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## 1. EUPHA update

### **EUPHA publishes report on Healthy and sustainable diets for European countries**

Today, 20 May 2017 – European Obesity Day – EUPHA is proud to present its report on Healthy and Sustainable Diets for European Countries. This report – set up by a working group within the EUPHA section on Food and nutrition – calls for all European states to establish a statutory Sustainable Nutrition Task Force, that considers and includes the wider aspects of food.

Dr Christopher Birt, president of the EUPHA section on Food and nutrition states: 'It is time to combine efforts to improve the quality of diets and reduce the environmental impacts of the food industry. This is a challenge not only for the public health community, but also for the agricultural, food processing industry and consumers.'

The idea for this report started in October 2015 when the then president of EUPHA, Prof. Martin McKee, invited EUPHA to take up the challenge and produce a policy paper calling for a greater alignment of health and sustainability messages on diet and nutrition. Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA president, welcomes this policy report: 'The public health community calls for strong and transparent collaboration between interested stakeholders to address the challenges highlighted in this important report'.

EUPHA and its members have the potential to provide advocacy input with the aim of influencing the formulation of public health policies, in which sustainable diets are integrated. EUPHA will continue to advocate for a WHO Convention on Sustainable Healthy Nutrition and will assist its members in advocating at national level.

<https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/EU...>

### **EUPHA is happy to be a partner of the WHO EURO's first Summer school on refugee and migrant health**

The WHO Regional Office for Europe created in 2016 the first ever **Knowledge Hub on Health and Migration**. This new initiative aims at creating a collaborative forum for collecting evidence, sharing tools and knowledge, and convening all relevant stakeholders to move forward the policy agenda in this field. EUPHA has accepted the invitation of WHO EURO to be a collaborator of the first edition of the **Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health**, which will take place on 10-14 July 2017 in Sicily, Italy. EUPHA will be represented by the EUPHA Section on Migrant and ethnic minority health.

### **EUPHA at the Workshop on Vaccination organised by the European Commission**

On 31 May, EUPHA was represented by Dr Günter Pfaff, vice-president of the EUPHA section on Infectious diseases control, in a workshop on Vaccination organised by the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission.

### **EUPHA is pleased to support the 1st International Public Mental Health Conference**

EUPHA is proud to be a partner in the [1st International Public Mental Health Conference: From Fundamentals To Innovations](#) 30 June – 1 July, 2017, Vilnius, Lithuania! Please click [here](#) for the web link and [here](#) for the programme.

### **EUPHA President and past president present at UKSSM meeting on Health and Brexit**

Both our president, Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, and our past president, Prof. Martin McKee were discussing Health and Brexit in the expert panel at the Health and Brexit conference organised by the UK Society for Social Medicine.

<https://socsocmed.org.uk/2017/05/26/heal...>

## 2. European Public Health Conference



**10th European Public Health Conference: 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities', Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm, 1 - 4 November 2017**

## **Stockholm 2017: Everybody will be there**

### **Plenary sessions and speakers**

We are excited to announce that Ola Rosling, director of Gapminder, will speak in commemoration of Hans Rosling, eminent thinker and public health advocate, who passed away earlier this year. Hans and Ola Rosling were co-founders of Gapminder, the 'fact tank', fighting misconceptions about global development and promoting a fact-based worldview everyone can understand. We all remember Hans' award-winning lectures on global trends which were 'humorous, yet deadly serious' and which make many of us realize that our world view was incomplete.

The theme of the conference is 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities'. Resilience is the long-term capacity of a system to deal with change and continue to develop. For a society it involves an ability to deal with political uncertainty or natural disasters in a way that is sustainable in the long-term. Resilience is particularly relevant than in these times of dramatic climate change, long-lasting political conflicts and the global migration that follows these developments. Increased knowledge on how to strengthen resilience of societies and health systems to cope with the current challenges is therefore becoming increasingly important. Good health on equal terms for all is the ultimate goal of our efforts.

### **Confirmed keynote speakers**

- Margareta Wahlström, Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Sweden
- Olle Lundberg, Centre for Health Equity Studies, Sweden
- Caity Jackson, Women for Global Health
- Clare Bambra, Institute of Health & Society, Newcastle University, United Kingdom
- Holly Jarman, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, USA
- Anna Sarkadi, President Swedish Association of Social Medicine
- Dominique Monnet, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- Jaap van Dissel, Centre for Infectious Disease Control, RIVM, The Netherlands
- Claudia Stein, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Aaron Reeves, London School of Economics, United Kingdom
- Erio Ziglio, formerly WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Dineke Zeegers Paget, EUPHA
- Elina Hemminki, National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland
- Darren Shickle, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences, United Kingdom
- Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, President EUPHA
- Andre van der Zande, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), The Netherlands
- Walter Ricciardi, National Institute of Health, Italy

Plenary sessions are organised in collaboration with our partners EUPHA, EuroHealthNet, ASPHER, WHO Regional Office for Europe, ECDC.

### **Pre-conferences**

We offer interesting sessions on Health literacy and the resilient citizen; Creating a people-centred health workforce; Gender equality and equal opportunities; How to write a scientific paper; Planetary Health in Practice; Healthy meals and socio-economic sustainability; Health in the EU Small Member States; the Nordic welfare systems; ASPHER's Young Researchers Forum. All pre-conferences are held on Wednesday 1 November. The full programme will be available for registration by 7 June.

