESIF can be used more effectively to improve the health status of EU citizens and reduce health inequalities.

EuroHealthNet is responsible for three of the project's six thematic blocks. These are (i) improving access to healthcare, (ii) supporting the reform of processes for effective and resilient health systems with focus on deinstitutionalisation and investments in infrastructure, and (iii) active and healthy ageing, healthy workforce, health promotion and disease prevention.

A special service, the Funds for Health Support Desk, is being developed for HPE members based on EuroHealthNet's experience in the use of ESIF for health equity. The support desk will assist organisations that wish to use ESIF to reduce health inequality by providing them with information, advice, and updates about the funding measures.

🔗 [For more information, visit  
www.health-inequalities.eu](http://www.health-inequalities.eu)

***"EuroHealthNet finds opportunities and facilitates well planned and evaluated health promotion projects, studies of social determinants of health and wellbeing, as well as research on health inequalities, and encourages the involvement of health institutes from central and Eastern Europe, which is particularly valuable."***



**MIROSŁAW WYSOCKI**  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER  
(POLAND)

***“ Despite the considerable progress in science and technology to improve the health conditions of European citizens, many important challenges remain in today’s society. In many Member States the economic crisis has exacerbated existing inequalities. Furthermore the ageing population and environmental problems are becoming increasingly critical. Even in the context of health promotion there is still much to do in promoting healthy lifestyles and improving good practices. Reading this report you can get a clear idea of the impressive amount of work done by EuroHealthNet in all these areas, providing a solid response to these major challenges”***



PAOLO STOCCO, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER (ITALY)

# Policy // *European Platform for Action on Health and Social Equity (PHASE)*

## Our value

Policy monitoring and advocacy at European and national levels, and ensuring policy is joined-up and based on good evidence and practice. We take and encourage a 'health in all policies' approach.



## Our work

PHASE, The European Platform for Action on Health and Social Equity, monitors and influences policy relating to health and the wider issues which affect health and wellbeing. It advocates that that existing and emerging policies are designed and implemented in ways that optimise impacts on health and health equity. It analyses the changing policy landscape and identifies relevant mechanisms and instruments in a range of fields to help make sure that health is considered in all policies, and that health actors are able to adapt and respond.

## Our year

### 1. Advocating for health in the EU policy process

- ✓ Contributing to the development of the European Pillar of Social Rights
- ✓ Analysing the country specific recommendations relating to health and equity
- ✓ Compiling responses for public health research, funding, m-health, the EU Solidarity Corps, and youth policy
- ✓ Engaging with policy makers
- ✓ Explaining EU policy

### 2. Making links by contributing to

- ✓ EU Health Policy Platform
- ✓ EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity, and Health
- ✓ Alliance for investing in children
- ✓ The European alliance for mental health – employment and work
- ✓ Covenant on demographic change
- ✓ Health and safety at work
- ✓ WHO-Europe actions
- ✓ EU expert group on health inequalities

# 1// Advocating for health in the EU policy process: promoting the consideration of health and health equity in all EU policy

## EU Pillar of Social Rights



### BE VALUE DRIVEN

*develop values and the right to health in new contexts*

The idea for a European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) was launched by the EC as a *'reference framework which will screen the employment and social performance of participating Member States'*, aiming to drive reforms and stimulate upwards convergence. The EPSR is an opportunity to encourage progress on the social factors that drive health and health equity.

Following discussions at the 2016 EuroHealthNet General Council meeting and further work by the Executive



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Board, EuroHealthNet published a statement and explanatory Policy Précis. A response to the EC consultation was submitted highlighting the relevance for health, wellbeing, equity, and sustainability, as well as the importance of social investments including health promotion.

***"Developing the response to the 'social pillar' with EuroHealthNet colleagues gave us a good understanding of the issues and the context. Thanks to those discussions and the EuroHealthNet contribution, we were able to develop a strong national response too."***



MOJCA GABRIJELČIČ  
BLENKUŠ, EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MEMBER (SLOVENIA)

## Country specific recommendations



### BE JOINED-UP

*build partnerships and governance across sectors*

The European Semester is the EU's economic policy coordination mechanism of the EU 2020 Strategy. Each year the EC undertakes a detailed analysis of EU Member States' reform plans and provides them with Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs). The CSRs address priorities and investments in a range of fields including social affairs and health, and are therefore an opportunity to identify and encourage policy actions which may contribute to health equity.

