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AGENDA

Final Joint Conference EQUI-HEALTH & ADAPT projects

11th May 2016,

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Auditorium 3, Lisbon, Portugal

Organised by

International Organization for Migration, Migration Health Division, Regional Office in Brussels
COST Action IS1103 'ADAPT' (Adapting European health systems to diversity)

Objective of the meeting

The objective of the Final Joint Conference is to present two outcomes of the collaboration between IOM Migration Health Division, RO Brussels and the interdisciplinary scientific network ADAPT (comprising 130 experts in 30 countries) within the framework of the EQUI-HEALTH and ADAPT projects. The first is the integration of a Health strand in the fourth edition of the Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX - www.mipex.eu), which also involved collaboration with the Migration Policy Group, responsible for MIPEX. The Health strand maps health system policies concerning migrants in 38 mainly European countries and complements seven other MIPEX policy areas vitally important for migrant integration: education, employment, securing residence, family life, political participation, naturalisation and anti-discrimination. To supplement the quantitative Health strand results, Country Reports are being prepared for 34 countries which will be published later this year. The second joint project is the development of *Consensus Guidelines on access to health services for migrants in irregular situations*. These present an overview of expert opinion on the health needs of such migrants, the diverse arguments for improving their access to services, and the issues involved in providing adequate services.

The Final Joint Conference will be held on the 11th of May as a pre-conference event to the Conference on Migrants and Health actions funded under the Health Programme 2008-2013 and 2014-2020, organized by the Portuguese Directorate-General of Health, DG SANTE and CHAFEA on 12-13th of May. IOM and ADAPT collaborate in the organization of this conference and will be actively engaged in and/or present work during the following sessions: Plenary 1: European actions on health and migrations, the policy context; Session 1: Training and capacity building initiatives: addressing the needs of the health work force, in order to improve access and quality of healthcare for migrants; Session 2: Improving health services for irregular migrants; and Session 5: Support Member States to address the urgent migration pressure.

The EQUI-HEALTH & ADAPT Final Joint Conference will be divided into two thematic sessions.

Session I will present the development of the MIPEX Health strand and some preliminary findings from it. This questionnaire is an instrument for measuring the adequacy of a country's policies relating to the health of migrants; it will provide the basis for Country Reports on 34 countries. The sessions will continue with an example of a Country Report (Portugal) and observations on the differences found between EU15 countries and those which joined the EU after 2000. It will be rounded off by a panel discussion. **A preliminary report on the MIPEX Health strand will be provided in hard copy to participants at the conference.**

Session II will build on the MIPEX findings and the results of research on the costs of excluding irregular migrants from health services, carried out within the EQUI-HEALTH and ADAPT projects, with the presentation of draft *Expert Consensus Guidelines on access to healthcare services for migrants in irregular situations*. The *Guidelines* address the need for improving European policies regarding the provision of health services for undocumented migrants. The session will provide an overview of the draft document and the consultation process behind its development, with the objective of formulating a collective 'expert viewpoint' crystallising in Lisbon. **The draft will be distributed to participants during the conference.**

13:00-14:00	Coffee & Registration
14:00-14:50	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p><i>Eva Falcão, Director, Directorate of International Relations, Directorate-General of Health, Portugal</i></p> <p><i>Pedro Calado, High Commissioner for Migration, Portugal</i></p> <p><i>Isabel da la Mata, Principal Advisor, DG SANTE, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Davide Mosca, Director, Migration Health Division, IOM HQ</i></p> <p>EQUI-HEALTH overview</p> <p><i>Roumyana Petrova-Benedict, Senior Migration Health Advisor, MHD, RO Brussels, IOM</i></p>
14:50-16:00	<p>Session I: MIPEX Health Strand</p> <p><i>Moderator: Federico Soda, Director, Coordinating Office for the Mediterranean, Chief of Mission for Malta and Italy, IOM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction to MIPEX <i>Thomas Huddleston, Programme Director on Migration and Integration, Migration Policy Group</i> ➤ Preliminary report on MIPEX Health strand <i>David Ingleby, ADAPT</i> ➤ Example of a Country Report: Portugal <i>Beatriz Padilla, ADAPT</i>
16:00-16:30	Health Break

16:30-17:40	<p>Session I: MIPEX Health Strand (continued)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Federico Soda, Director, Coordinating Office for the Mediterranean, Chief of Mission for Malta and Italy, IOM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MIPEX results: Post-2000 EU accession countries <i>Paolo Ruspini, ADAPT</i> ➤ Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Johnson, UK, ADAPT • Allan Krasnik, Denmark, ADAPT • Pelagia Soultatou, Hellenic Ministry of Health, Greece • Serena Battilomo, Ministry of Health, Italy (tbc)
17:40-19:00	<p>Session II: Consensus Guidelines on access to healthcare services for migrants in irregular situations</p> <p><i>Moderator: Bernadette Nirmal Kumar, Director, Norwegian Centre for Minority Health Research, Oslo University Hospital</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objective and content of the Guidelines <i>Roumyana Petrova-Benedict, IOM and David Ingleby, ADAPT</i> ➤ Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulric Fayl von Hentaller, European Medical Association • Hans Olof Olsson, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR) • Michael Knipper, Germany, ADAPT • Sonia Dias, Portugal, ADAPT
19:00	Cocktail dinner at Gulbenkian Foundation



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