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Health Policy Forum

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Strategic Priorities
and Work Plan 2009-2010

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Priority policy areas

- Economic change: health as an economic driver and cost
- Demographic change: its impact on health systems and health needs
- Environmental change: its impact on organisation of health services and impact on health
- Social change and public health
- Technological change: innovation and development



Cross-cutting themes

- Health related rights of citizens
- Health inequalities within and between EU member states.
- Better integration of research into policy-making



Specific areas of interest

- Formal competences of the EU institutions, institutional setup and budgetary provisions for health related activities;
- Progress of implementation of the EU Health Strategy;
- Implementation of the Public Health Programme (2003-2008) and programming for the Second Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health (2009-2013);
- Integration of health in:
 - Social and employment policy
 - Economic development (growth and competitiveness) policy
 - Internal market
 - Regional cohesion policy
 - Agriculture and rural development policy
 - Consumer protection
 - Environment
 - Transport
 - Research
 - Education
 - Information and Society
 - Neighbourhood and Development Aid policies
 - Tax
 - Budget
- Principles of health promotion and disease prevention;
- Access to health information, health education and health literacy;
- Patients safety and quality of care;
- **The EU health workforce**
- Potential and conditions for effective use of new technologies in health
- **Potential and conditions for the development of new approaches to increasing public health capacity**



Recommendations for Specific Priorities for 2009-2010

1) Growth and Jobs

Contribute to the revision of the Lisbon strategy

- Monitor furthering of the Social Agenda for opportunities, access and solidarity;
- Evaluate the impact of the Lisbon strategy on health inequalities
- Provide recommendations for priorities of a post-Lisbon strategy

2) Better regulation

Review the implementation of impact assessment and evaluation tools in the context of HIAP

3) Specific EUHPF response to the White Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change

4) The implementation of the Health Strategy

Advice the EU institutions and monitor their efforts in the context of implementation of the Health Strategy



What has been done

- Consultation on Budget Reform
- Open Letter on Economic Crisis
- Resolution on involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of the Health Strategy
- Letter to new MEPs



Work Packages 2009-2010

- Economic Crisis and Health
- Health in All Policies
- Adaptation to Climate Change
- Implementation of the Health Strategy



Economic Crisis and Health

- Further distribution of the Open Letter through membership networks;
 - Survey of EU Health Policy Forum members on the impact of the economic crisis in their particular sector;
 - Analysis of national recovery plans from the health perspective;
 - Position paper on opportunities of the economic crisis.
- Ad hoc Working Group



Health in All Policies

- Position paper on evaluation of the Lisbon Strategy and proposal for the post-Lisbon Strategy;
- Participation in public consultations launched by the Commission;
- Position on health aspects of selected non-health legislative proposals adopted by the Commission and discussed by the Council and the EP in the co-decision procedure (to be specified on the basis of the CLWP and APS);
- Review of integration of health in other sectoral policies and evaluation of impact assessment for the period 2009-2010
- Permanent Working Group and ad hoc sub-groups focused on specific proposals



Climate Change

- Feedback on the policy papers and proposals related to health aspects of Climate Change.
- Permanent Working Group and ad hoc sub-groups focused on specific proposals



Implementation of EU Health Strategy

- Feedback on policy and legislative proposals implementing actions foreseen in the Strategy;
- Position of the on the issues discussed by the Council Working Party at Senior Level;
- Contribution to the mid-term evaluation of the Strategy
- Permanent Working Group and ad hoc sub-groups focused on specific topics

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