



DETERMINE

**an EU Consortium for Action on the socio-economic
determinants of health**

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DETERMINE – who are we?

- EU Consortium for ACTION on Socio-economic Determinants for Health (2007 – 2010)
- National and regional POLICY focus
 - Contract holder: National Institute for Public Health in Czech Republic
 - Coordinator: EuroHealthNet
 - 5 additional WP co-leaders (FI, DE, IE, ENG, IUHPE)
 - Co-funder: EC DG Sanco (54%)
 - 30 main partner organisations from 21 EU MS
 - 26 collaborating partners (WHO, OECD, 6 Ministries, 7 European networks)



DETERMINE - Our AIMS

- (1) To take forward existing work on the socio-economic determinants of health as an approach to reduce health inequities in the EU and (2) to make concrete progress towards policy developments that positively influence these determinants.
 - To consolidate the current knowledge base on HiAP approaches, including issues such as transferability and cost-effectiveness
 - To identify innovative approaches using social marketing and public private partnership models and pilot 3 of them
 - To raise the awareness of health determinants in other policy sectors and to build the capacity of Consortium members to act upon them.
 - To develop www.health-inequalities.eu as the main EU online resource for socio-economic determinants and health inequalities.



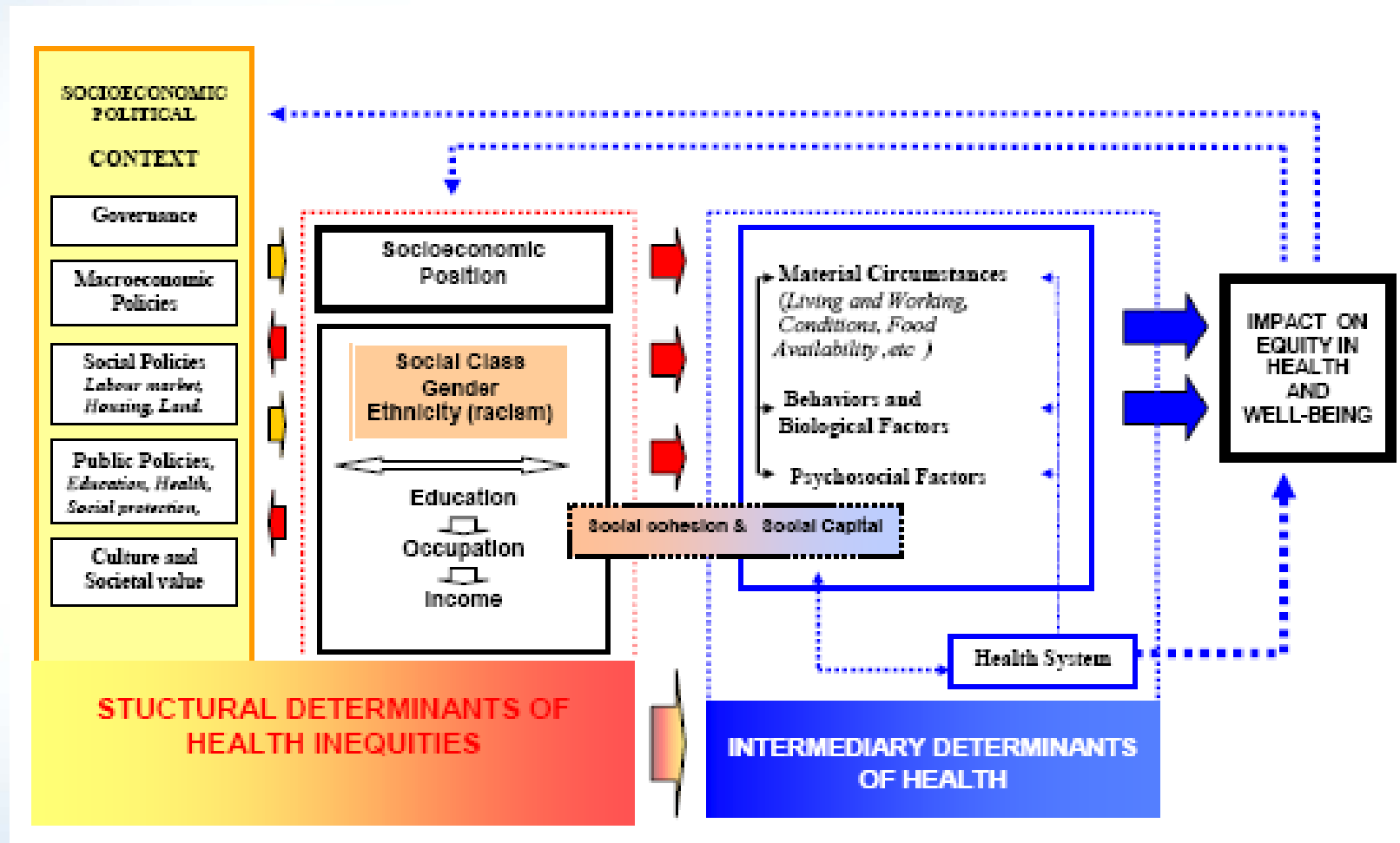
DETERMINE Framework

To ensure common understanding of the DETERMINE objectives and its conceptual underpinnings