In 2016 EuroHealthNet analysed the CSRs and published the report *'Will the 2016 EU Semester process contribute to improving health equity?'* The analysis importantly found that:

- ✓ The need for fiscally sustainable health care systems was recognised in most CSRs relating to health, yet calls for strengthening primary care, disease prevention, and health promotion or evidence that health has been considered in an integrated way was limited.
- ✓ Access to health is mentioned more in 2016 compared to 2015. However, vulnerable people, children or migrants were not directly mentioned.

The report provides further understanding of EU mechanisms and policy approaches which could influence policy actions in Member States. It also provides analysis of the EU Semester process and the relevance of CSRs from a health equity perspective.



## Better research for better health

EuroHealthNet submitted its comments on the future of health research to the EC's Scientific Panel for Health (SPH), responding to their paper 'Better research for better health'. The response praised the focus on multi-disciplinary approach and data integrity, as well as the mention of the need for preventative approaches targeting health and reference to the implementation of health in all policies actions. However, it also noted that the paper suffers from being written almost exclusively from a biomedical point of view. For a complete framework which would ensure better health, approaches should include the expertise of public health and health promotion experts, environmental health researchers, and social scientists.

## Reviewing funding



**BE NEW**  
*promote fair standards in all we do*

At the beginning of 2017 EuroHealthNet collaborated with members to contribute the EC's reviews of its funding programmes. These were organised by DG SANTE, looking at the 3rd health programme; by DG EMPL, looking at the EaSI programme, and DG RTD, looking at Horizon 2020.

## mHealth



**BE TECHNOLOGICAL**  
*understand and apply technical and digital advances*

EuroHealthNet responded to a consultation on mHealth - the use of mobile phone technologies for health. The consultation highlighted the importance of considering accessibility, health literacy, and privacy. Accessibility concerns revolve around older users, who may have specific needs or requirements for using new technology, and those who may face barriers to access because of social and economic factors. The health literacy of all users needs to be considered, making sure they have the ability to make good judgements based on information provided. Privacy and ownership of data is a concern for all; the use of data needs to be clearly explained to users.

## The Solidarity Corps

The Solidarity Corps is a new EU initiative to create opportunities for young people aged 17-30 to support communities and people in need through work or volunteering. In 2016, EuroHealthNet submitted a written response to the EC's first consultation, drawing on the views and experience of the staff under 30. In 2017, EuroHealthNet presented its position in a speech to a consultative meeting organised by DG EMPL and published a blog.



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## Coordinated policy for youth



**BE ACTIVE**  
*develop values and the right to health  
in new contexts*

The circumstances in which individuals spend their early years have a powerful and lasting impact throughout life, making youth policy an essential element in improving health

in the long term. Responding to an EC consultation, EuroHealthNet stressed that policies that affect young people need to focus on their health and wellbeing, particularly focusing on nutrition and physical activity, and reducing alcohol-related harm and hazardous drinking patterns. Noting that mental health problems often manifest at around 15, special attention needs to be given to protecting and supporting good mental health from an early age.

## Engaging with policy makers

Several strategic meetings were held with EC officials for exchanges of information on the EC priorities for with social and health equity. In all its meetings, EuroHealthNet highlighted the importance of social determinants of health, health equity, and the work done by its members and partners.

In 2016-2017, EuroHealthNet developed its work with the European Parliament and its policy department in order to increase EuroHealthNet visibility and expand the reach of advocacy and policy work.

## Health in the Nordic region



**BE UPDATED**  
*build partnerships and governance  
across sectors*

An event was held in 2016 to consider developments in addressing social determinants for health in the Nordic region in the context of the UN Agenda 2030 and Sustainable

Development Goals. EuroHealthNet was able to contribute learning concerning the potential EU Pillar of Social Rights, the EU Semester and its own REJUVENATE framework for modern health promotion renewal, which was favourably evaluated by participants from several states in the region. The event was co-organised by the Public Health Agency of Sweden and the World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe.

## Making policy clear

This year EuroHealthNet published three documents explaining European policy and action concerning migrant health, air pollution, and the EU Pillar of Social Rights. These 'Policy Précis' give a clear and concise overview of the situation including national and European policy, up-to-date research, and what measures can be taken in the future. These documents are available online and in print.



