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1. European Public Health Conference

Glasgow 2014

The 7th European Public Health Conference is over and we look back at a successful and pleasant conference. The Conference was attended by over 1,500 delegates from over 65 countries worldwide.

The participants' evaluation has just started and we hope to have the results of this evaluation ready for you by the end of January 2015. The website has been adapted and will be updated regularly with the photo gallery, the videos of the plenary sessions and other information.

At the moment, we are finalizing the Glasgow Declaration on health inequalities.

Milan 2015

In 2015 the conference will take place in Milan. The theme of next year's conference is Health in Europe – from global to local policies, methods and practices. Please check our [website](#) for updated information. We look forward to welcoming you there.

EPH Conferences 2016 and 2017

The 2016 EPH conference will be co-organised by the Austrian Public Health Association in Vienna. The 2017 EPH conference will be co-organised by the Swedish Society of Social Medicine in Stockholm.

2. EUPHA update

Strategy

We are pleased to inform you that the EUPHA Governing Board has unanimously adopted the EUPHA strategy 2014-2020. With our new motto: **'Voicing knowledge. Enhancing capacity.'**, we look forward to working with our members to reach our mission.

Change of presidency



Martin McKee (right) taking over from Walter Ricciardi as EUPHA president.

New president elect

Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Malta and president of the EUPHA section on public health practice and policy, was elected as the new president-elect. She will take over from Martin McKee in November 2016.

EUPHA press release - 28 November 2014

EUPHA calls on Europe's governments to do more to respond to the humanitarian and health crisis facing Ukraine. Click [here](#) to read more.

Health in Impact Assessments: An opportunity not to be missed

This report was published by EUPHA, WHO Europe and IAIA.

Prospective impact assessment is a consolidated approach for pursuing foresight in policy and decision-making, systematically deployed worldwide. There is consensus that, even in well developed impact assessments, human health is not always covered adequately. Partly as a response, health impact assessment (HIA) has emerged and has been applied in several countries in Europe and beyond. Opinions about the merits of HIA separate from other forms of impact assessment differ. This publication aims to provide a detailed and balanced view on "health in impact assessments". Five key types of impact assessment, namely environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, social impact assessment, sustainability assessment, and HIA are presented, and four key questions are discussed: How can the various assessments contribute to promoting and protecting human health? How can further integration of health support the various forms of impact assessments? What forms of integration seem advisable? What priorities for further development? This analysis suggests that the potential of impact assessments to protect and promote health is underutilized, and represents a missed opportunity. Ways need to be found to exploit the potential to a fuller extent. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics...>

3. Call for proposals, job opportunities

Kuwait University: several job opportunities

Kuwait University is pleased to announce the establishment of a new Faculty (School) of Public Health at its Health Sciences Center (<http://www.hsc.edu.kw/FOPH/>). Kuwait University was established in 1966 and currently has 15 faculties. The Faculty of Public Health forms the fifth college in the Health Sciences Center, which already includes Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences. The initial five departments include Epidemiology and Biostatistics; Health Policy and Management; Environmental and Occupational Health; Social and Behavioural Sciences; and Public Health Practice. The Faculty is actively recruiting academic staff, including inaugural leadership positions (Dean and Chairpersons). For more information regarding job descriptions for these leadership positions, please visit our Employment page on the KU-HSC website at: <http://www.hsc.edu.kw/employment/Default.aspx>. For further information or to apply for an academic position at this new faculty, please submit your *Curriculum Vitae* to: foph@hsc.edu.kw. Applications are being received at this time without any deadlines for submission.

Research Fellow at Warwick - Epidemiology and Quantitative Health Service Research CLAHRC-WM (73545-114)

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated post-doctoral researcher with experience in epidemiology or quantitative health services research and a desire to contribute to research which makes a real difference to patient care and health outcomes. You will contribute to the quantitative aspects of research relevant to the Prevention and Detection theme of Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care West Midlands (CLAHRC-WM) hosted by the University of

Warwick. You may be involved with the analysis of large screening datasets, epidemiological research relevant to prevention and detection of disease and analysis of test performance. You will be expected to contribute to existing research projects and to new grant applications. For more information, click [here](#).

