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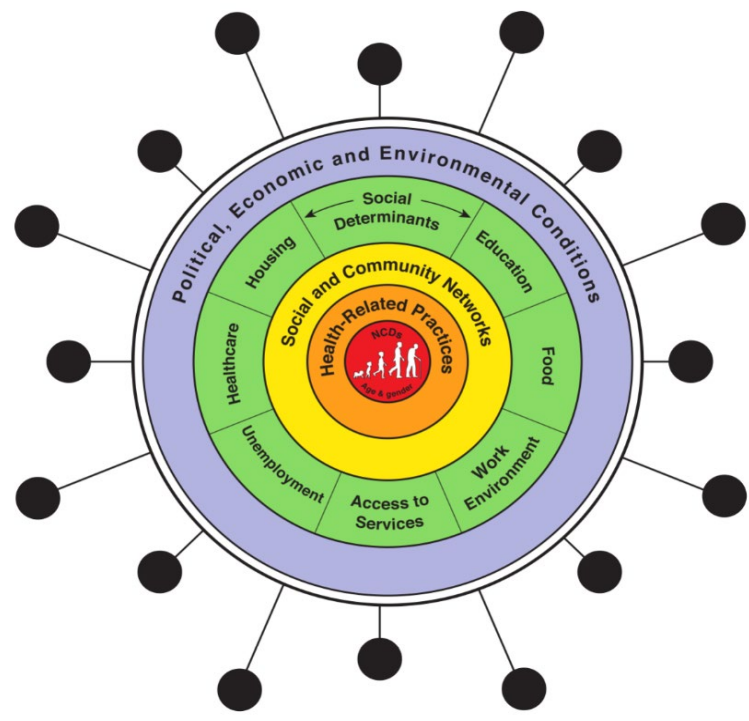


# Reflection on our Health Equity mission

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# Greater awareness of the need to reduce health inequalities and new windows of opportunity to act

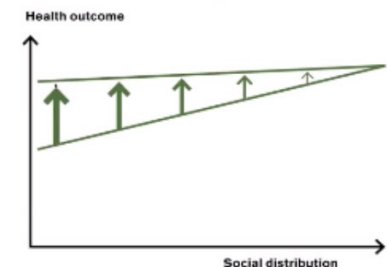


The Syndemic of Covid-19, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and the Social Determinants of Health

EU and Member State's top priorities:

To pave the way for a **fair and equitable** transition to more sustainable, digital societies.

Levelling-up the social gradient in health



# What can we do?



- Ensure health equity is **on policy agendas** at all levels of governance
- **Advocate** for health equity
- **Build capacities** within our institutions to do so and to:
  - **Take the actions possible within our sector**
  - **Work with other sectors, to encourage them to act**
- Continue to exchange good practice and experiences





# JOINT ACTION HEALTH EQUITY EUROPE!

- Involved the European Commission, 22 EU member states, as well as Bosnia-Herzegovina, Norway and Serbia.
- Coordination: Istituto Superiore di Sanita, Italy
- 2018-2021

Partners implementing over **80 actions** that can contribute to reducing health inequalities in the following areas:

- **Monitoring**
- **Healthy living environments**
- Migration and health
- Improving access to health and social services for those left behind
- Health and Equity in All Policies -Governance

# Ways forward

- **Covid-19** has led to more **awareness of health inequalities** and of need to **invest in prevention and health promotion**.
- We have a big **opportunity** to work together and play an important role in ensuring that the societal transitions that we are undergoing are fair, and equitable ones.
- This will **require** continued investments to **strengthen our capacities** to **advocate** for, and **act on** health inequalities.
- This may require us to **work in new and different ways** that can make us **more effective** in achieving our goals.