## 2// Making links: using expertise from many fields to build effective policy

EuroHealthNet is a valued partner by international and European organisations and networks. It actively seeks out collaboration with other stakeholders to have a stronger impact when tackling the social determinants of health.

### EU Health Policy Platform and the Health Inequalities Statement



**BE EQUITABLE**  
*address the 'causes of the causes'*

The EU Health Policy Platform is made up of health-related interest groups. Its purpose is to provide a framework for transparent dialogue with the European Commission, and to build and spread information about public health issues and expertise. In 2016, EuroHealthNet launched the thematic group on health inequalities and wellbeing.

EuroHealthNet led the group in the development of a joint statement calling for action on health equity. The statement asked European Institutions and Member State governments to recognise the central role that health and health equity play in building strong and sustainable social market economies, and the high levels of inequality that exist today. It noted the strong link between social and economic background and health outcome, and set out ways in which EU Institutions and EU Member States can ensure that good health is not simply the prerogative of people who are better off. EuroHealthNet also published an issue paper that explores the topic in more detail and supports the joint statement. Thirty European organisations have endorsed the joint statement.

### EU Platform for action on Diet, Physical Activity, and Health



**BE JOINED-UP**  
*build partnerships and governance across sectors*

EuroHealthNet is a member of the EU platform for action on diet, physical activity and health, a forum of European organisations including food and advertising industries, and NGOs.

Through its membership of the platform, EuroHealthNet works on knowledge and best practice exchange in tackling obesity, and contributes to the work of the EC and WHO.

In the last year, EuroHealthNet has contributed to the monitoring process of platform commitments, and making sure that inequalities are considered in guidelines and commitments made by stakeholders including the industry. Members from Greece, the Netherlands, Wales, Scotland, and Finland have highlighted their work at the EU level through platform meetings.

In addition to working on this EU platform, EuroHealthNet tackled related issues by supporting a joint statement on the revision of the EU Audio Visual Services Directive.

## 9th Global Conference 'Promoting Health in the Sustainable Development Goals: Health for all and all for health'

***"The explanation of EuroHealthNet and the elaboration of the Health Promotion Statement was very much appreciated by delegates at the 9th GCHP in Shanghai. It immediately stimulated debate and interest from the floor, and led to many discussions afterwards."***



BOSSE PETTERSSON,  
EUROHEALTHNET VICE-  
PRESIDENT (SWEDEN)

In November 2016, EuroHealthNet director delivered a keynote address to the 9th WHO Global Conference 'Promoting Health in the Sustainable Development Goals: Health for all and all for health' in Shanghai. The address focused on the links between equity, integrated innovative health promotion policy, and the sustainable development goals. It also highlighted that our lifestyles have an impact on our health and wellbeing, as well as the environment, and that economic development is accelerating this impact. The negative consequences fall disproportionately on low socio-economic groups and on those living in poor conditions and deprived neighbourhoods.



### WHO Europe

During a WHO panel discussion organised at the European Public Health Forum in Gastein, Austria, on 'Capturing change towards better health information systems in Europe', EuroHealthNet highlighted the need to link health and social statistics to fully appreciate and tackle the social determinants of health.



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in new contexts

EuroHealthNet also participated in the WHO Europe Regional Committee meeting held in Copenhagen in 2016, presenting the REJUVENATE health promotion statement.

In December, EuroHealthNet participated in the WHO conference 'Promoting intersectoral and interagency action for health and wellbeing', held in Paris, including moderating the opening panel session and contributing evidence from its experience and work.

### Alliance for investing in Children

The EU Alliance for Children promotes effective, child centred policies to tackle poverty and promote child wellbeing. As part of the Alliance, EuroHealthNet has contributed to continuing efforts to identify the best policy entry points for the implementation of the provisions outlined in the EC's Recommendation on Investing in Children, which was part of the 2014 EC 'Social Investment Package'.

EuroHealthNet also helped facilitate discussions between Alliance members and representatives of four EC Directorates (Employment and Social Affairs, Justice, Regional Policy and Education) at its office in order to discuss progress on the Recommendation, and identify what can be done within the EU and beyond to harmonise efforts and strengthen action.