WHO Venice: Request for Proposals (RFP): Conduct a review of the literature and write three Health Evidence Network (HEN) reports (project)

Migration is currently a high-priority topic on the political and policy agendas of most of the Member States of the WHO European Region. To address this priority, the WHO Regional Office for Europe has established the [Public Health Aspects of Migration in Europe \(PHAME\) project](#). In moving forward with the research in this important topic, WHO/Europe is commissioning three HEN synthesis reports that address three distinct migration groups that require different policy approaches: (1) undocumented migrants, (2) labour migrants, (3) Refugees / asylum seekers / newly arrived migrants. The aim of these reports is to synthesize the evidence through a desk review of the scientific literature to inform both at the level of service delivery as well as policy-making. Each of these HEN reports will address the following policy question:

“Which policies and interventions work to improve reduction of inequalities in accessibility and quality of health care delivery for (1), (2), (3)? A review of the existing evidence in the European Region”
The review should reflect the width of English literature available covering the 53 Member States in the WHO European Region with informative case studies. For more information please read the Terms of Reference and the HEN author guideline.

If interested, kindly submit your proposals to WHO/Europe (HEN@euro.who.int, KSH@euro.who.int) by **7th December 2014**. Following an initial review of all proposals, shortlisted candidates will be contacted for a telephone interview to present in more detail their proposal. The work should be performed during the period of 1 January to 15 March 2015.

WHO coordination:

- Dr Santino Severoni, Coordinator Public Health and Migration, Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being, SEV@euro.who.int
- Tim Nguyen, Unit leader Evidence and Information for Policy-Making, Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation, TNG@euro.who.int

4. Interesting News

High milk intake associated with mortality risk?

Swedish researchers have found that a high intake of milk may be associated with higher mortality and fracture risks in women and higher mortality risk in men, but they caution against basing any dietary recommendations on their findings, which were published online October 28 in BMJ. Karl Michaëlsson, MD, PhD, professor in medical epidemiology and senior consultant in orthopedic surgery at Uppsala University in Sweden, and colleagues analyzed data on two large Swedish cohorts: one with 61,433 women aged 39 to 74 years and another with 45,339 men aged 45 to 79 years.

<http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/?p=1...>

Could shift work cause your brain to grow older faster?

Since the dawn of the industrial revolution, millions of people around the world have had jobs that require them to work shifts that cross night and day and change on a weekly or even daily basis. Scientists have long theorized that working irregular hours for extended periods of time could have the same detrimental effect as chronic jet lag, disrupting the body's natural time-keeping rhythms and exacerbating health problems such as ulcers and weight gain.

Now a new study, published in the journal [Occupational and Environmental Medicine](#), quantifies that effect on the brain's ability to think and remember. The researchers found that those who have worked shifts for more than 10 years experienced a decline in cognitive function equivalent to 6.5 years of aging.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-yo...>

Falls Leading Cause of Serious Head Trauma for Kids, Study Shows

A new study of more than 43,000 children finds that falls are the most common cause of head injuries among younger kids.

For children under the age of 2, falls accounted for 77 percent of head injuries. For kids aged 2 to 12, falls caused 38 percent of head injuries, the researchers said.

Many of these serious brain injuries result from car and bicycle accidents, said lead researcher Dr. Nathan Kuppermann, a professor in the departments of emergency medicine and pediatrics at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine. <http://health.usnews.com/health-news/art...>

Study: Alcohol tax increases improve economy, reduce effects of excessive alcohol consumption

Evidence from the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth (CAMY) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health indicates that alcohol taxes increases reduce the harms resulting from excessive alcohol consumption, and also may lead to a small net increase in the number of jobs. [This research](#) was announced at the American Public Health Association's 142nd Annual Meeting in New Orleans. <http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/?p=1...>

The surefire way to eat healthier

There is a great deal of anecdotal evidence to suggest that cooking at home is better for our health. It's also well known that eating convenience food [is associated with](#) poorer nutrition, obesity, and other metabolic diseases. Food experts, ranging from NYU professor Marion Nestle to author Michael Pollan and New York Times columnist Mark Bittman, have long argued that homemade meals belong at the center of a healthy diet.

