



Day 2: Getting the evidence into practice

8.30am Registration and coffee

9.30am Evaluation and benchmarking: create opportunities for multi-sectoral and multi-governance evidence based policies
Chris Brown, WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development, Venice, Italy

“Time to act” - “If I were a president, ...”:
Out-of-the-box thinking on tackling health inequalities - Wild card for *Yvo Nuyens and Clive Needle*

10.30am Workshops

Workshop 1: Equity from the start (focus on children)

Workshop 2: Gender equity (focus on women)

Workshop 3: Fair employment and decent work (focus on vulnerable groups)

Workshop 4: Universal health care - access to health care

Workshop 5: Universal health care - health promotion

Workshop 6: Inequalities and psychiatry

12.00 Conclusions of the workshops

12.30pm European perspective on how to proceed - role of the regions

Charles Price, European Commission (DG SANCO)

Future prospects of the Regions for Health Network of the World Health Organisation - EURO

Erio Ziglio, WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development, Venice, Italy

1.00pm Closing of the conference

1.15pm Lunch

2.30pm Aanzet voor een Vlaams beleid rond het wegwerken van gezondheidsongelijkheden - 5pm

Moderator: *Guy Tegenbos* (Dutch only)

2.30pm General Assembly of the Regions for Health Network (WHO-EURO) (only for members)



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Reducing health inequalities from a regional perspective

What works, what does not?

8 & 9 november 2010

C-Mine, Genk, Belgium
www.healthinequalities2010.be

Aim of the conference:

The conference will examine how regional policy and stakeholders can efficiently eliminate inequalities in health by addressing the social determinants of health. Central to this are the following questions:

- Which measures work? Which initiatives do not produce any results (and why)? And how can research outcomes be translated into policy and practice?
- Informing policy-makers: What to tell and how to tell it?

During the conference we also want to show that:

- sustainable policy development and specific initiatives to reduce health inequalities can and must be evidence-based;
- an integrated and participative approach is necessary to reduce health inequalities. This requires appropriate methods to communicate and keep attention focused on the topic.

We aim to encourage all policy areas and levels to pay more attention to the social determinants of health so that structural inequalities in health can be avoided or reduced.

In the afternoon of the second day, a special session will be dedicated to discuss the Flemish policy in reducing health inequalities and to identify minimal requirements for intersectoral policy development. The starting point is the analysis of what is already occurring and how better the existing initiatives can be mainstreamed into a policy development focusing on preventing and reducing health inequalities.

The working language of the conference will be English. Simultaneous translation Dutch - English will be provided for the plenary sessions. The workshops will occur in English; the afternoon session of 9 November will occur in Dutch.

Registration:

Please register online before 15 October 2010 at <http://www.healthinequalities2010.be/registration/>

Practical Info:

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Day 1: Setting the scene: healthy places - healthy people

8.30am Registration and coffee

9.30am Opening of the conference

Chair: *Hans Kluge, Acting Director, Division of Health Systems and Public Health, WHO-EURO*

Jo Vandeurzen, Flemish Minister of Welfare, Public Health and Family

"Picture of health inequities in European regions" (*speaker to be confirmed*)

"Healthy workforce, healthy economy: improving healthcare, boost the economy"
David Wilcox, Committee of the Regions' rapporteur on health inequalities

"Moving forward equity in health: monitoring social determinants of health and the reduction of health inequalities"
Initiative of Spain during its EU Presidency
Dr Ildefonso Hernández, Director General of Public Health of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Policies of Spain

11.00am What works, what does not? – Promising practices and lessons from Europe

Moderator: *Clive Needle*

"Statement on the lessons learned in Europe"
Dr Erio Ziglio, WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development, Venice, Italy

"Evidence based initiatives to remove inequity: consider the complexity and look into methodologically justified evaluation methods"
Professor Margaret Whitehead, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom

"Tackling the gradient in health: towards developing an evaluation framework"
Aagje leven - Eurohealthnet

Panel discussion

12.30pm Breaking the wall: Equity and good health are pre-requisites for all

Lunch

2.00pm What and how to tell the policy makers?

Moderator: *Tamsin Rose*

"Tackling health inequalities through intersectoral action - an example from a region: steps towards policy development"
Dr Harry Burns, Chief Medical Officer for Scotland

"Breaking taboos - raise the policy awareness: dear talking about inequity and inequality"

– "Presenting the case"
by *Johan Alleman, King Baudouin Foundation*

– "Bridging the science - policy gap"
by *Lennart Levi, former Director of Karolinska Institute, Stockholm and member of the Swedish Parliament 2006-2010*

Panel discussion

4.00pm Closing the gap in reality

Professor Sir Michael Marmot, Chairman, WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health