## The European Alliance for Mental Health: Employment & Work



EuroHealthNet is part of this informal coalition of European organisations working together to promote mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, to advocate for equal access to the labour market for all people experiencing mental ill health, and to achieve the necessary policy change.

### Towards an age-friendly Europe: Covenant on Demographic Change

The Covenant brings together organisations committed to developing environments that support active and healthy ageing, enhancing the independence of older people, and creating a society of all ages. EuroHealthNet's participation in the covenant is a way to stay informed and updated on current evidence and best practice, and to share this knowledge with others.

### Health and Safety in the Workplace

EuroHealthNet is a partner in the campaign 'Healthy Workplaces for All Ages' led by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work. EuroHealthNet promotes the campaign throughout the year, and keeps members and partners informed about relevant actions in the field.

*"EuroHealthNet helps us to take our issues to a European level. EuroHealthNet is our window to Europe ... When we have issues and we want to promote them to the European level we go through EuroHealthNet, we are advised on the best channels and the best way to highlight our issues ... they will be there not only to show us the way, but show us how best to do it and at times do it as well."*

HPE MEMBER (EXTERNAL EVALUATION))

### South-Eastern Europe Health Network



**BE RESPONSIVE**  
adapt to challenges and use opportunities

EuroHealthNet is a partner in the South-Eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN), the multi governmental forum for regional collaboration on health, health systems, and public health. EuroHealthNet expressed its continuing support for partnership approaches enshrined in the 2017 Chisinau Pledge agreed at the 4th Ministerial Meeting in Moldova.



***“ Being part of EuroHealthNet is an opportunity for a young research institution like the Luxembourg Institute of Health to benefit from best practice and evidence sharing related to wellbeing, health equity, and social determinants of health. It will also allow us to further develop our health promotion and health policy activities and strengthen the partnership with our national decisions makers in the field of public health promotion and policy recommendations.”***



ANNA CHIOTI, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, LUXEMBOURG

# Research // *Centre for implementation of research and innovation in health and wellbeing (CIRI)*

## Our value

Providing an evidence base for policy and practice; encouraging and supporting research in health equity solutions.



## Our work

Policy makers and health professionals need reassurance that their actions, which may require the mobilisation of significant resources, will be significant and beneficial. This is why CIRI brings together research bodies, experts, and social innovators to assess the effectiveness of different approaches. The aim of all of CIRI's work is to build a solid evidence base, and to support the use of this evidence in both policy and in practical solutions that tackle health inequalities and environmental threats to health.

## Our year

### 1. Leading in research

- ✓ Leading the co-funded Horizon 2020 EU INHERIT project to promote public health, health equity, and environmental sustainability
- ✓ Contributing to the HiNews project, so understand why social inequalities persist in welfare states and what can be done to improve the situation

### 2. Promoting research and development at European events

- ✓ European Public Health Conference

# 1// Leading in Research: building a solid evidence base

Much of the research CIRI leads or contributes to falls under the EU's Horizon2020 programme. We focus on multi-sectoral research in social sciences and humanities, and in health, demographic change, and wellbeing.

## Sustainable and healthy lifestyles for all - INHERIT



**BE ECOLOGICAL**  
*ustain and protect our environment*

INHERIT (Intersectoral Health and Environment Research for InnovaTion) is a four year (2016-



2019) project funded by Horizon 2020, the EU's Research and Innovation programme. The aim is to encourage people to change their lifestyles and behaviours for healthier ones that contribute to more environmentally sustainable and equitable societies. More specifically, it aims to increase our understanding of how the factors that threaten the environment and our health can be modified through lifestyle and behaviour changes, and to raise awareness amongst policy makers and the public about how our unsustainable lifestyles and behaviours impact on health, health equity, and the environment.



The project covers three areas: living, moving, and consuming. It considers actions that promote the sustainable use of urban space and behaviours that can lead to cleaner air, reduce noise, and improve physical and mental health. It looks at the health equity implications of public transport trends and infrastructure, urban design and logistics planning. Present food consumption patterns are alarming, so the project also covers what factors motivate consumers to buy the food they do and what tipping points could lead to changing societal behaviours.