Yet little research to date has focused on the relationship between how often people cook at home and the quality of their diets. A new study presented at the American Public Health Association annual meeting and [published](#) in the journal Public Health Nutrition provides strong evidence to support the connection. <http://time.com/3590474/cooking-healthie...>

Eurofound's final research report now available

Eurofound's final Research Report on 'Access to healthcare in times of crisis':

http://eurofound.europa.eu/sites/default/files/ef_publication/field_ef_document/ef1442en.pdf

Project website: <http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/areas/health/healthcareservices.htm>

Food safety aspects of insects intended for human consumption

Advisory report 9160 of the Superior Health Council Belgium

The Superior Health Council and the Scientific Committee of the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain have elaborated an advisory report about the question whether eating insects is with or without health risks. The full report: <http://tinyurl.com/SHC-9160-insects>

5. EUPHA members update

New member: Public Health Perspective Nepal

The EUPHA Executive Council has accepted the associate membership application of Public Health Perspective Nepal. <http://www.phpnepal.org>

New member: the European Society for Prevention Research

The EUPHA Executive Council has accepted associated membership of EUSPR - the European Society for Prevention Research. <http://euspr.org/>

SFSP: updated link

The correct internet links to promote the Journal "Santé publique" and its articles are both : <http://www.sfsp.fr/santepublique/accueil.php> and <http://www.cairn.info/revue-sante-publique.htm>

6. Upcoming courses and conferences

Title: [Concepts of Epidemiology \(5-Day Course\)](#)
Date / location: 8 Dec 2014 - 12 Dec 2014 / Edinburgh, UK
Organiser: University of Edinburgh

Title: [Medizinische Statistik für Nicht-StatistikerInnen in der Anwendung \(Aufbaukurs\)](#)
Date / location: 9 Dec 2014 - 10 Dec 2014 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems

Title: [E-health: Grand challenges and Legal Concerns](#)
Date / location: 11 Dec 2014 / Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Organiser: Erasmus University Rotterdam

Title: [IV International Symposium on Wellness and Chronic Care](#)
Date / location: 12 Dec 2014 / Scottsdale, Arizona, United States
Organiser: Population Health Alliance

Title: [Health Technology Assessments](#)
Date / location: 16 Dec 2014 - 18 Dec 2014 / Krems, Austria
Organiser: Danube University Krems

Title: [6-Day Certified Course "Winter School in Clinical Epidemiology"](#)
Date / location: 2 Feb 2015 - 7 Feb 2014 / Hall in Tyrol, Austria
Organiser: UMIT

Title: [14th World Congress on Public Health - WCPH 2015](#)
Date / location: 11 Feb 2015 - 15 Feb 2015 / Kolkata, India
Organiser: WFPHA

Title: [12th International Conference on Urban Health: Urban Health for a Sustainable Future - The Post 2015 Agenda](#)
Date / location: 9 Mar 2015 - 12 Mar 2015 / Dhaka, Bangladesh
Organiser: International Society for Urban Health

- Title: [4th Global Forum on TB Vaccines](#)
Date / location: 21 Apr 2015 - 24 Apr 2015 / Shanghai, China
- Title: [EHMA 2015 annual conference - Evidence based management: better decisions, better healthcare](#)
Date / location: 15 Jun 2015 - 17 Jun 2015 / Breda, The Netherlands
Organiser: EHMA
- Title: [2015 International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and Colleges: 10 Years after the Edmonton Charter](#)
Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 25 Jun 2015 / Kelowna, Canada
Organiser: University of British Columbia
- Title: [14th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy](#)
Date / location: 22 Jun 2015 - 25 Jun 2015 / Athens, Greece
Organiser: ATINER
- Title: [1st International conference on Transport and Health](#)
Date / location: 6 Jul 2015 - 8 Jul 2015 / London, UK
Organiser: UCL and TPH (Transport Public Health) Link
- Title: [COHRED Forum 2015: People at the center of research and innovation for health](#)
Date / location: 25 Aug 2015 - 27 Aug 2015 / Manila, Philippines
Organiser: COHRED

7. European Journal of Public Health

Editorials

Is evidence-based public health in crisis?

