Conference on Migrants and Health actions funded under the
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Date: May 12-13, 2016

Venue: Lisbon, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Auditorium 3

Theme: Migrants Health

Aim: This Conference aims to share the knowledge on Health and Migrants acquired through the Health inequalities and Health security actions funded under the Health Programme 2008-2013 and 2014-2020, and to demonstrate how their results can be used to improve Member States capacities to respond to the challenges deriving from health inequalities experienced by those vulnerable groups. By migrants we consider immigrants (independently of their legal status), asylum seekers and refugees.

The health of migrants is an important public health matter, as migration impacts society in many different ways and calls for a variety of responses. Aware that migration is a complex phenomenon and that some groups of migrants experience increased health risks, the Conference will address health systems’ resilience and response to their specific needs, bearing in mind that investing in health and reducing health inequalities contribute to social cohesion and poverty reduction.

Tackling disparities in ethnic minorities’ health through ensuring adequate access to quality of care for those diverse populations is a complex challenge that is faced by the health experts and policy makers in EU Member States. Some of the minority groups' individuals are EU nationals who have moved and live in another EU country, or they come from outside EU and moved to EU. In these cases, they are part, at the same time, of two vulnerable populations, migrants and minority groups.

Target audience: Member States experts on Migrant health, health professionals, academia, civil society organisations, EU Programme projects experts, policy-makers, International organisations, NFPs working on Migration Health.
Countries: All 28 EU Member States and EFTA/EEA. In line with the Health Programme principles, the third countries experts' participation is welcome, however they should be self-funded.

The conference is jointly organized by the European Commission, DGSANTE and Chafea, with the Directorate General for Health from Portugal, in collaboration with the EQUI-HEALTH project from the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the COST network.

Overview of the Conference programme

The conference programme is organised in two plenary sessions, five thematic sessions and one expert panel.

After the opening, the European actions on Health and migrations, the policy context will be presented, by DGSANTE, WHO EURO, IOM and the Portuguese Health Directorate (DGS).

The strategic technical themes discussed will be: training and capacity building initiatives, improving health services for irregular migrants, communicable diseases prevention among migrant in the EU, Chronic diseases among migrants, Monitoring migrants health and infectious diseases in the EU, support Member states to address the urgent migratory pressure.

Seventeen Health Programme experts will present relevant results and share methodologies and available instruments. Other relevant initiatives implemented in the EU addressing Migrant health needs, funded by WHO EURO, DG RTD (Horizon 2020), ECDC and FRA projects will be contributing to the event.

Twelve National cases studies were proposed by eleven (11) EU MS and Turkey through the National focal point and the Expert working group on social determinants of health networks, with specific presentations of national experiences from Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Turkey.

A final panel discussion will close the event, addressing the relevance of the Health programme results for national Migrant health programmes, lessons learnt, gaps and priority actions for the future.
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Day 1: 12 May 2016

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:45 Opening Session

____, Ministry of Health of Portugal (TBC)

____, EU policy on health and vulnerable groups – Isabel de la Mata,

*Principal Advisor for Health and Crisis management, European Commission, DG Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)*

____, Migrant health in the European Region, Sara Barragan Montes, WHO EURO

____, Migrant Health, International organization for Migration (TBC)

____, Conference objectives and methodology, Cinthia MENEL LEMOS,

Consumer, Health, Agriculture and Food Safety, Health unit (CHAFEA)

09:45 – 10:45 Plenary 1: European actions on Health and Migrations, the policy context,

Chair: Isabel de la Mata, DG SANTE

09:45-10:00: European actions on Health and Migrations – Isabel de la Mata, DG SANTE

10:00-10:15: Migrants health: actions to foster the health provision for migrants in Europe, Roumyana BENEDICT, Senior Regional Migration Health Advisor, International Organization for Migration (BE)

10:15-10:30: Public Health Aspects of Migration in Europe, Sara Barragan Montes PHAME Project, WHO-EURO (IT)

10:30-10:45: National policies, good practices and actions on Health and Migrations, with special focus on Migrants health needs, Filipa Pereira, Directorate-General of Health, Portugal

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

**11:00 – 12:45 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**

Moderator: Juergen Scheftlein, DG SANTE C4 and Antonino Chiarenza, Azienda Unità Sanitaria Locale di Reggio Emilia