So far, the project has completed a literature review and collected more than 100 promising practices that could be modified or scaled up, which will soon be presented to the public in an online database. Future steps include a visioning exercise, citizens' forums, household surveys, and the development, implementation, and evaluation of 12 pilot projects that encourage healthy and sustainable lifestyles.

 [For more information, visit inherent.eu](http://inherent.eu)



## HiNews



**BE EQUITABLE**  
address the 'causes of the causes'

EuroHealthNet plays a supportive role in this NORFACE (New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe) project. The research aims to increase the understanding on why social inequalities persist in European welfare states and what can be done to reduce them.

EuroHealthNet is concentrating in particular on dissemination, advocacy, and linking the findings to policy processes.



 [For more information, visit \[dur.ac.uk/hinews\]\(http://dur.ac.uk/hinews\)](http://dur.ac.uk/hinews)

## 2// Promoting research and development at European events: disseminating information

### European Public Health Conference

In collaboration with EUPHA, EuroHealthNet organised the first Plenary Session of the European Public Health Conference *'From Ottawa to Vienna: 30 years of the Ottawa Charter'*. After an initial speech from WHO Europe, five young speakers made presentations on the Ottawa Charter action areas. These speakers were chosen following a Europe-wide search for professionals under 30 who are passionate about achieving 'Health for All'. Professor Evelyne de Leeuw from Australia and National representatives concluded the discussion with lessons learned for the future. The session was moderated jointly by the EuroHealthNet President and EUPHA.

EuroHealthNet also participated in other sessions: we moderated a pre-conference workshop on the results of JA-CHRODIS; we presented the INHERIT project at a pre-conference session arranged by the EC (DG RTD) on "Environment and health". A poster on the INHERIT project was displayed, together with the EuroHealthNet exhibition stand.

 [For more information, visit \[inherit.eu\]\(http://inherit.eu\)](http://inherit.eu)





***“ International health promotion means continuous cooperation and exchange among all actors of all societal and policy sectors in order to enhance the quality of public health interventions and strategies. The transfer between policies, practice, and research is a big challenge, therefore we need drivers like EuroHealthNet.”***



HELENE REEMANN (EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, GERMANY)

# Communication //

## Our value

EuroHealthNet's crosscutting communication hub is designed to inform, to connect, and to champion health promotion by making links between sectors, policies, actions and people.



**BE JOINED-UP**  
*build partnerships and governance  
across sectors*

## Our work

Health promotion professionals and policy makers continuously strive to make improvements to public health, but as the impacts of and on their work are wide reaching it can be a struggle to remain up-to-date with new developments and to monitor constantly changing environments. For this reason, EuroHealthNet provides a channel of communication between stakeholders.

EuroHealthNet provides comprehensive and clear analyses of the policy environment so that those affected are ready to respond and adapt. It also provides a channel through which health promotion professionals can engage in dialogue with policy makers. EuroHealthNet also has an important role to play in exchanging information about best practices and new initiatives, as well as keeping members and partners informed about new opportunities.

## Our year

### Informing

With monthly newsletters, magazine, and statements

### Connecting

Through websites, social media, and events

### Championing Health Promotion

With press releases, videos, and network building.

## Informing

**'HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS'** is a regular news digest which covers the latest developments concerning health, equity, and wellbeing at European and national levels. Eleven editions were published in 2016, including coverage of key relevant news from EU Institutions, States, Members and international organisations. It is available by request to our office.

**THE EUROHEALTHNET MAGAZINE**, published twice a year, provides an in-depth analysis of health promotion topics, giving stakeholders and readers opportunities to get an international perspective on their sector. In 2016, the issues covered included the UN sustainable development agenda, healthy ageing initiatives, health targets, the integration of health promotion and primary care, and how to benchmark health promotion capacity. Visit [eurohealthnet-magazine.eu](http://eurohealthnet-magazine.eu) to view current and past editions.

**BLOGS AND STATEMENTS** provide analyses on topical issues as they emerge. Topics in 2016 included the health inequalities experienced by LGBTI people, the cost-effectiveness of health systems, intersectoral partnership building and healthy marketing.

## Connecting

**WEBSITES**, including EuroHealthNet.eu, HealthyAgeing.eu, and HealthInequalities.eu are knowledge hubs kept up to date with publications, tools, and news on the respective topics.

**SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS** are an opportunity to inform stakeholders quickly about breaking news and to engage in dialogue. EuroHealthNet is active on Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook.

**EVENTS** provide an opportunity to meet, discuss, and learn with members, partners, and all those involved in health promotion.

## Championing health promotion

**NEWS RELEASES** are issued whenever wide audiences need to be informed about changes and new initiatives, or whenever health promotion needs to be considered in the context of wider societal issues. Topics covered by the 13 sent in 2016 included sustainable development goals, the EU's potential Social Pillar, and healthy workplaces.

**VIDEOS** provide another way to communicate with wide audience about the importance of health promotion and to explain complex topics. The EuroHealthNet YouTube channel contains 29 videos, including interviews, information about EuroHealthNet, and health promotion topics which were produced in previous years.



**145,949**

VIEWS IN 2016

EuroHealthNet.eu, HealthyAgeing.eu,  
Health-inequalities.eu and  
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**12,624**

CONTACTS IN OUR  
DATABASE



**3,250**

FOLLOWERS



**984**

FANS

# Funding

EuroHealthNet's funding comes from Member and Partner fees, a core grant from the EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI), and co-funded project grants. It continues to try to increase the proportion of funds from direct participation to improve self-governance.

We take pride in working in a transparent, ethical, and independent way. This is reflected in the integrity of our work in evidence building, advocacy, and policy development. In 2016-2017, as in previous years, no funding came from private sources.

An external accountant prepares annual financial and balance reports, which are then certified by a separate advisory and accounting firm. The General Council checks and approves the financial reports at its annual meeting.

EuroHealthNet started receiving a core grant from the EaSI programme in 2014, and in 2016, an external financial audit was carried out on behalf of the EC covering the first year of the funding. This audit was completed quickly and successfully, with no reconciliation required.

***"Despite the ongoing financial challenges facing us all, EuroHealthNet has continued to develop and flourish. We have seen a slow but steady increase in membership as our small but dedicated team continue to provide an increasing range of support, services and activities that are evidently both valued and appreciated. Whilst we remain financially resilient, the board continue to explore opportunities and ideas for continually improving and enhancing our financial sustainability and are grateful to the members for their thoughts and views expressed both at the last General Council meeting in Brussels and in the responses to our recent survey. These views will be used to inform our planning as we strive to maintain and, where possible, further develop those services that are so valued by the members without compromising the high standards and quality that are rightly expected of a leading and internationally respected network."***



MALCOLM WARD, EUROHEALTHNET TREASURER

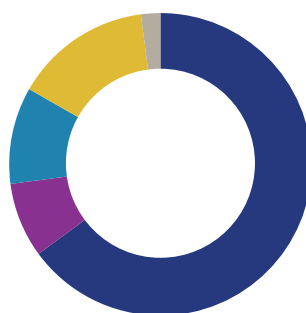
Clear rules and guidelines for procurement, asset and financial management, and risk assessment are well established and set out in the 'How We Work' document, available on request.

## INCOME 2016



MEMBER & PARTNER FEES	€ 208,000
CO-FUNDED PROJECTS GRANTS	€ 346,000
EASI CORE GRANT	€ 496,000
RESERVE	€ 110,000
→ TOTAL	€ 1,160,000

## EXPENDITURES 2016



EMPLOYEES	€ 753,000
GENERAL OPERATIONS	€ 93,000
EXTERNAL SERVICES	€ 120,500
PROJECT DELIVERABLES	€ 170,000
VARIOUS	€ 24,000
→ TOTAL	€ 1,160,000

# Acknowledgements

We are proud of the work we do, and recognise that our achievements would not be possible without the hard work and diligence of our staff, and the ongoing support from and collaboration with members and partners. We express our sincere thanks to all responsible.

This year, we have welcomed two new colleagues: Cathrine Festersen and Alexandra Latham. Alexandra is the new communication coordinator and was responsible for this report.

Thanks for all their efforts and participation as colleagues are due to Samantha Backman, Rita Fober, Ariane Moret, and Ana Oliveira who have gone on to progress elsewhere. We wish them well and hope they continue to find success in new roles.

In 2016-2017, two trainees worked with EuroHealthNet, Masja Schmit and Christy Braham. We thank them for their contribution and look forward to seeing how their future careers will blossom.