Vasiliy V. Vlassov

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 873

[\[Extract\]](#)

What is and what is not Health Impact Assessment

Gabriel Gulis and Dineke Zeegers Paget

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 874

[\[Extract\]](#)

Commentaries

Next generation of public health professionals: networks and the EUPHAnxt integration approach

Fabrizio Bert, Arjan van der Star, and Giacomo Scaioli

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 875

[\[Extract\]](#)

Beyond public health genomics: proposals from an international working group
Stefania Boccia, Martin Mc Kee, Roza Adany, Paolo Boffetta, Hilary Burton, Anne Cambon-Thomsen, Martina C. Cornel, Muir Gray, Anant Jani, Bartha Maria Knoppers, Muin J. Khoury, Eric M. Meslin, Cornelia M. Van Duijn, Paolo Villari, Ron Zimmern, Alfredo Cesario, Anna Puggina, Marco Colotto, and Walter Ricciardi

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 876-878

[\[Extract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) **OPEN ACCESS**

Child and adolescent health

Association of children's eating behaviors with parental education, and teachers' health awareness, attitudes and behaviors: a national school-based survey in China

Liu He, Yi Zhai, Michael Engelgau, Weirong Li, Hanzhu Qian, Xiang Si, Xin Gao, Melanie Sereny, Jing Liang, Xiaolei Zhu, and Xiaoming Shi

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 879-886

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Association between higher BMI and depressive symptoms in Icelandic adolescents: the mediational function of body image

Sigrídur T. Eidsdóttir, Alfreigur L. Kristjánsson, Inga Dóra Sigfusdóttir, Carol E. Garber, and John P. Allegrante

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 887-891

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Effect evaluation of an oral health promotion intervention in preschool children

Sigríð Van den Branden, Stephan Van den Broucke, Roos Leroy, Dominique Declerck, Kris Bogaerts, and Karel Hoppenbrouwers

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 892-897

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Recent changes in school-based policies on physical activity and nutrition in Spain

Pilar Gallego, Iñaki Galán, María José Medrano, Pilar Ramos, Francisco Rivera, and Carmen Moreno

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 898-903

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Reproductive health

Where does distance matter? Distance to the closest maternity unit and risk of foetal and neonatal mortality in France

Hugo Pilkington, Béatrice Blondel, Nicolas Drewniak, and Jennifer Zeitlin

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 904-909

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) **OPEN ACCESS**

Ethnicity and first birth: age, smoking, delivery, gestation, weight and feeding: Scottish health and ethnicity linkage study

Narinder Bansal, James W. T. Chalmers, Colin M. Fischbacher, Markus F. C. Steiner, Raj S. Bhopal, on behalf of the Scottish Health and Ethnicity Linkage Study

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 910-915

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Contribution of psychopathology, psychosocial problems and substance use to urban and rural differences in birth outcomes

Chantal Quispel, Mijke P. Lambregtse-van den Berg, Eric A.P. Steegers, Witte J.G. Hoogendijk, and Gouke J. Bonsel

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 916-922

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Obesity, Physical activity

Sleep problems, exercise and obesity and risk of chronic musculoskeletal pain: The Norwegian HUNT study

Paul Jarle Mork, Kirsti Lund Vik, Børge Moe, Ragnhild Lier, Ellen Marie Bardal, and Tom Ivar Lund Nilsen

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 923-928

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Can media images of obese people undermine health messages? An experimental study of visual representation and risk perception

Dorota Juszczak, Fiona B. Gillison, and Steven Dean

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 929-934

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Parental leave and increased physical activity of fathers and mothers—results from the Northern Swedish Cohort

Klara Johansson, Patrik Wennberg, and Anne Hammarström

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 934-939

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Under-estimation of obesity, hypertension and high cholesterol by self-reported data: comparison of self-reported information and objective measures from health examination surveys

