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[Morning session: 9.30 – 12.30 CEST](#)

[2022 Thematic Networks: Presentation of the Joint Statements and Roundtable](#)

[Purpose and objectives](#)

The 7th Cycle of the Thematic Networks, in the context of the EU Health Policy Platform, was launched back in autumn 2022 following a call for proposals. Since then, the Thematic Networks have been drafting their Joint Statements in collaboration with other health stakeholders, and each network has co-organised two or three live webinars, in collaboration with the Platform team.

These Thematic Networks and their leaders are:

- 1. DisQo anti-discrimination & health equity, led by the European Public Health Alliance**
 - DisQo brings together stakeholders across policy domains (employment, education, health, housing, poverty, justice, and fundamental rights) to exchange ideas and experiences and share good practices. It also provides support to the European Commission and national policymakers to advance their work on anti-racism and anti-discrimination to reduce the health inequity gap.
- 2. HIV, Tuberculosis, Viral Hepatitis and Sexually Transmitted Infections, led by the EU Civil Society Forum**

- This Thematic Network addresses the most pressing challenges in this field and encourages stakeholders to collaborate to improve the continuity of prevention, treatment and care and a better quality of life for all people living with or most affected by HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, tuberculosis (especially drug-resistant) and sexually transmitted infections. The network is also working on an adapted response for displaced and mobile people and other migrant populations. The Joint Statement it issues at the end of the process will be disseminated via relevant communication channels, discussion forums and conferences.

3. Mental Health in All Policies, led by Mental Health Europe

- Stakeholders within and beyond the health sector are invited to join this Thematic Network to share knowledge and provide policy recommendations on how to develop (or expand existing) mechanisms and approaches for integrated policies and actions to promote and protect mental health.

4. Navigating Health Inequalities in the EU through Artificial Intelligence, led by Brunel Centre on AI and Health Action International

- This Thematic Network considers how we may leverage AI-driven technologies to improve healthcare and wider (e.g. productivity) outcomes and reduce inequalities in the European Union (EU), whilst also making sure that AI does not actually magnify existing inequalities or create new types of disparity. The Networks' cross-sectoral approach draws on the existing development, strategies, and regulatory work of the EU regarding AI-driven technologies, including but not limited to the improvement and implementation of relevant Artificial Intelligence legislation, its connected standards, and compliance tools. Its work is novel in that it critically examines the narratives of intersectionality, social deprivation, and the situated, lived experiences of members from vulnerable group communities and the role of AI-driven technologies (in healthcare) that may specifically address the healthcare needs of these communities.

It is now time for these leaders and their supporters to present their final Joint Statements and call for endorsements. Any health stakeholders interested in these subjects may contact the leaders and express their support and are free to express interest in more than one topic.

- ✓ At this Platform Annual Meeting, DG SANTE officials who have followed each network's development and participated in the live webinars throughout the cycle will provide brief comments and give feedback after each of the networks' presentations.

- ✓ The on-site and online audience will also have the opportunity to raise questions and make comments after each presentation.
- ✓ The morning session will close with a round-table discussion where Thematic Network leaders will share their experiences of drafting a Joint Statement and provide suggestions for leaders of the next cycle's networks. Here too, on-site and online participants may interact.

Online participants can interact through Webex Webinars (by using the 'raise hand' icon to ask for the floor or by providing text comments and questions through the 'chat' function.)

Registration is required and can be easily done through this link:

<https://ecconf.webex.com/weblink/register/r3e900a48dafb8053d77f6c7df6e2a12f>

How to get ready for this session?

Register in the [EU Health Policy Platform](#) and navigate through the Thematic Networks.

Do you have questions for the Thematic Network leaders? Please send them to us sante-hpp@ec.europa.eu by 13 April and we'll do our best to raise them at the Annual Meeting.

Afternoon session: 13.30 – 16.30 CEST

Study assessing the EU Health Policy Platform – Stakeholder workshop

Purpose and objectives

This **Stakeholder workshop** will provide an opportunity to meet and exchange with health stakeholders and Commission services, as well as to share and discuss the first results of the independent **Study assessing the EU Health Policy Platform (HPP)**.

The study, which is currently ongoing, has collected **feedback from Platform users and moderators on their experiences and the main activities of the Platform**, including the various networks it hosts, the Open Live Webinars on key EU health initiatives that are organised through the Platform, and the previous editions of the EU Health Award, which is also part of the Platform's remit.

The discussion will help to **review the design, management, and functioning of the Platform, as well as to identify possible improvements for the future**. The first part of the workshop will be dedicated to a presentation of the study approach and key preliminary findings. Following the initial presentation by the study team, we will divide the participants into smaller groups for discussion and feedback. Participants joining online will also be invited to provide their views and feedback in a virtual discussion.

Each break-out session will be moderated by members of the study team, who will **lead** discussions about how to optimise the **Platform for the future**. These discussions could touch on topics like new content or features that could be added, improvements to the networks and the webinars, alternatives to the EU Health Award, ways to improve collaboration with health stakeholders and with Commission services and agencies, ways to improve the added value and impact of the Joint Statements produced in the framework of the Thematic networks, and ways to enhance participation of relevant health stakeholders at national, regional and local level.

We will close the workshop with a **general, wrap-up discussion** with all participants, followed by the presentation of **conclusions, next steps, and final remarks**.

We look forward to having your contribution and to working together to making the EU Health Policy Platform an even more valuable tool for all health stakeholders.

Join the workshop online and interact with speakers and participants through Sli.do (code #EUHPP2023), break-out sessions and the chat. **Ensure a spot by registering now through this link:** <https://ecconf.webex.com/weblink/register/r3e900a48dafb8053d77f6c7df6e2a12f>

What's next?

You will find the communication material for this Annual Meeting in the [EU Health Policy Platform](#) – register in advance to access it all!

- ✓ Watch the recording until 29 April using the password @HPP_webinar2023
- ✓ Check out the presentations and the flash report
- ✓ Endorse the final Joint Statements until 22 May

This information will also be made available on the [Public Health website](#).

A month after this Annual Meeting, the Thematic Networks will be transformed into Exchange or Stakeholder networks in the EU Health Policy Platform. Network members can continue their collaboration and promote their Joint Statements there. Voice your support for the Joint Statements by 22 May!