11:00 – 11:15: Training package for health professionals and ethnic minorities (MEM TP), Ainhoa Ruiz Azarola, Andalusian School of Public Health (ES)
11:15 – 11:30: Fostering health provision for migrants, the Roma, and other vulnerable groups (EQUI HEALTH), health professionals and law enforcement trainings, Marina Rota, Policy Officer International Organization for Migration

11:30 - 11:45: Culturally Competent in Medical Education (C2ME project), Janny Suurmond, Academic Medical Centre, University of Amsterdam

National case studies:

11:45-12:00 United Kingdom: title to be defined, Wendy Reid, Director of Education and Quality, Health Education England

12:00-12:15: Ireland and the Netherlands: REsearch STrategies to support patients of different ORigins and language background in European primary care settings, Maria van den Muijsenbergh, Radboud University Medical centre Nijmegen dep. primary and community care, on behalf of RESTORE network.

12:15-12:30 Portugal: Good practices towards migrants' integration in the National Health Service, Filipa Pereira (DGS, PT)

12:30-12:45 Question and answers session

12:45 – 14:00: Lunch break

14:00 – 15:45 Session 2: Improving health services for irregular Migrants

Moderator: Sheena Keller, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

14:00 – 14:30: Introduction on fundamental rights of migrants in an irregular situation and access to healthcare, including the study on cost-analysis of health care provisions to migrants and ethnic minorities, Sheena Keller (FRA)

14:30 - 14:45: Improving health conditions of undocumented migrants and asylum seekers to reduce inequalities to health care access - Vulnerability network, Camille GUTTON, Médecins du Monde (MdM) (FR)

14:45 - 15:00 Study on cost-effectiveness of health care provisions to migrants and ethnic minorities, Ursula Trummer, Head of Center Center for Health and Migration Center for Health and Migration (C-HM), (AT) part of EQUI HEALTH –COST ADAPT

National case studies:

15:00 - 15:15: CYPRUS: Management of large influxes of migrants- The Cyprus experience, Dr Charalambos Charilaou, Crisis Coordinator, Ministry of Health

15:15 - 15:30 CROATIA: Croatian experiences on health protection of the migrants in transit through the Republic of Croatia”, Goranka Petrovic, Vaccination and Travel Medicine Unit, Croatian Institute of Public Health (HR)

15:30 - 15:45: GREECE: title to be defined, Agapios Terzidis, Director of Studies, University of Athens (EL)
15:45 - 16:00: TURKEY: **title to be defined**, Arzu Melek OZGUMUS, EU Expert, Ministry of Health (TU)

16:00 - 16:15: Question and answers session

**16:15 – 17:15 Session 3: Communicable diseases prevention among migrant in the EU**

**Moderator:** Teymur Noori, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

16:15-16:30: Introduction on Communicable diseases prevention among migrant in the EU, including the update on the preparation of the Guidance on screening for infectious diseases among migrants to the EU/EEA, Teymur Noori (ECDC)

16:30 - 16:45: Developing a training and resource package for improving the sexual and reproductive health of people living with HIV/AIDS – Migrant computer assisted tools (Eurosupport), Christiana Noestlinger, Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine (BE) (TBC)

16:45 - 17:00: Screening for viral hepatitis among migrants in the EU (EU-HEP-SCREEN), Amena Almes Ahmad from the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences on behalf of the HEPSCREEN network

17:00 - 17:15 Promote Vaccines among Migrant Groups in Europe (PROMOVAX), Konstantina Zota, Co-Director of Research, Head of National Projects, Institute of Preventive Medicine Environmental and Occupational Health, Prolepsis (EL)

17:15 - 17:30: Question and answers session

17:30 End of the day

20:00 Dinner at the hotel

**Day 2: 13 May 2016**

09:00 – 10:30 Plenary 2: Chronic diseases among migrants

**Moderator:** Allan Krasnik, Professor and Center Director, University of Copenhagen EUPHA Migrant Health section and, Mari FRESU, Scientific Officer, European Psychiatric Association

09:00 - 09:15: Innovative Prevention Strategies for type 2 Diabetes in South Asians Living in Europe, (EURODHYAN), Erik Beune, Senior researcher, Academic Medical Centre - University of Amsterdam (NL)

National case studies:

09:15 - 09:30: Poland: **title to be defined**, Justyna Mieszalska, Director of Public Health Department in the Ministry of Health