Hanna Tolonen, Päivikki Koponen, Jennifer S. Mindell, Satu Männistö, Simona Giampaoli, Carlos Matias Dias, Tarja Tuovinen, Antje Gößwald, Kari Kuulasmaa, for the European Health Examination Survey Pilot Project

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 940-947

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Mental health

Prefecture-level economic conditions and risk of suicide in Japan: a repeated cross-sectional analysis 1975–2010

Etsuji Suzuki, Saori Kashima, Ichiro Kawachi, and S. V. Subramanian

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 948-953

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Public mental health research in Europe: a systematic mapping for the ROAMER project

Anna K. Forsman, Daniel B. J. Ventus, Christina M. van der Feltz-Cornelis, Kristian Wahlbeck, on behalf of the ROAMER project

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 954-959

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Adolescents' psychological health complaints and the economic recession in late 2007: a multilevel study in 31 countries

Timo-Kolja Pfoertner, Katharina Rathmann, Frank J. Elgar, Margaretha de Looze, Felix Hofmann, Veronika Ottova-Jordan, Ulrike Ravens-Sieberer, Lucia Bosakova, Candace Currie, and Matthias Richter

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 960-966

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Socioeconomic factors

Association between socioeconomic factors and sleep quality in an urban population-based sample in Germany

Markus P. Anders, Jürgen Breckenkamp, Maria Blettner, Brigitte Schlehofer, and Gabriele Berg-Beckhoff

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 967-972

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Trends in cardiovascular risk factors in Greece before and during the financial crisis: the impact of social disparities

Filippos T. Filippidis, Sotiria Schoretsaniti, Christine Dimitrakaki, Constantine I. Vardavas, Panagiotis Behrakis, Gregory N. Connolly, and Yannis Tountas

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 973-978

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Editor's Choice: Criteria for implementing interventions to reduce health inequalities in primary care settings in European regions

Antonio Daponte, Mariola Bernal, Julia Bolívar, Inmaculada Mateo, Louis-Rachid Salmi, Sara Barsanti, Luc Berghmans, Ewelina Piznal, Yann Bourgueil, Soledad Marquez, Ingrid González, Ana Carriazo, Zsuzsanna Maros-Szabo, Solange Ménival, and for the AIR Research Group

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 979-989

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Request Permissions\]](#)

Socioeconomic inequalities in access to specialized psychotropic prescribing among older Swedes: a register-based study

Jonas W. Wastesson, Johan Fastbom, Gunilla Ringbäck Weitoft, Stefan Fors, and Kristina Johnell

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 990-995

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) **OPEN ACCESS**

Health Services research

The relationship between functional health literacy and the use of the health system by diabetics in Switzerland

Jasmin Franzen, Sarah Mantwill, Roland Rapold, and Peter J. Schulz

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 996-1002

[\[Abstract\]](#) [\[Full Text\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#) **OPEN ACCESS**

Reproducibility of diabetes quality of care indicators as reported by patients and physicians

Tinh-Hai Collet, Patrick Taffé, Julie Bordet, Bernard Burnand, and Isabelle Peytremann-Bridevaux

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1003-1008

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Impact of physicians' attitude to vaccination on local vaccination coverage for pertussis and measles in Germany

Martin Weigel, Kerstin Weitmann, Christiane Rautmann, Judith Schmidt, Roswitha Bruns, and Wolfgang Hoffmann

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1008-1015

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Trends in breast cancer stage distribution before, during and after introduction of a screening programme in Norway

Mette L. Lousdal, Ivar S. Kristiansen, Bjørn Møller, and Henrik Støvring

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1016-1021

[\[Abstract\]](#)

DRG systems in Europe: variations in cost accounting systems among 12 countries

Siok Swan Tan, Alexander Geissler, Lisbeth Serdén, Mona Heurgren, B. Martin van Ineveld, W. Ken Redekop, and Leona Hakkaart-van Roijen

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1022-1027

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Direct health care costs of hospital admissions due to adverse events in the Netherlands

