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Addressing health inequalities at the regional level



An informal meeting aiming at exploring ways in which (regional) networks can work better together to tackle health inequalities and how they can strengthen each other's work was held today at EuroHealthNet.

The focus of the meeting was on discussing potential collaboration and maximising the input from Regions in current projects. Preliminary ideas on how the different participating institutions and networks can sustain each other's work were also brought forward. Moreover, a discussion on how to ensure that the health (equity) element is sustained through the next Structural Funds Programme was initiated.



This meeting was organised in light of work that EuroHealthNet is leading within the new EU Joint Action on Health Inequalities (Equity Action).

Directly supported by the European Commission, the Equity Action represents a direct outcome of deliberations between interested Member States, international organizations, and the European Commission on how to deliver a structured programme on work on health inequalities. Its aim is to foster integrated action across governments and with a range of stakeholders to take action to address these inequalities. In particular, the work led by EuroHealthNet concerns regional approaches to tackling health inequalities and the use of EU Structural Funds at regional level to address health inequalities.

You can find more information on the Equity Action [here](#) or by contacting [Claudia Marinetti](#) or [Yoline Kuipers](#).