

Health of Migrants

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H & M in the EU - rational



- EU needs and will continue to need migrants (demographic and economical reasons);
- Benefits from increased synergy of health, migration and development policies;
- Prevention and access to care by migrants as a pre-requisite for public health of the EU.

H & M in the EU - goals



- To identify the main problems affecting migrants in the EU and the determinants of their health status;
- To improve scientific knowledge as a condition for evidence based policies aimed at addressing migrants health needs.

H & M - general conclusions



- **Health is key to migrants integration;**
- **Migrants experience increased health risks;**
- **Many of migrants' health problems are the product of social and environmental factors;**
- **Knowledge on migrant health in the EU is needed;**
- **Special consideration needs to be given to migrant health across all relevant policy processes;**
- **The European Health Strategy needs to address migrants health;**
- **Develop important links to WHO work and that of the Council of Europe.**

H & M - specific conclusions



- More surveillance and research on health issues focusing mobile populations;
- “Health in all Policies” approach;
- Prevention and treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases affecting migrants;
- Workplace and residence as entry points for the delivery of health services;
- Priority to migrant women and children;
- Endorsement of ethical responsible recruitment of health professionals from third countries.

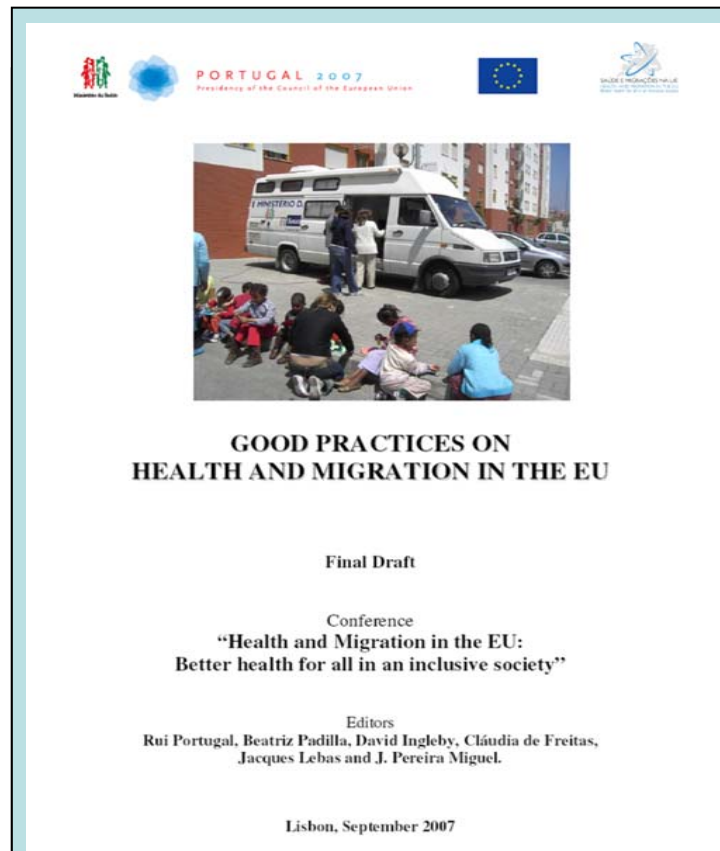
H & M – final messages



- Health and migration are global and call for global answers;
- One main key of development is investment in migrant health;
- Privileging migrant access to culturally-sensitive health services is essential;
- Strengthening development cooperation targeted at essential health needs is critical.



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- **Health and Migration** in the EU - *debate and Council conclusions*
- White Paper on the **EU Health Strategy** “Together for Health” 2008-2017 - *debate and Council conclusions*
- **Organ donation and transplantation** - *debate and Council conclusions*
- Operationalising **EU Strategy on nutrition**, overweight and obesity related health issues - *debate and Council conclusions*
- Proposal for a **Directive on services** (safe, high-quality and efficient cross-border healthcare) - *exchange of views*

Health and Migration – a process



- Exploratory opinion of the **European Economic Social Committee**
- Side event at **WHA** (May 2007)
- WHO report + **WHA** (May 2008)
- Conference “**People on the Move – human rights and challenges for health care systems**” – Bratislava - Council of Europe (22-23 Nov)

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