Fabienne J. H. Magdelijns, Patricia M. Stassen, Coen D. A. Stehouwer, and Evelien Pijpers

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1027-1032

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Health policy

Change in breastfeeding patterns in Scotland between 2004 and 2011 and the role of health policy

Valeria Skafida

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1032-1040

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Cultures of evidence across policy sectors: systematic review of qualitative evidence

Theo Lorenc, Elizabeth F. Tyner, Mark Petticrew, Steven Duffy, Fred P. Martineau, Gemma Phillips, and Karen Lock

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1040-1046

[\[Abstract\]](#)

Public health in the 21st century: working differently means leading and learning differently
Katarzyna Czabanowska, Kenneth A. Rethmeier, George Lueddeke, Tony Smith, André Malho, Robert Otok, and Mindaugas Stankunas

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1046-1051

[\[Abstract\]](#)

European Public Health News

European Public Health News / President's Column / EUPHA office column / Message from the Who Regional Director for Europe: Preparedness and Response to Health Threats / 8th European Public Health Conference—'Health in Europe—from global to local policies, methods and practices'

Dineke Zeegers Paget, Martin McKee, Dineke Zeegers Paget, Zsuzsanna Jakab, and Floris Barnhoorn

Eur J Public Health 2014 24: 1052-1054

[\[Extract\]](#)

8. Interesting publications

[Motivational interviewing interactions and the primary health care challenges presented by smokers with low motivation to stop smoking: a conversation analysis](#)

Codern-Bové N, Pujol-Ribera E, Pla M, González-Bonilla J, Granollers S, Ballvé JL, Fanlo G, Cabezas C

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1225 (26 November 2014)

[Educational mobility and weight gain over 13 years in a longitudinal study of young women](#)

Holowko N, Jones M, Tooth L, Koupil I, Mishra G

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1219 (25 November 2014)

[Smokers' beliefs about the tobacco control potential of "a gene for smoking": a focus group study](#)

Waters EA, Ball L, Carter K, Gehlert S

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1218 (25 November 2014)

[Adherence to treatment to help quit smoking: effects of task performance and coping with withdrawal symptoms](#)

López-Torrecillas F, Rueda MM, López-Quirantes EM, Santiago JM, Tapioles RR

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1217 (25 November 2014)

[Prevalence of overweight in 2 to 17 year-old children and adolescents whose parents live separately: a Nordic cross-sectional study](#)

Hohwü L, Gissler M, Sjöberg A, Biehl AM, Kristjansson AL, Obel C

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1216 (25 November 2014)

[Trends in educational inequalities in cause specific mortality in Norway from 1960 to 2010: a turning point for educational inequalities in cause specific mortality of Norwegian men after the millennium?](#)

Strand BH, Steingrimsdóttir A, Grøholt E, Ariansen I, Graff-Iversen S, Næss S

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1208 (24 November 2014)

[The evolution of health literacy assessment tools: a systematic review](#)

Altin SV, Finke I, Kautz-Freimuth S, Stock S

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1207 (24 November 2014)

[A qualitative examination of the impact of microgrants to promote physical activity among adolescents](#)

Tamminen KA, Faulkner G, Witcher CS, Spence JC

BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1206 (22 November 2014)

[Bicycling crash circumstances vary by route type: a cross-sectional analysis](#)

Teschke K, Frendo T, Shen H, Harris MA, Reynolds CC, Crompton PA, Brubacher J, Cusimano MD, Friedman SM, Hunte G, Monro M, Vernich L, Babul S, Chipman M, Winters M
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1205 (22 November 2014)

[Observational study on the consumption of recreational drugs and alcohol by Swiss travelers](#)

Klunge-de Luze C, de Vallière S, Genton B, Senn N
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1199 (21 November 2014)

[Association between physical and mental health-related quality of life and adverse outcomes: a retrospective cohort study of 5,272 Scottish adults](#)

Ul-Haq Z, Mackay DF, Pell JP
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1197 (21 November 2014)

[Smorgasbord or symphony? Assessing public health nutrition policies across 30 European countries using a novel framework](#)