### **Registration**

You can benefit from [early bird registration](#) fees until 1 September. We are expecting over 1,500 delegates. Don't miss the largest public health event in Europe and register early to benefit from the reduced rates. Early bird registration fees for EUPHA and SASM members are EUR 600. Non-members pay EUR 680, students and day registration EUR 420 (all including VAT).

See [www.ephconference.eu](http://www.ephconference.eu) for regular updates.

### 3. EUPHA members update

#### 3rd V4 Conference on Public Health - Prague 2017

The Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management invite to the 3rd V4 Conference on Public Health to be held in Prague, on 19-20 October 2017.

Four years after the success of the 1st V4 Conference on Public Health that was held in Kosice, Slovakia, in 2013, and two years after 2nd V4 Conference on Public Health in Zabrze, Poland, in 2015, we kindly encourage international scholars, students, physicians and all public health specialists, practitioners and leaders to join us in Prague, Czech Republic. We believe you will use this opportunity to join the international forum to share and discuss ideas and experiences, present and publish research results, as well as simply arrange and develop your personal cooperation networks. We expect 150 international participants, especially from the so-called V4 countries (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland). Although the conference will primarily focus on the Visegrad Group Member States, colleagues from other countries are also kindly welcome!

The conference is held under the [auspices of Radek Lacko](#), the City of Prague councilor for health and housing.

The conference is organized by collaborating partners: the Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management of the Czech Medical Association of J. E. Purkyně, the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education in Prague (IPVZ), the Slovak Public Health Association (SAVEZ), the Polish Society of Public Health, and the Hungarian Association of Public Health Training and Research Institutions (HAPHI).

#### CSFM & HSR-PH Lab, School of Medicine, University of Crete joins WHO EURO's EHII

Congratulations to our newest Greek institutional member - CSFM and HSR-PH Lab, School of Medicine, University of Crete - who has been confirmed as the formal member to represent Greece in EHII.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evid...>

### 4. European Journal of Public Health



The [European Journal of Public Health](#) is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health.

The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region. In 2016, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.751. The 5-year impact factor is 2.512.

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

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## **5. Call for proposals, job opportunities**

### **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**

Deputy Head of Unit Surveillance and Response Support Unit  
<http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Job%20Vacancies/vacancy-notice-deputy-head-of-unit-2017.pdf>

### **Promoting vaccination: Commission launches EU Health Award for NGOs**

The European Commission launched the EU Health Award for NGOs 2017, which aims to reward NGOs that have contributed to a higher level of public health in the EU through vaccination.

Interested parties are invited to check the [eligibility criteria](#) and present details of their initiative **by 30/06/2017** using the [online form](#).



[http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-specific-archive-issue.cfm?newsletter\\_service\\_id=327&newsletter\\_issue\\_id=3606&page=1&fullDate=Mon%2015%20May%202017&lang=default](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-specific-archive-issue.cfm?newsletter_service_id=327&newsletter_issue_id=3606&page=1&fullDate=Mon%2015%20May%202017&lang=default)

### **Macquarie University, Australia is looking for a Professor in health economics Professor of Health Economics**

Professor of Health Economics required to work collaboratively between the University's Centre for Health Economy and Department of Economics.

Macquarie is the university of pioneering minds. Globally recognised as one of Australia's leading research universities, Macquarie is a place where extraordinary new possibilities come to light. We've helped people to hear, introduced wireless internet technology to the world and broken through traditional boundaries by appointing Australia's first female vice-chancellor.

At Macquarie you'll join a vibrant community of diverse perspectives, all working towards a brighter future for our communities and our planet. Surrounded by beautiful parkland campus, our students and staff are free to explore and discover, supported by facilities including a high-tech library, private teaching hospital, gym and pools, childcare facilities, a campus train station and the newly expanded Macquarie Centre shopping complex next door.

Macquarie University's Centre for the Health Economy (MUCHE) is a research centre established within the Faculty of Business and Economics as a strategic initiative to undertake innovative research on health, ageing and human services. Its vision is to create a world where decision makers are empowered with applied, trusted and influential research into health and human services policy and systems.

MUCHE undertakes research funded by competitive academic grants, and research funded by government and non-government organisations. It has five strategic research areas, and undertakes research across system wide functions, such as competition, workforce, funding models, and performance frameworks within health and human services sectors.

#### **The Role**

The Faculty of Business and Economics is seeking to employ a Professor of Health Economics to build capacity in undertaking health and human services research, both independently and collaboratively within Macquarie University. The appointment will be required to work jointly within MUCHE and the Department of Economics.

The Professor will be an intellectual leader in health economics, with experience working with government and non-government organisations, and experience contributing towards public policy debates. The Professor will expand research output, leadership capabilities, mentoring and teaching activities, and external engagement activities within MUCHE and the Department of Economics.

#### **Selection Criteria**

To be considered for this position, applicants **must** address the 'Selection Criteria', which is available on our job opportunities page – <http://jobs.mq.edu.au/cw/en/job/500920?ApplicationSubSourceID>. Here you can also find additional information about this role.

