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## Implementing Health in All Policies (HiAP) approaches



On 7<sup>th</sup> July, the second project meeting of Crossing Bridges took place at EuroHealthNet. The meeting was held to update partners on current progress within the various work strands, including research and analysis of good practices concerning HiAP, with a special focus on the Education and Transport and Planning sectors. The meeting also allowed discussion on the development of a Capacity Building training programme. This programme aims at increasing the capacity of public health and health promotion professionals to take more of a leadership role in the implementation of HiAP approaches.



The Crossing Bridges project builds on work undertaken in the EC co-funded 'Closing the Gap' (2004-2007) and 'DETERMINE' (2007-2010) projects, and complements work within the 'Joint Action on Health Inequalities' (2011-2014).



The aim of Crossing Bridges is to advance the implementation of HiAP approaches in EU Member States. It will do this by developing evidence led methods and building capacities, as part of the overall mission to improve health equity within and between states.

Improving health and well being and reducing health inequities cannot be achieved by the health sector alone, since policies and actions taken by many other sectors also affect health. As set out in Council Conclusions in 2006, a health in all policies (HiAP) approach is required, whereby health considerations are integrated into policies beyond the health sector. While the concept of HiAP is broadly accepted, implementation in practice remains difficult.

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