- Why address health inequity via the socio-economic determinants of health, what do we already know and how can we take further action?
- Scope and boundaries of the project
- Glossary of relevant concepts

Socio-economic determinants of health (equity)


Defined as: ‘the full set of conditions in which people live and work’





What do we know? (1)

Policy Context: Health in All Policies

- **International Context**
1978 Alma Ata Conference ⇒ 2005 Bangkok Charter
WHO Commission on Social Determinants
 - **The EU Dimension**
HiAP: Strong mandate in other EU policy sectors with a strong influence on health. Experience and progress at EU level important to MS's agenda setting and exchange of good practice.
 - **National Policies**
Wide range of policies and action on health equity and HiAP; depending on national context and capacities.
 - **Regional and Local Level**
In many countries, welfare services and health promotion local level responsibility, so partnerships and local upstream policy are also important.
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What do we know? (2) Policy Orientations

A. Three Broad Policy Approaches:

Health disadvantage, Gaps and Gradients

B. Universal vs. Targeted Approaches

C. Key Policy Orientations:

- Focus on Structural, and not just intermediary determinants
- Improve inter-sectoral policy making and implementation
- Stimulate civil society participation and empowerment of affected communities.

D. Entry Points: reduce stratification, reduce exposures, reduce vulnerabilities, reduce unequal consequences

E. Arguments to engage other sectors:

- health issue (i.e. obesity)
- other sector issue (i.e. social inclusion)
- economic argument (i.e. health=wealth)
- equity as common goal
- Set of principles and values




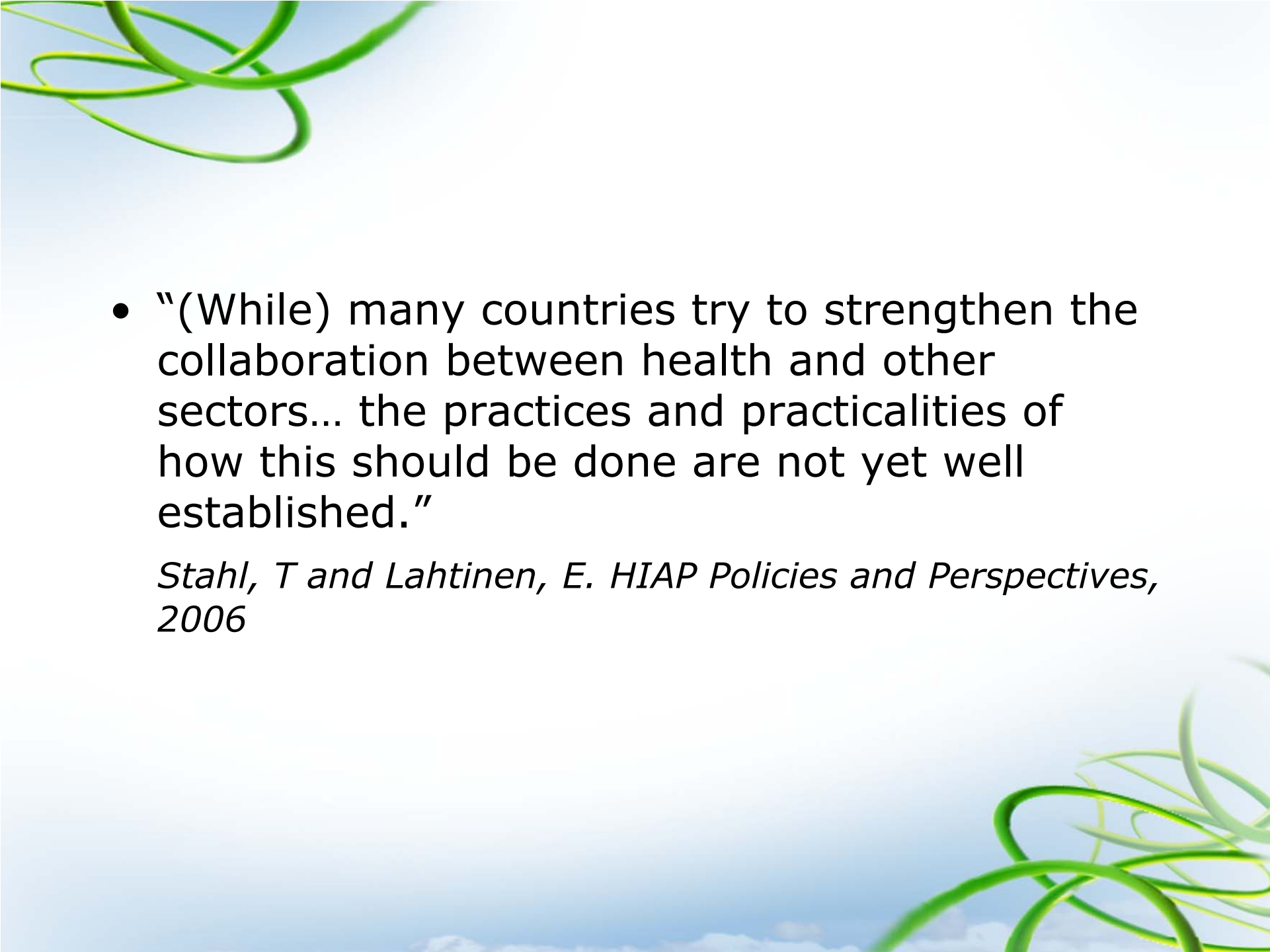
What do we know? (3) Actions and Mechanisms