**Applications Close:** 11:55pm Monday, 14 August 2017

### **Research Grant - Master degree in Health Sciences or Biostatistics or Bioinformatics or Statistics or equivalent areas**

A research fellowship is available within the framework of the **project "How childhood social adversity shapes health: The biology of social adversity (PTDC/DTP-EPI/1687/2014), (POCI-01-0145-FEDER-016838)"** funded by FEDER through the Operational Programme Competitiveness and Internationalization and national funding from the Foundation for Science and Technology – FCT (Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education).

**Admission requirements:** Applicants must have a Master degree in Health Sciences or Biostatistics or Bioinformatics or Statistics or equivalent areas. Training and experience in statistics analyses is required. Computer programming skills in R and STATA are essential. Experience in longitudinal analysis and with biological datasets will be appreciated and valued.

**Activity Outline:** The successful applicant will work in close interaction with the research team and will be responsible for the statistical analyses.

**Work place:** Instituto de Saúde Pública da Universidade do Porto (Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto), Portugal, under the scientific supervision of Sílvia Fraga.

**Duration:** The initial duration of the position is 12 months, with a predicted starting date of June 2017, and a possible extension up to 24 months, if does not exceed the end date of the project scheduled for 15 May 2019.

**Call start and finish dates:** May 30th to June 12th.



Further information: [Here](#)

**Assistant Researcher - Cardiovascular/Diabetes Epidemiology Research**  
**The Instituto de Saúde Pública da Universidade do Porto (Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto - ISPUP)** is currently **recruiting for an Assistant Researcher in Cardiovascular/Diabetes Epidemiology Research** for the project **“Diabetes and obesity at the crossroads between Oncological and Cardiovascular diseases – a system analysis NETWORK towards precision medicine (DOCnet)”** (NORTE-01-0145-FEDER-000003).

**Admission requirements:** The successful candidate should have a PhD in Public Health, Medicine, Epidemiology or a related field and have relevant experience and publication track-record in Cardiovascular/Diabetes Epidemiology. Preference will be given to candidates with expertise in cohort studies projects. The initiative and critical thinking will also be taken into account in evaluating candidates. Two or more years of independent Post-Doctoral research in projects in this specific research area will be valuable. Excellent reading, writing and comprehension skills in English (mandatory).

**Activity Outline:** The candidate to be hired, with excellent research record is expected to: lead the research activities related with handling of epidemiologic data -methodologic strategies, data analysis and manuscript drafting. Working language is English.

**Work place:** Instituto de Saúde Pública da Universidade do Porto (Institute of Public Health of the University of Porto), Portugal

**Duration:** The initial duration of the position is 12 months, with a predicted starting date of June 2017, and a possible extension up to the end of the project in 30th of April 2019. The financial aspects are outlined in the budget allowance of the project, which assigns a salary of 2027.88 per month (adding the food allowance)

**Call finish date:** 1st of June 2017

Applications must be sent by email to “[secretaria@ispup.up.pt](mailto:secretaria@ispup.up.pt)” or personal delivery to Joana Ferreira, Instituto de Saúde Pública da Universidade do Porto, Rua das Taipas 135, 4050-600 Porto, within the timeframe of the call and the subject “Investigador auxiliar – DOCNet - Cardiovascular Epidemiology”.

### **Associate Professorship in Virology at Charité, Berlin**

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin and Berlin Institute of Health (BIH) jointly invite applications for the following position commencing as soon as possible: Associate Professorship in Virology (Salary group: W2 BBesG)

Reference number: Prof. 481/2017

The employment will be for five years with the possibility of further extension or tenure following successful evaluation.

This professorship is part of the BIH Program ‘Personalized Medicine for Progressive Diseases’. Important conceptual contributions to the program are expected. We envisage a research focus in genomic virology but are entirely open for bright ideas in molecular and experimental virology. The ideal candidate will conduct basic research with a perspective on novel diagnostics or treatments in humans. The entire spectrum of personalized medicine from viromics to viral interventional tools in infectious, degenerative and neoplastic disease is of interest.

Charité and its laboratory branch, Labor Berlin GmbH, provide an ideal translational outlet for basic research. Charité and BIH seek to fill this position with an outstanding and enthusiastic scientist. A publication record demonstrating vision and impact, as well as competitive research funding are considered a prerequisite for application.

The successful candidate will be engaged in teaching activities at Charité, BIH, and Max-Delbrück Center (MDC), supervise Master and Doctoral candidates, and participate in academic self-organization.

Qualifications: as per § 100 Berlin Higher Education Act (BerlHG) junior professorship or postdoctoral thesis (Habilitation), or equivalent scientific achievement and teaching qualification. Completed university degree as well as doctorate (Ph.D and/or M.D.) in medicine or natural sciences with significant post-doctoral experience. A board Certificate for virology, microbiology and infection epidemiology is not obligatory.

Charité and BIH are committed to increasing the proportion of women among the scientific staff, therefore we strongly encourage women to apply. Women will be given preference over equally qualified men (within the framework of the legal possibilities). Candidates with immigrant background who fulfill the necessary requirements are explicitly encouraged to apply. Equally qualified applicants with disabilities will be given preference.

Charité is certified by the audit “family-friendly university” and a member of the “Dual Career Network Berlin” ([www.dualcareer-berlin.de](http://www.dualcareer-berlin.de)).

Written applications according to the format specified on

[https://career.charite.de/am/calls/application\\_notes.pdf](https://career.charite.de/am/calls/application_notes.pdf) should be submitted by June 9, 2017 at

<https://career.charite.de>.