Lloyd-Williams F, Bromley H, Orton L, Hawkes C, Taylor-Robinson D, O'Flaherty M, McGill R, Anwar E, Hyseni L, Moonan M, Rayner M, Capewell S
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1195 (21 November 2014)

[Determinants of vaccination coverage and adherence to the Greek national immunization program among infants aged 2-24 months at the beginning of the economic crisis \(2009-2011\)](#)

Vassiliki P, Ioanna K, Artemis V, Eleni K, Aglaia Z, Attilakos A, Maria T, Dimitris K
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1192 (20 November 2014)

[Inclusion of hazardous drinking does not improve the SCORE performance in men from Central and Eastern Europe: the findings from the HAPIEE cohorts](#)

Vikhireva O, Kubinova R, Malyutina S, Pajak A, Simonova G, Bobak M, Pikhart H
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1187 (20 November 2014)

[Association between physical activity, multimorbidity, self-rated health and functional limitation in the Spanish population](#)

Cimarras-Otal C, Calderón-Larrañaga A, Poblador-Plou B, González-Rubio F, Gimeno-Feliu LA, Arjol-Serrano JL, Prados-Torres A
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1170 (17 November 2014)

[Social networks and mental health in post-conflict Mitrovica, Kosovo](#)

Nakayama R, Koyanagi A, Stickley A, Kondo T, Gilmour S, Arenliu A, Shibuya K
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1169 (17 November 2014)

[Prevalence of chronic medical conditions in Switzerland: exploring estimates validity by comparing complementary data sources](#)

Zellweger U, Bopp M, Holzer BM, Djalali S, Kaplan V
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1157 (7 November 2014)

[Provision of chlamydia testing, and training of primary health care staff about chlamydia testing, across four European countries](#)

Uusküla A, Ricketts EJ, Rugman C, Kalda RR, Fredlund H, Hedlund J, Dunais B, Touboul PP, McNulty C
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1147 (5 November 2014)

[A systematic review of barriers to data sharing in public health](#)

van Panhuis WG, Paul P, Emerson C, Grefenstette J, Wilder R, Herbst AJ, Heymann D, Burke DS
BMC Public Health 2014, 14 :1144 (5 November 2014)

[Cancer symptom awareness and barriers to medical help seeking in Scottish adolescents: a cross-sectional study](#)

9. European Commission news

Alcohol

[15th plenary meeting on European Alcohol and Health Forum \(Luxembourg, 6 November 2014\)](#)

Presentations of the meeting

Antimicrobial resistance

[Twitter chat to ask experts about antibiotic resistance on the occasion of the European Antibiotic Awareness Day \(18 November 2014, 13:00-14:00 CET, #EAAD\)](#)

Blood, tissues and organs

[5th edition of the Journalist Workshops on organ donation and transplantation](#) Presentations of the meeting

Ebola

[Teleconference with the Members of the Health Security Committee \(26 November 2014\)](#) Flash report

[HIV/AIDS: 10th Anniversary of the Dublin Declaration is a time for reflection, not for complacency](#)

Editorial by Anna Marzec-Bogusławska M.D., M.P.H., Director of The National AIDS Center, Poland

[EU boosts anti-Ebola aid after Commissioners' mission to worst-hit countries](#)

[EU Coordinator for the Ebola emergency, Commissioner Christos Stylianides and Commissioner for](#)

[Health, Vytenis Andriukaitis on mission in the Ebola stricken countries in West Africa](#)

[Flash report - Workshop with health and other professions likely to enter into contact with Ebola patients \(13 November 2014\)](#)

[The European Union's response to Ebola emergency](#)

[Ebola experts supported by EU-wide platform: a new initiative on Ebola, as Commissioners prepare to visit affected region](#)

[Workshop to address the Ebola virus in healthcare settings in Europe](#)

[EFSA assesses the risk of transmission of Ebola through bushmeat](#)

eHealth - Cross-border care

[Health Network adopts guidelines on ePrescriptions](#)

Electromagnetic Fields

[GLORE Conference on global coordination of Research and Health Policy on RF Electromagnetic](#)