09:30 - 09:45: Czech Republic: Health promotion for migrants and Roma in the Czech Republic, Hana Janata, National Institute of Public Health (CZ)
09:45 - 10:00 The Netherlands: Migrant healthcare in the Netherlands – integrated in regular person centred care, Maria van den Muijsenbergh, Pharos (Dutch Centre of Expertise on Health Disparities, (NL) and The Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) (NL)

10:00 - 10:15: Finland: From monitoring migrant health to developing mental health services in Finland, Marjut Koponen, Research Manager, National Institute for Health and Welfare

10:15 - 10:30: Question and answers session

10:30 – 12:15 Session 4: Monitoring migrants health, Infectious diseases in the EU

Moderator: Cinthia Menel Lemos (CHAFEA)

10:30 - 10:40:

10:40 - 10:55: Operational knowledge to improve HIV early diagnosis and treatment among vulnerable groups in Europe (Euro HIV EDAT) - Rapid assessment on access to HIV testing and care for migrant populations in Europe, Jordi Casabona Barbarà, CEEISCAT and Migration and Health within the Spanish Research Network of Epidemiology and Public Health (CIBERESP) (ES)

10:55 -11:10: Enhancing preparedness for infectious diseases control during situations of sudden influxes of migrants, Silvia Declich, Instituto Superiori di Sanita (IT), ECDC contractor

11:10-11:20: Early detection and integrated management of Tuberculosis in Europe (E-DETECT TB), Ibrahim Abubakar, Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Research Department of Infection and Population Health, University College London, UCL (UK)

National case studies:

11:20-11:30 Ireland: Early diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis (HEPCARE), John S Lambert, Consultant in Infectious Diseases, Medicine and Sexual Health (GUM), UCD and Mater Hospital (IE)

11:30-11:45: Bulgaria, Public Health Aspects of Migrants, Health, Dr. Angel Kunchev, Chief State Health Inspector, Ministry of Health (BG)

11: 45-12:00: Question and answers session

12: 00 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:30: Session 5: Support Member States to address the urgent migratory pressure,

Moderator: International Organization for Migration (IOM)

13:30 - 13:40: Supporting health coordination, assessment, planning, access to health care and capacity building - SH-CAPAC, Daniel Lopez Acuna, Andalusian School of Public Health (EASP) (ES)
13:40 - 13:50: EUropean Refugees - HUman Movement and Advisory Network, EUR-HUMAN, Maria van den Muijsenbergh, Radboud University Medical centre Nijmegen dep. primary and community care, on behalf of the scientific coordination of EUR-HUMAN, University of Crete(EL)

13:50 - 14:00: 8 NGOs for migrants/refugees’ health needs in 11 countries, 8 NGOs in 11 States, Eve Derriennc-Roumaneix, Médecins du Monde (MdM)(FR)

14:00 - 14:10: Commmon Approach for REfugees and other migrants' health (CARE) - Gianfranco Costanzo, Istituto Nazionale per la promozione della salute delle popolazioni migrant ed il contrasto delle malattie della poverta (INMP)(IT)

14:10 - 14:20: Support Member States under particular migratory pressure in their response to health related challenges", RE-HEALTH - Elena Val, Migrant Health Officer, International organisation for Migration (IOM)

14:20 - 14:30: Question and answers session

14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00– 16:30 Panel discussion on the relevance of the Health Programme results for national Migrant health programmes, lessons learnt, gaps and priority actions for the future,

Moderator: SANTE

- Italy - Italian MoH Representative, Ranieri Guerra, Director General of the Health Prevention Directorate of the Italian Ministry of Health (IT)
- Greece - Hellenic Ministry of Health representative (TBC)
- Malta – Ministry of Health Representative, Marika Podda Connor, Migrant Health Liaison Office, Primary Health Care Department
- Turkey – Ministry of Health representative, Sevket USLU, EU Expert
- Bulgaria - Dr. Angel Kunchev, Chief State Health Inspector
- Portugal –Ministry of Health representative (TBC)
- Cyprus – Ministry of Health representative, Mr Matsas, Director of the medical services(TBC)

16:30-16:45: Question and answers session

16:45 – 17:00 Report of the expert panel discussion on lessons learnt and priority actions, rapporteur

17:00 – 17:30 Conference conclusions by the

- International organization for Migration (IOM)
- World Health Organisation (WHO) EURO
• EC DG SANTE, DG SANTE
• Ministry of Health or Directorate-General of Health of Portugal

17:30 End of the event