Informal inquiries about the position should be directed to the Director of the Department of Virology, Prof. Christian Drosten ([christian.drosten@charite.de](mailto:christian.drosten@charite.de)).

### **University of Lorraine, France is looking for a professor**

**The School of Public Health** in Nancy, Eastern France, has an opportunity for a position of university professor – hospital practitioner in public health (Section Conseil National des Universités [CNU] 4601) at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Lorraine. The qualified candidate will have proficiencies in the fields of health promotion, interventional research, and evaluation of actions and programs of public health, in practice and in research.

<http://www.sante-pub.u-nancy.fr/esp/news...>

### **Free University Brussels - PhD position in cancer research**

This position (in Dutch) is for a 4-year research project. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact before 5 June (final application date): [hadewijch.vandenheede@vub.ac.be](mailto:hadewijch.vandenheede@vub.ac.be).

## **6. Interesting news**

### **Traffic-related air pollution linked to DNA damage in children**

Children and teens exposed to high levels of traffic-related air pollution have evidence of a specific type of DNA damage called telomere shortening, reports a new study.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **APHA strongly opposes revised health overhaul bill, vote may come soon**

Since [failing to garner votes](#) to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act in March, proponents of the American Health Care Act have proposed revisions to help it succeed. The problem is they've made it even worse.

“The American Health Care Act is bad policy,” said Georges C. Benjamin, MD, executive director of APHA, in a [statement](#) on Friday. “The measure would force millions to lose insurance, cut key public health investments and gut health protections for Americans. Now, in a bid to win votes, they've taken a bad bill and made it worse.”

The AHCA would result in 24 million people losing their health insurance coverage by 2026; cut critical premium subsidies for low- and middle-income families and phase out the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion, resulting in higher costs to consumers and plans that would provide less coverage; cut more than \$800 billion from Medicaid over the next decade; and eliminate critical public health funding by repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Additionally, the new proposed changes to the bill would allow states to opt out of requiring that health plans cover the Essential Health Benefits, allow insurers to charge people higher premiums based on pre-existing conditions and increase out-of-pocket costs for older adults.

“This is an even worse deal for the American people,” said Benjamin. “We urge the House to reject this harmful proposal and instead work in a bipartisan manner to build upon the ACA in a responsible way to make it even more affordable.”

White House and congressional leaders hope to bring the measure up for a vote as soon as this week.

<http://www.publichealthnewswire.org/>

### **Study shows that training parents as immunization advocates is a promising approach to vaccine hesitancy**

Sustaining vaccination rates that provide population-wide protection against disease is complicated work — and it's complicated even more by growing hesitancy among some parents to vaccinate their children. Confronting that challenge in the age of the Internet is a sizeable task for public health, especially with research showing that simply relying on evidence-based talking points won't always work and, in some cases, can even be counterproductive. That's why finding an effective way to break through today's clutter of information (and misinformation) to reach concerned parents is so important to sustaining current immunization rates.

<http://scienceblogs.com/thepumphandle/20...>

### **Exposure to racism harms children's health**

New research illustrates the unhealthy effects racism can have on children, with reported exposure to discrimination tied to higher rates of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anxiety and depression, as well as decreased general health

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Influenza: More efficient, more protective vaccinations**

New findings challenge the traditional policy of replacing old strains in existing human influenza vaccines with recent variants with only minimal changes.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Making drug use a crime makes HIV prevention, treatment more difficult**

The criminalization of drug use has a negative effect on efforts to prevent and treat people with HIV, suggests a review of published research conducted by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the University of British Columbia.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Diesels pollute more than lab tests detect**

Because of testing inefficiencies, maintenance inadequacies and other factors, cars, trucks and buses worldwide emit 4.6 million tons more harmful nitrogen oxide (NOx) than standards allow, according to a new study.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **How sharing cancer data can save lives**

Global leaders in cancer research have called for the worldwide sharing of cancer data to save lives. The Global Alliance for Genomics and Health argue how the 'freeing of data' for a disease that knows no borders will enable researchers to find better treatments that increase survival and improve quality of life for cancer patients.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **The state of global health, in 10 Facts**

An annual report from the World Health Organization shows cancer has outpaced cardiovascular disease as a cause of death worldwide. Each year, the World Health Organization publishes its World Health Statistics report that assesses health data for its 194 member states. This year's report, released this week, focuses on progress made against the Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nation's development agenda for 2030. Here are a few findings that illustrate progress thus far and challenges for the years ahead.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countri...>

### **W.H.O. elects Ethiopia's Tedros as first director general from Africa**

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia was voted director general of the World Health Organization on Tuesday, the first African ever to head the agency. The election was the first conducted by the W.H.O. under more open and democratic rules. After nearly two years of public campaigning, originally by six candidates, the voting took place in a closed-door session in which the health ministers of 186 countries cast their ballots in secret.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/23/healt...>

### **World No Smoking Day: Increasing the price of tobacco by 5% reduces consumption by 3.5%**

In a 30-year-old study into pricing policy and tobacco consumption, it was found that increasing prices by only 1% reduces consumption by 0.5%. The results have now been published to mark World No Smoking Day on 31 May. Today a 1% increase in the price of tobacco reduces consumption by as much as 0.69%.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **The European Pillar of Social Rights: Action on the social determinants of health**

EuroHealthNet welcomes the European Commission's proposals for the European Pillar of Social Rights published this week. It is an enabling mechanism that promotes social sustainability –

upholding our values of social justice, fairness, and solidarity. It will help connect various initiatives and proposals that are crucial for social equity, health and wellbeing.

