



**ASEF and Casa Asia
Research Exchange Workshop on
Social Determinants of Migrants' Health
across Asia and Europe
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**Actions funded by the Health Programme
addressing Migrant and Communicable diseases**



Public Health - Social determinants and health inequalities

The Commission's plans to address health inequalities are set out in the [Commission Communication - Solidarity in Health: Reducing Health Inequalities in the EU](#), published on 20 October 2009

The EU is working directly (through EU policy) and indirectly (through national authorities and stakeholders) to reduce such health inequalities

Social determinants and health inequalities - EU Policies

The following EU policies have a role to play in reducing health inequalities:

1. the Europe 2020 Strategy (through promoting sustainable economic growth and social cohesion)
2. Public health and the Health programme
3. Employment, health and safety at work
4. Social policy (including the Progress programme)
5. Equal opportunities and fundamental rights
6. Diversity and non-discrimination research (through the EU's framework programmes)
7. EU sustainable development strategy
8. EU structural funds

They are all instrument for reducing disparities in economic and living conditions



***Social determinants actions dealing with
communicable diseases
funded under the Public Health program 2003-2008
and Health Programme 2008-2013***

Migrants and ethnic minorities actions

1. 2005 **Monitoring the health status of migrants within Europe: development of indicators (MEHO)**,
<http://www.meho.eu.com/>
2. 2005 – **Episouth, Network for communicable disease control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean countries**, <http://www.episouth.org>
3. 2006 - **Increasing Public Health Safety for the External Borders of an Enlarged EU (PHBLM)**,
<http://www.iom.int/jahia/Jahia/increasing-public-health-safety-alongside-new-eastern-european-border-line/lang/en>
4. 2006 - **Health and migration in the EU: Better health for all in an inclusive society, Portuguese European Presidency conference**,
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/07/st15/st15609.en07.pdf>

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1. 2005 **Monitoring the health status of migrants within Europe: development of indicators (MEHO)**,
<http://www.meho.eu.com/>

Results achieved:

- Report on immigrant specific infectious disease data for different European countries;
- Report on data analysis of infectious diseases in migrants
- Report on detailed indicator set for infectious diseases in migrants and development of guidelines

Migrants and ethnic minorities actions

2. 2005 – **Episouth, Network for communicable disease control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean countries**, <http://www.episouth.org>

Results achieved:

- Report on assessment of survey for vaccine preventable diseases and migrant population“
- Recommendations for improving access to immunizations and exchanging data on vaccine preventable diseases (included in the Strategic Document)
- Strategic document on Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Migrant Population in the Mediterranean Countries and Balkans

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3. 2006 - Increasing Public Health Safety for the External Borders of an Enlarged EU (PHBLM),

Results achieved:

- Situation Analysis of the current health/public health hazards in border management and detention report
- Training course development and regional testing workshops in Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Romania
- Development of guidelines for public health in border management and detention procedures and recommendation for structural changes to health/public health services in the targeted border sectors

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<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/07/st15/st15609.en07.pdf>

Results achieved:

- Migration and Health in the EU report: features, trends and vulnerabilities
- Good practices on Health & and Migration report
- 8th Conference of European Health Ministers, in collaboration with the Council of Europe: "People on the Move: Human Rights and Challenges for Health Care Systems", Bratislava – Slovak Republic, 22-23 November 2007, <http://www.eu2007.min-saude.pt/PUE/en/conteudos/Noticias/Brastislava.htm>

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5. 2006 – **TAMPEP, European Network for HIV/STI prevention and Health promotion among migrant sex workers**, <http://www.tampep.eu>
6. 2007 - **AIDS & MOBILITY, AIDS & Mobility Europe 2007 – 2010** "<http://www.aidsmobility.org/>
7. 2008 - **EUROSUPPORT 6 (ES VI) : Developing a training and resource package for improving the sexual and reproductive health of people living with HIV/AIDS**, http://www.sensoa.be/eurosupport/euro_support.htm
8. 2008 **Correlation network: European Network Social Inclusion and Health**, <http://www.correlation-net.org/>

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5. 2006 – TAMPEP, European Network for HIV/STI prevention and Health promotion among migrant sex workers, Tampep International Foundation, (NL), <http://www.tampep.eu>