ACTION MATRIX

- Level: EU, National, Regional, Local
- Agent: Government, NGOs, Academic Institutes, Private Companies ...
- Sector: Public Health, Health Care, Education, Housing, Agriculture, Transport ...

Mechanisms e.g.:

- Inter-sectoral structures, e.g. joint committees
 - Inter-sectoral health councils, advisory bodies
 - Health Impact Assessment, Health Equity Audits
 - Cross cutting strategies and programmes
 - Formal consultations across policy sectors
 - National Action Plans (OMC Health and long term care)
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- “(While) many countries try to strengthen the collaboration between health and other sectors... the practices and practicalities of how this should be done are not yet well established.”

Stahl, T and Lahtinen, E. HIAP Policies and Perspectives, 2006



DETERMINE - What are expected outcomes?

- A sustainable EU multi stakeholder consortium for inter-sectoral actions on SEDs – 3 Consortium meetings
- 3 annual reports, action oriented analysis
- Practical follow up to EU *health in all policies* ministerial conclusions 2006
- Innovative actions, e.g. social marketing for health pilots, policy maker surveys
- *Cont/...*



More expected outcomes...

- More receptive policy making environments
- Global dialogue – EU implementation
- Targeted awareness raising actions
- Support for capacity building actions
- Policy recommendations and final event in 2010
- www.health-inequalities.eu

New Health Inequalities Portal

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Closing the Gap: Home - Arcor AG & Co. KG". The browser's address bar and menu bar are visible. The website header features the "DETERMINE" logo in a large, bold font, with the tagline "CONSORTIUM FOR ACTION ON THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH WORKING TOGETHER FOR HEALTH EQUITY" below it. A search bar and a language selector (set to English) are also present. The main content area is titled "Welcome to the European Health Portal for Action on Health Equity!" and includes a paragraph describing the portal's purpose. A sidebar on the left contains a navigation menu with items like "Home", "About the Projects", and "European Partners". A right sidebar contains news items, including "Launch of new EU Project Determine!" and "E-mail alert 'Health Inequalities' news". At the bottom, there is a logo for the 8th IUHPE European Conference 2008 in Torino.

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Welcome to the European Health Portal for Action on Health Equity!

This portal is a unique space in which you can find recent examples of interventions and policies designed promote health equity, via the socio-economic determinants of health, in the countries of the European Union.

The portal is a host to:

- Database of Good Practice and Innovative Approaches to Reduce health inequalities,
- Country Profiles listing the main policies, actors and tools developed to deal with health inequalities on a national level,
- EU Policy Section containing Case Studies that show how EU Policies and Programmes can affect health inequalities at the national level,
- Health in all Policies Section with evidence of how other policy areas can affect health, and
- Relevant links related to the issue of health inequalities.

The Health Inequalities Portal is the tool to use when planning local projects, understanding the policy context of these interventions and/or conducting exploratory research in the field of health inequalities.

The information presented on this site have resulted from collaboration of the European Consortium for Equity in Health. Many national agencies for health promotion and prevention have joined in the frame of EU funded projects for several years.

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Launch of new EU Project Determine!

Three year project (2007-2010) to focus on mobilising all relevant collective forces within the EU to generate action on improving health by addressing the socio-economic determinants of health.

First Consortium Meeting on 30/31 October 2007 in Lisbon.

E-mail alert "Health Inequalities" news

The e-mail alert informs about the latest news and developments on and around the portal every four to six weeks.

Please [subscribe here](#).

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- Facilitate awareness raising and capacity building activities in your countries
- Dissemination

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