The EC package on the Pillar covers action on the social determinants of health, which can potentially reduce health inequalities. Some will require further 'soft laws' or legislation, some will build on existing legislation and programmes. This includes:

- **The right to timely access to affordable, preventive and curative health care.**  
EuroHealthNet considers this crucial to help people break the cycle of disadvantage. The competency is with Member States, but proposals for **further cooperation to address common challenges** are welcome. This should not only be limited to eHealth and health technology, but address broader challenges regarding health promotion and disease prevention, which are indispensable.
- **Children's right to affordable early childhood education and care** echoes EuroHealthNet's recommendations for high-quality pre-natal and early childhood services, alongside supportive employment services, and parenting and family support services. In this respect, we welcome the EC's **proposal to support work-life balance for parents and carers.**
- **The right to adequate social protection regardless of the duration and type of employment relationship** is another promising proposal. EuroHealthNet has stressed that work is good for mental and physical health but the quality of work matters, and social safety nets need to exist for all workers.

The social score board in which data and information for benchmarking will be made more visible will facilitate policy making, and the link to economic policy coordination in the European Semester is an important step. These measures may well help countries to achieve 'social triple A'. It is important that these standards are set for all member states, ensuring fairness for all citizens.

## **Five policy briefs on new approaches to integrated care - European Observatory**

[Integrating care for people with multimorbidity: what does the evidence tell us?](#)

Some 50 million Europeans live with multimorbidity and their numbers are likely to grow. They have complex health problems and need ongoing care. Policymakers all over Europe are alarmed by the challenge this poses to their health systems and social services, many have put multimorbidity high on their policy agenda. The European Commission has mobilized research to help them, including the ICARE4EU project which looked at new approaches to integrated care. The five policy briefs share the project findings. They consider: how to improve the design of integrated care for people with multimorbidity; how to make new models more applicable; and how to make implementation more effective.

- [How to improve care for people with multimorbidity in Europe?](#)
- [How to strengthen patient-centredness in caring for people with multimorbidity in Europe?](#)
- [How to strengthen financing mechanisms to promote care for people with multimorbidity in Europe?](#)
- [How can eHealth improve care for people with multimorbidity in Europe?](#)
- [How to support integration to promote care for people with multimorbidity in Europe?](#)

The concrete lessons they offer on multimorbidity care are intended to help policymakers as they adapt their health systems to this pressing challenge.

## **The health system in Portugal: the challenge of health inequalities and financial sustainability**

A new HiT review reports on the state of the Portuguese health system.

Since the financial crisis, health sector reforms in Portugal are guided by the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed between the Portuguese Government and three international institutions (the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund) in exchange for a €78 billion loan agreed. While measures mainly focus on containing costs and improving efficiency to ensure financial sustainability, significant health inequalities persist and quality and accessibility of care in the National Health Service is likely to be negatively affected by the budget cuts. Future investments in human resources and infrastructure will be crucially needed to tackle these challenges. The Portuguese HiT health system review is launched on 27 April in Lisbon in the presence of Health Minister Adalberto Campos Fernandes.

## 7. Upcoming courses and conferences



Going International is the first source for finding courses, seminars, congresses and other events in the fields of medicine & health. Going International is Europe's biggest service provider and information platform and serves as an interface between organisers and participants of events. Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: **2017 Edition of the Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology**

Date / location: 4 Jun 2017 - 17 Jun 2017 / Treviso, Italy

Title: **Old tensions, emerging paradoxes in health: rights, knowledge, and trust**

Date / location: 7 Jun 2017 - 8 Jun 2017 / Lisbon, Portugal

Organiser: European Society for Health and Medical Sociology

Title: **EHMA 2017 Annual Conference**

Date / location: 13 Jun 2017 - 15 Jun 2017 / Milan, Italy

Organiser: European Health Management Association - EHMA

Title: **Influenza Preventing Policies for Children**

Date / location: 14 Jun 2017 / Leuven, Belgium

Organiser: European Scientific Working group on Influenza (ESWI)

Title: **Health Economics, Management and Policy Conference Athens Greece**

Date / location: 19 Jun 2017 - 22 Jun 2017 / Athens, Greece

Organiser: Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)

Title: **Public Health Beyond Borders - driving change with evidence**

Date / location: 20 Jun 2017 - 21 Jun 2017 / Telford, United Kingdom

Organiser: Faculty of Public Health and National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Title: **5th EUFEP Congress 2017: Child and Adolescent Health - A mere Child's Play? Public Service Obligation and Parental Responsibilities**

Date / location: 21 Jun 2017 - 22 Jun 2017 / Kloser Und, Krems, Austria

Organiser: Danube University Krems

Title: **Going beyond the salt shaker**

Date / location: 27 Jun 2017 / Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: European Salt Producers' Association - EuSalt

Title: **International Congress of Health Workforce Education and Research**

Date / location: 27 Jun 2017 - 29 Jun 2017 / Porto, Portugal

Organiser: International Network for Health Workforce Education

Title: **International Congress of Health Workforce Education and Research**

Date / location: 27 Jun 2017 - 29 Jun 2017 / Porto, Portugal

Organiser: INHWE

Title: **Prison Safety and Reform: Restoring Stability, Transforming Lives**

Date / location: 27 Jun 2017 / Manchester, United Kingdom

Organiser: Open Forum Events

Title: **healthurope Amsterdam**

Date / location: 28 Jun 2017 - 29 Jun 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands

Organiser: healthurope

Title: **Summer school on Health law and ethics**  
Date / location: 28 Jun 2017 - 7 Jul 2017 / Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Organiser: Erasmus University

Title: **1st International Public Mental Health Conference: From Fundamentals To Innovations**  
Date / location: 30 Jun 2017 - 1 Jul 2017 / Vilnius, Lithuania

Title: **ECCE Summer Program on Medicine**  
Date / location: 1 Jul 2017 - 31 Jul 2017 / Prague, Czech Republic  
Organiser: European Centre for Career Education (ECCE)

Title: **9th International Shared Decision Making Conference**  
Date / location: 2 Jul 2017 - 5 Jul 2017 / Lyon, France  
Organiser: University of Lyon

Title: **UCL Summer School in Population and Public Health**  
Date / location: 2 Jul 2017 - 21 Jul 2017 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, UCL

Title: **Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations (APHES)**  
Date / location: 3 Jul 2017 - 14 Jul 2017 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)

Title: **UCL Health and Society Summer School: Social Determinants of Health**  
Date / location: 3 Jul 2017 - 7 Jul 2017 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: UCL

Title: **Children and Young People's Mental Health: Taking early action**  
Date / location: 6 Jul 2017 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Open Forum Events

Title: **1st Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health**  
Date / location: 10 Jul 2017 - 14 Jul 2017 / Syracuse, Italy  
Organiser: WHO Europe

Title: **Understanding Society Scientific Conference**  
Date / location: 11 Jul 2017 - 13 Jul 2017 / Essex, United Kingdom  
Organiser: ESRC, iSER, University of Essex

Title: **Design and Health - 12TH World Congress and exhibition**  
Date / location: 12 Jul 2017 - 16 Jul 2017 / Vienna, Austria  
Organiser: International Academy for Design and Health

Title: **European Training Consortium summer school - Public Health Assets**  
Date / location: 16 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2017 / Alicante, Spain  
Organiser: European Training Consortium in Public Health and Health Promotion

Title: **Barcelona Global Health Summer School 2017: Innovation, Access and Health**  
Date / location: 16 Jul 2017 - 21 Jul 2017 / Barcelona, Spain  
Organiser: Barcelona Global Health Summer School



Title: **Summer School Transdisciplinary Health Promotion and Prevention Research – Capabilities for Active Lifestyles**  
Date / location: 18 Jul 2017 - 21 Jul 2017 / Erlangen, Germany  
Organiser: Capital4Health

Title: **European Observatory Summer School 2017**  
Date / location: 23 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2017 / San Servolo, Venice  
Organiser: European Observatory

Title: **Introduction to Mathematical Models of the Epidemiology and Control of Infectious Diseases: An interactive short course for professionals**  
Date / location: 4 Sep 2017 - 15 Sep 2017 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Imperial College London

Title: **Annual Meeting of the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Epidemiologie e. V. (DGEpi), the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Medizinische Soziologie e.V. (DGMS) and the Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sozialmedizin und Prävention e.V. (DGSMP)**  
Date / location: 5 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Lübeck, Germany  
Organiser: DGEpi, DGMS and DGSM

Title: **61st Annual Scientific Meeting Society for Social Medicine (SSM)**  
Date / location: 6 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Manchester, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Society for Social Medicine

Title: **Science for Action**  
Date / location: 6 Sep 2017 - 8 Sep 2017 / Barcelona, Spain  
Organiser: AES (the Spanish Health Economics Association) and SEE (the Spanish Epidemiological Society)

Title: **The Sixth ESWI Influenza Conference**  
Date / location: 10 Sep 2017 - 13 Sep 2017 / Riga, Latvia  
Organiser: ESWI

Title: **Causal Inference course**  
Date / location: 18 Sep 2017 - 22 Sep 2017 / The Llatzeret, Menorca  
Organiser: 1st International Programme of Advanced Epidemiology and Statistics, Public Health School of Menorca

Title: **Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action**  
Date / location: 21 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Istanbul, Turkey  
Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: **Safety Promotion in Action**  
Date / location: 21 Sep 2017 - 22 Sep 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Organiser: EuroSafe

Title: **FFC's 22nd International Conference on Functional Foods and Chronic Diseases**  
Date / location: 22 Sep 2017 - 23 Sep 2017 / Boston, United States  
Organiser: Funtional Food Center

Title: **14th International Conference on Urban Health**  
Date / location: 26 Sep 2017 - 29 Sep 2017 / Coimbra, Portugal  
Organiser: ISUH



Title: **European Health Forum Gastein - Health in All Politics—a better future for Europe**  
Date / location: 4 Oct 2017 - 6 Oct 2017 / Bad Hofgastein, Austria

Title: **International Course: Introduction to Epidemiology**  
Date / location: 16 Oct 2017 - 20 Oct 2017 / Rome, Italy  
Organiser: SItI and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Title: **3rd V4 Conference on Public Health**  
Date / location: 19 Oct 2017 - 20 Oct 2017 / Prague, Czech Republic  
Organiser: The Czech Society of Social Medicine and Health Care Management