Results achieved:

- **Sex Work in Europe Mapping Report** presenting an assessment of the prostitution scene in 25 European countries and the analysis of changes and trends in sex work across Europe
- **Sex Work Migration Health resources report**
- **Work Safe in Sex Work – Best practices report**

Migrants and ethnic minorities actions

6. 2007 - **AIDS & MOBILITY, AIDS & Mobility Europe 2007**
– 2010 "Ethno-Medizinisches Centrum, (DE),
<http://www.aidsmobility.org/>

Results achieved:

- Trainings social mediators on HIV- prevention – Capacity building with migrants for Migrants and ethnic minorities in six countries through transcultural model (Copenhagen, Hannover, Istanbul, London, Rome, Tallinn)
- AIDS and mobility Europe Master Toolkit
- A European Policy Summit

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9. 2009 - Impact - Improving Access to HIV/TB testing for marginalised groups, <http://www.projectimpact.eu/>
10. 2009 - **Bordnet work, Highly active prevention: scale up HIV/AIDS/STI prevention, diagnostic and therapy across sectors and borders in CEE and SEE,**
11. http://www.bordnet.eu/BORDERNETwork_2010-2012/
12. 2009 - **SRAP - Addiction prevention within ROMA and SINTI communities,** <http://srap-project.eu/2011/07/04/684/>
13. 2009 - **PROMOVAX: Promote vaccinations among Migrant Populations in Europe,** <http://www.prolepsis.gr/new/>



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14. 2010 – **TUBIDU, Empowering civil society and public health system to fight tuberculosis epidemic among vulnerable groups,**
15. 2010 - **EU HEP SCREEN, Screening for Hepatitis B and C among migrants in the European Union**
<http://www.hepscreen.eu/>

ECDC Migrant health series Scientific reports

1. **HIV testing and counselling in migrant populations and ethnic minorities in EU/EEA/EFTA Member States,**
2. **Improving HIV data comparability in migrant populations and ethnic minorities in EU/EEA/EFTA countries: findings from a literature review and expert panel**
3. **Background note to the ECDC Report on migration and infectious diseases in the EU,**
4. **Access to HIV prevention, treatment and care for migrant populations in EU/EEA countries**
5. **Epidemiology of HIV and AIDS in migrant communities and ethnic minorities in EU/EEA countries**

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/technical_reports/Pages/index.aspx?page=6

Lessons from the recent projects

- Infectious disease related age-standardised mortality rates were much higher in male migrants than in the native male population, Italy (34.6 vs. 9.3 in natives), Latvia (30.8 vs. 24.7) and Estonia (18.8 vs. 14.9)
- 64% of migrant sex workers in the EU-15 countries, Switzerland and Norway are third country nationals, primarily from Eastern European, Central Asian, African, Latin American and Asian countries
- 54% of countries support specific approach for immunizations of immigrants (children and/or adults), and 41% support specific approach for immunizations of nomadic populations (Roma-sinti)

Challenges Migrant health

Implement adequate, effective and specifically targeted services, outreach health promotion and prevention campaigns regarding communicable diseases, counselling and treatment

Equal opportunities and access to health care and free health promotion and prevention for all migrants and ethnic minorities

Lack of protection from deportation, stigmatising attitudes and discriminatory treatment towards migrants and ethnic minorities

Language barriers and lack of services that are culturally adapted (including culture-sensitive health professionals, information material in several languages, multicultural staff at public health services, cultural mediators)

Future directions - Annual work plan 2012

3.2.2. Identifying the causes of, addressing and reducing health inequalities within and between MS in order to contribute to prosperity and cohesion, supporting cooperation on issues of cross-border care and patient and health professional mobility

3.2.2.1. Fostering health provision for migrants , the Roma and other vulnerable groups – Direct grant agreement with the International organisation for Migration (IOM),
The objective of this action is to improve the access and appropriateness of health care services, health promotion and prevention to meet the needs of migrants, the Roma and other vulnerable ethnic minority groups, including irregular/ illegal migrants.

http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/health/calls/2012/WP_2012_en_for_projects.pdf

Annual work plan 2012

3.1.2.4. Joint Action on Improvement of HIV prevention in Europe

The objective of this joint action is to promote the integration of quality assurance (QA) and quality improvement (QI) practices into HIV prevention programmes with the aim of improving the effectiveness of HIV prevention programmes.