EuroHealthNet is grateful for the expert support and advice of several external consultants: Abc-IT for IT, Kwitelle for graphic design, MakeYourPoint for Webdesign, and PHAST for evaluations.

***“My internship has been a very valuable professional experience, and I am convinced that the things I have learned here will help me in my future endeavours.”***

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MASJA SCHMIT, RESEARCH INTERN



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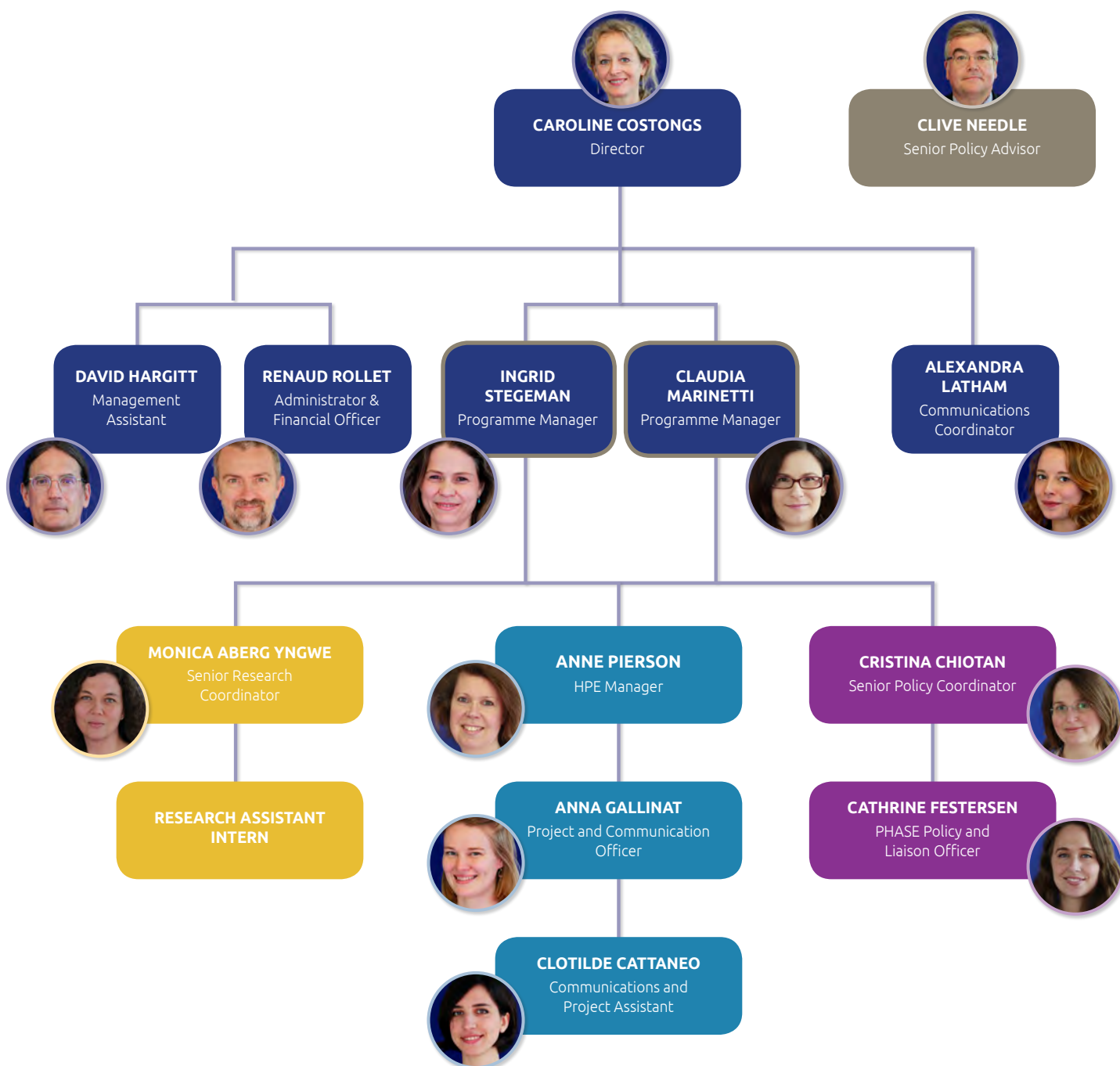
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