[Fields \(19-20 November, Luxembourg\)](#) Programme of the meeting

Health-EU Newsletter

[Health-EU Newsletter: "Take care, not antibiotics: the prudent use of antibiotics"](#) By Martin Seychell, EC Deputy Director General for Consumers and Health, responsible for Directorates B, C and D

Health indicators

[Indicator on disease-specific mortality \(ECHI 13\)](#) Updated with 2011 data

Major and chronic diseases

[European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer - Calls for expressions of interest](#) Extended

deadline for application: 11 December 2014

Nutrition and physical activity

[Plenary meeting of the European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health \(24 November 2014\)](#) Flash report of the meeting and presentations

Preparedness and response

[Hungary becomes the 18th Member State to sign the agreement on Joint Procurement of Medical Countermeasures](#)

Rare Diseases

[Flash report - Commission Expert Group on Rare Diseases \(Luxembourg, 12-13 November 2014\)](#)
[Recommendation on ways to improve codification for rare diseases in health information systems](#)
[Commission Expert Group on Rare Diseases \(Luxembourg, 12-13 November 2014\)](#) Agenda of the meeting

Sexually transmitted diseases

[World AIDS Day 2014: "We need to keep up the momentum in the fight against HIV/AIDS", says EU Health Commissioner, Vytenis Andriukaitis](#)

Tobacco

[Call for proposals: 'Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases. Prevention and treatment of lung diseases'](#)

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Death from AIDS is preventable, so why are people still dying of AIDS in Europe?

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Ten years after Dublin: principal trends in HIV surveillance in the EU/EEA, 2004 to 2013

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Continuous increase in HIV-1 incidence after the year 2000 among men who have sex with men in Rome: insights from a 25-year retrospective cohort study

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20969>

Trends in HIV testing, prevalence among first-time testers, and incidence in most-at-risk populations in Spain: the EPI-VIH Study, 2000 to 2009

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20971>

HIV testing and counselling in Estonian prisons, 2012 to 2013: aims, processes and impacts

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Effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccination during pregnancy in preventing influenza infection in infants, England, 2013/14

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SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK REPORTS

10 years of surveillance of human tularaemia in France

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Emerging cephalosporin and multidrug resistant gonorrhoea in Europe

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20955>

RESEARCH ARTICLES

Syphilis reinfections pose problems for syphilis diagnosis in Antwerp, Belgium – 1992 to 2012

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Whole genome sequencing reveals potential spread of *Clostridium difficile* between humans and farm animals in the Netherlands, 2002 to 2011

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The '2014 European guideline on the management of syphilis' has now been published

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20957>

The Innovative Medicines Initiative launches call on Ebola and other filoviral haemorrhagic fevers

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20960>

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Acute flaccid paralysis following enterovirus D68 associated pneumonia, France, 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20952>

High-level azithromycin-resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* clinical isolate in France, March 2014

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20951>

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Did introduction of pneumococcal vaccines in the Netherlands decrease the need for respiratory antibiotics in children? Analysis of 2002 to 2013 data

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The experience of West Nile virus integrated surveillance system in the Emilia-Romagna region: five years of implementation, Italy, 2009 to 2013

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Four-month outbreak of invasive meningococcal disease caused by a rare serogroup B strain, identified through the use of molecular PorA subtyping, England, 2013

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In the national epidemiological bulletins – a selection from current issues

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20950>

ECDC's latest publications

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=20947>

11. WHO news

Trends in health systems in the former Soviet countries

After the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991, the countries that emerged from it faced myriad challenges, including the need to reorganize the organization, financing and provision of health services. Over two decades later, this book analyses the progress that twelve of these countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan) have made in reforming their health systems.

Building on the health system reviews of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (the HiT series), it illustrates the benefits of international comparisons of health systems, describing the often markedly different paths taken and evaluating the consequences of these choices.

This book will be an important resource for those with an interest in health systems and policies in the post-Soviet countries, but also for those interested in health systems in general. It will be of particular use to governments in central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet countries (and those advising them), to international and non-governmental organizations active in the region, and to researchers of health systems and policies.

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