Title: **Clinical Research**  
Date / location: 20 Oct 2017 - 6 Jul 2020 / Linz and Wels, Austria  
Organiser: Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU)

Title: **Advanced Clinical Research**  
Date / location: 20 Oct 2017 - 12 Oct 2017 / Linz and Wels, Austria  
Organiser: Johannes Kepler University Linz (JKU)

Title: **2nd International conference: Food for Healthy Ageing - Benefits beyond basic nutrition**  
Date / location: 23 Oct 2017 - 25 Oct 2017 / Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Organiser: Food for Healthy Ageing

Title: **6th International Conference on Epidemiology and Public Health**  
Date / location: 23 Oct 2017 - 25 Oct 2017 / Paris, France  
Organiser: OCM for Epidemiology Series Conferences

Title: **8th International Conference of EBHC Teachers and Developers**  
Date / location: 25 Oct 2017 - 28 Oct 2017 / Taormina, Italy  
Organiser: GIMBE Foundation

Title: **European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE)**  
Date / location: 6 Nov 2017 - 8 Nov 2017 / Stockholm, Sweden  
Organiser: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

Title: **3rd World Congress on Public Health, Epidemiology and Nutrition**  
Date / location: 13 Nov 2017 - 14 Nov 2017 / Osaka, Japan  
Organiser: Public Health Congress 2017

Title: **Shape the future of Diabetes: IDF congress 2017**  
Date / location: 4 Dec 2017 - 8 Dec 2017 / Abu Dhabi  
Organiser: International Diabetes Federation

Title: **1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health - Diversity and health**  
Date / location: 17 May 2018 - 19 May 2018 / Edinburgh, Scotland

## 8. Interesting publications

### **Promoting health in schools: Theoretical reflections on the settings approach versus nudge tactics**

Ewert, B. (2017), *Social Theory and Health*, doi:10.1057/s41285-017-0036-3;  
<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41285-017-0036-3>

### **The comprehensive 'Communicate to Vaccinate' taxonomy of communication interventions for childhood vaccination in routine and campaign contexts**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Comparing national infectious disease surveillance systems: China and the Netherlands**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Big Data Science: Opportunities and Challenges to Address Minority Health and Health Disparities in the 21st Century**

Xinzhi Zhang, Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, Philip E. Bourne, Emmanuel Peprah, O. Kenrik Duru, Nancy Breen, David Berrigan, Fred Wood, James S. Jackson, David W.S. Wong, Joshua Denny  
*Ethn.Dis*;2017;27(2):95-106  
*Published online: April 2017*  
<http://bit.ly/2pZXIZJ>

### **Social relationships, mental health and wellbeing in physical disability: a systematic review**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Trends in alcohol-related admissions to hospital by age, sex and socioeconomic deprivation in England, 2002/03 to 2013/14**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Sex differences in the association of social network satisfaction and the risk for type 2 diabetes**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Embedding research in health policy and systems in the Americas - Supplement: Improving Program Implementation through Embedded Research (iPIER)**

*Etienne V. Langlois, Nhan T. Tran, Abdul Ghaffar, Ludovic Reveiz and Francisco Becerra-Posada Rev Panam Salud Publica. 2017;41:e79.*  
[click here.](#)

### **Findings from a prospective cohort study evaluating the effects of International Health Advisors' work on recently settled migrants' health**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Strategies to improve engagement of 'hard to reach' older people in research on health promotion: a systematic review**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Socioeconomic inequality in clusters of health-related behaviours in Europe: latent class analysis of a cross-sectional European survey**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Anxiety and depression symptoms and alcohol use among adolescents - a cross sectional study of Norwegian secondary school students**

<https://bmcpublikealth.biomedcentral.co...>

## 9. European Commission news

### Refugees' health: RE-HEALTH project presents its results

The RE-HEALTH project on refugees' and migrants' health co-funded by the European Commission's Third Health Programme (2014-2020) presented its results at a closing conference of its pilot phase in Brussels on 15 May.

[http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-specific-archive-issue.cfm?newsletter\\_service\\_id=327&newsletter\\_issue\\_id=3627&page=1&fullDate=Tue%2016%20May%202017&lang=default](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-specific-archive-issue.cfm?newsletter_service_id=327&newsletter_issue_id=3627&page=1&fullDate=Tue%2016%20May%202017&lang=default)

### Health Technology Assessment: 87% of citizens and stakeholders support EU cooperation beyond 2020

The Commission has received some 250 replies to its public consultation on strengthening EU cooperation on Health Technology Assessment (HTA), 25% of which were from citizens and 75% from stakeholders. Almost all respondents (98%) acknowledge the usefulness of HTA, 81% consider the current EU cooperation on HTA to be useful to some degree, and 87% consider that EU cooperation on HTA should continue beyond 2020. Of those who support sustainable EU cooperation on HTA, 80% think the scope should include pharmaceuticals and 72% consider that medical technologies should also be covered.

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/technology\\_assessment/consultations/cooperation\\_hta\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/health/technology_assessment/consultations/cooperation_hta_en)

### European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer: Tomosynthesis in organised screening?

*With mammography or instead of it?*

After the first four recommendations on age range for screening, ECIBC publishes two new recommendations on the use of tomosynthesis instead of mammography and in combination with it. The Guidelines Development Group assessed the evidence and balanced benefits and harms of all the hypothesis of usage of these two type of tests in organised screening of asymptomatic women with average risk.