This joint action supports the implementation of Commission Communication COM(2009) 569 final of 26 October 2009 *Combating HIV/AIDS in the European Union and neighbouring countries, 2009-2013*.

This joint action will contribute to overcoming discrimination and increasing the integration of people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and immigrants, men having sex with men and other vulnerable groups. People most at risk of HIV often belong to these groups.



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Executive Agency for Health and Consumers

The Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) implements the EU Health Programme, the Consumer Programme and the Better Training for Safer Food Initiative.

Links and documents

- ▶ Previous projects: 2003 - 2005
- ▶ Brochure: Projects 2006

Projects database

This database includes information about projects funded under calls for proposals in years 2006 and 2007 in the framework of the EU Public Health Programme. Information about the projects funded under new EU Health Programme 2008-2013 will be added progressively as grant agreements with beneficiaries are signed. For information on the projects funded earlier, please go to the website of [Directorate General for Health and Consumers](#).

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2007	Promotion of healthy mobility behaviour throughout the entire life time using a life long	LIFE CYCLE	AT	676 690,99 €	Health Determin
2006	Building Policy Capacities for Health Promotion through Physical Activity among Sed	PASEO	DE	600 000,00 €	Health Promotio
2006	European Advanced Risk Assessors Accredited Training Programme for highly qual	TRISK	IT	700 000,00 €	Health Securty
2006	European Health Risk Assessment Network on Electromagnetic Fields Exposure	EFHRAN	IT	600 000,00 €	Health Securty
2006	Fighting Obesity through Offer and Demand	FOOD	FR	499 655,00 €	Health Promotio
2006	Health Impacts of Airborne ALergen Information Network	HALINE	DE	599 429,00 €	Health Securty
2006	Health investments in Structural Funds 2000-2006: learning lessons to inform region	EUROREGIO III	GB	933 847,00 €	Health Promotio
2006	Improving Infrastructures for Leisure-Time Physical Activity in the Local Arena – Co	IMPALA	DE	547 124,00 €	Health Promotio
2006	Risk Assessment from Policy to Impact Dimension	RAPID	DK	648 893,46 €	Health Securty
2006	Scientific support to the Rare Disease Task Force activities	RDTF scientific supp	FR	749 161,66 €	Health Promotio
2006	Smoking in movies: Impact on European youth and policy options	Smoking in movies	DE	521 207,00 €	Health Promotio
2007	A reference network for Langerhans cell histiocytosis and associated syndrome in	EURO-HISTIO-NET 20	FR	209 314,00 €	Health Informati
2007	Aids and Mobility Europe 2007 - 2010	A & M 2007-2010	DE	499 967,00 €	Health Determin
2007	Alerting System and Development of a Health Surveillance System for the Deliberate	ASHT Phase II	GB	600 000,00 €	Health Threats
2007	Anti Stigma Programme: European Network	ASPEN	GB	875 318,00 €	Health Determin

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Policy

Although Europeans are healthier than ever, there are still big differences between various groups, with each having its own specific challenges and needs.

One such group is the elderly. EU Health Strategy seeks to foster good health as people age, through measures promoting healthy lifestyles and preventing disease throughout a person's life. It also emphasises the importance of considering gender specific differences and improving the health of young people.

→ **children and young people**

To encourage young people to adopt healthy lifestyles early in life, the [European Commission is taking action](#) on key issues such as nutrition and physical activity, alcohol, mental health, tobacco, sexual health, healthy environments, health inequalities, drugs and injury prevention.

→ **gender issues**

Biological differences between men and women can [affect their health in different ways](#), with problems requiring **different treatments**.

Also, even with illnesses and diseases that affect both sexes, **health outcomes and access to healthcare** differ between men and women.

→ **the elderly**

By 2025 more than 20% of Europeans will be 65 or over, with a particularly rapid increase in the number of over 80s.

Older people clearly have [different healthcare requirements](#) and as the population gets older, health systems need to adapt so they can provide adequate care.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/population_groups/eurobarometers/index_en.htm

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