Each recommendation is specifically tailored to the needs of citizens and patients, health professionals, and policy makers.

<http://ecibc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/-/tomosynthesis-in-organised-screening->

### EU Health Policies

Protecting our health – new leaflet on 25 years of European health policy

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/strategy/docs/25\\_years\\_eupolicy\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/strategy/docs/25_years_eupolicy_en.pdf)

## 10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

### Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 20, 18 May 2017

Risk for travel-associated gonorrhoea in Nordic countries 2.4 cases per million nights abroad.

Travel-associated gonorrhoea in four Nordic countries, 2008 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22801>

Allergic adverse events following 2015 seasonal influenza vaccine, Victoria, Australia

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22799>

### Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 19, 11 May 2017

Household transmission of invasive group A Streptococcus (iGAS) greatest risk for mother-neonate pairs and couples aged 75 and over in the United Kingdom.

Biological characterisation of the emerged highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H7N9) viruses in humans, in mainland China, 2016 to 2017

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22798>

Household transmission of invasive group A Streptococcus infections in England: a population-based study, 2009, 2011 to 2013

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22797>

Increasing proportion of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae and emergence of a MCR-1 producer through a multicentric study among hospital-based and private laboratories in Belgium from September to November 2015

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22795>

### **Eurosurveillance, Volume 22, Issue 18, 04 May 2017**

Passive enhanced safety surveillance for influenza vaccines showed improved data reporting and suitability for health authorities' requirements

Monitoring influenza virus susceptibility to oseltamivir using a new rapid assay, Iart

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22794>

West Nile virus surveillance in Europe: moving towards an integrated animal-human-vector approach

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22789>

Two consecutive large outbreaks of Salmonella Muenchen linked to pig farming in Germany, 2013 to 2014: Is something missing in our regulatory framework?

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22793>

Passive enhanced safety surveillance for Vaxigrip and Intanza 15 µg in the United Kingdom and Finland during the northern hemisphere influenza season 2015/16

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=22792>

## **11. WHO news**

### **WHO Regional Health Network newsletter: April 2017**

[Scandinavian partnership to support public health change agents](#) 10-04-2017 The Norwegian WHO Healthy Cities Network has joined forces with its fellow networks in Denmark and Sweden to contribute to the development of a new course, the aim of which is to build competencies and know-how among those working to improve health and well-being and reduce health inequities at a local level.

[What is resilience and why does it matter for small countries?](#) 31-03-2017

Today, resilience has become a sort of buzzword in academia as well as in a wide range of policy contexts. Many people at all levels speak about resilience, often incorrectly and/or without defining it. Despite some differences, there is agreement in the scientific literature that resilience is related to processes and skills that influence good individual and community health outcomes, in spite of negative events, serious threats and hazards.

[The new health social model in Durrës \(Albania\)](#) 30-03-2017

In February 2016 the Durrës Regional Health Directorate (Albania) – in collaboration with the country's Ministry of Health and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) office, the Institute of Public Health, Durrës Municipality, and Shijak Municipality – presented a joint intervention programme for the improvement of maternal and child health in the former Durrës District (now Durrës County). This new social model of health has become the new health policy framework in the Durrës Regional Health Directorate.

[Take care of yourself with the "Girasole" Project \(Ticino\)](#) 23-03-2017

The Department of Health and Social Welfare of the Ticino Region, Switzerland, initiated the "Girasole" project, a pilot project that promotes healthy behaviours, in particular physical activity for the adult population aged between 40 and 75 years. Collaboration with family physicians is crucial, since they are in the privileged position to raise awareness among patients on what can effectively improve health and increase well-being.

[Lower Austria launches a new EU-funded cross-border health care project with South Moravia and South Bohemia](#) 08-03-2017 As part of the project co-funded with the EU – "Gemeinsam Grenzenlos Gesund" (Unlimited Health Together) – Lower Austria cooperates with its Czech border regions South Moravia and South Bohemia. In the last 8 years many pioneering EU projects have been conducted in this border region, with the project Gemeinsam Grenzenlos Gesund making another step for long-term practical cross-border cooperation.

[Networks and partnerships: Wales collaborating for global health](#) 21-02-2017 The Wales Celebration Conference "Networks and Partnerships: Wales Collaborating for Global Health", held on the 27 March

2017 in the Future Inns, Cardiff Bay focused on how to maximize the benefits of national and international networks, building active and sustainable partnerships and collaborations as well as celebrating the progress made in the implementation of the Charter for International Health Partnerships in Wales (the Charter) and how it contributes to the global health and sustainable development agenda.

[First meeting of the Health and SDGs Expert Working Group provides input to roadmap for health and sustainable development in the Region](#) 25-01-2017 In 2016, countries of the WHO European Region recognized that the Health 2020 policy framework and related World Health Assembly and Regional Committee resolutions provide a strong foundation upon which to position health at the centre of initiatives to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

[The WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development \(Venice Office\) has inaugurated its new premises](#) 24-01-2017 Many people attended the inauguration of the new premises of the WHO Venice Office, which took place on 19 January in the magnificent location of the Ss Giovanni e Paolo Hospital, Venice, Italy, thanks to fruitful collaboration between the Veneto Region and the ULSS3 Serenissima.