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Improving health equity across the life course

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DRIVERS: Aims



Identify and fill knowledge gaps about factors that drive three of the social determinants of health inequalities:

- Early child development
- Employment and working conditions
- Income and social protection



DRIVERS: Case studies

- Babes-Bolyai University (RO)



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- Children in Scotland



- Early Years Northern Ireland

- Family, Child and Youth Association, HU

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de La Laguna

- EAPN Poland



- EAPN Portugal

- EAPN Sweden

- Hungarian Anti-Poverty Network

- The Poverty Alliance (EAPN Scotland)

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Early Childhood Development



**UCL Institute of Health Equity (Scientific Lead
& WP Leader)**

Eurochild

Evidence-base to increase health equity in early childhood

- Two systematic reviews
 - 183 studies showed multiple adverse social factors associated with health and development outcomes in children (0-8)
 - Interventions that aimed to develop both children's and parents' skills had more favourable outcomes
- Comparative data analysis using data from EU member states

Gradient in the risk of overweight at age 4-8 by maternal education



Fair Employment

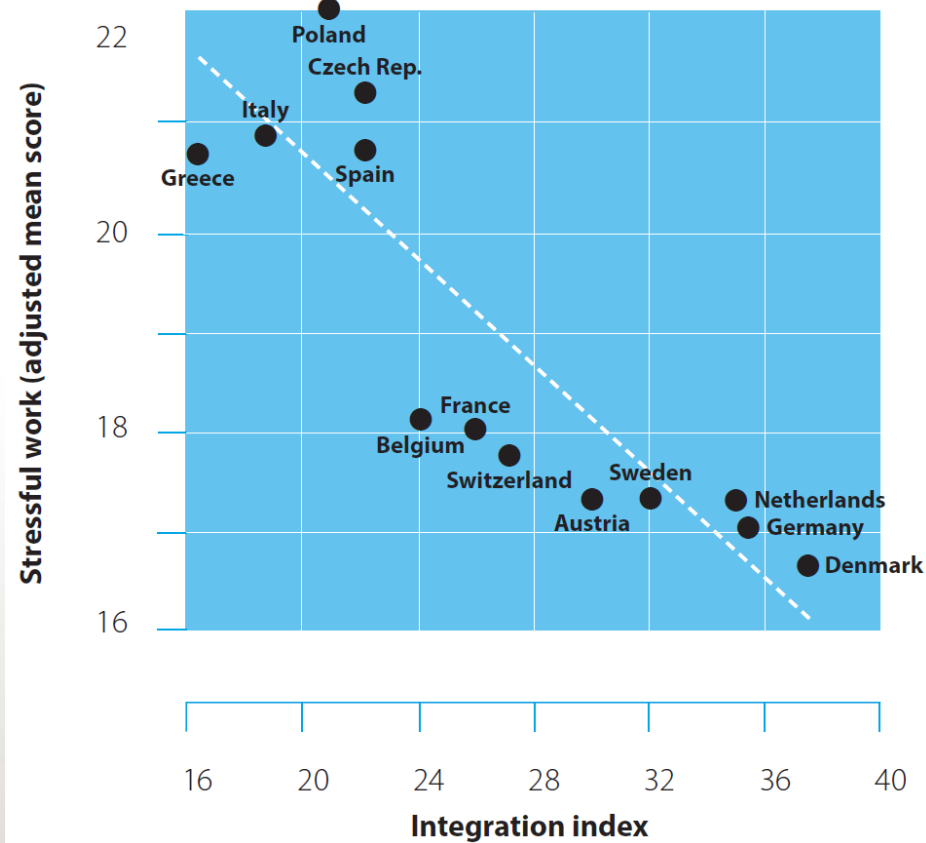


**Department of Medical Sociology
Universität Düsseldorf (WP Leader)
Business in the Community**

Work characteristics, workplace interventions and health inequalities

- Several systematic reviews
 - Demand-Control model, Effort-Reward model & Organisational Justice
 - Workplace interventions
- Analyses of work and unequal health using recent Europe-wide data sets

Level of labour market integration and work stress score



(Siegrist J, Montano D & Hoven H, 2014)

Social Protection & Income



**Centre for Health Equity Studies
Stockholms Universitet (WP Leader)**

EAPN

Income, social protection and health inequalities

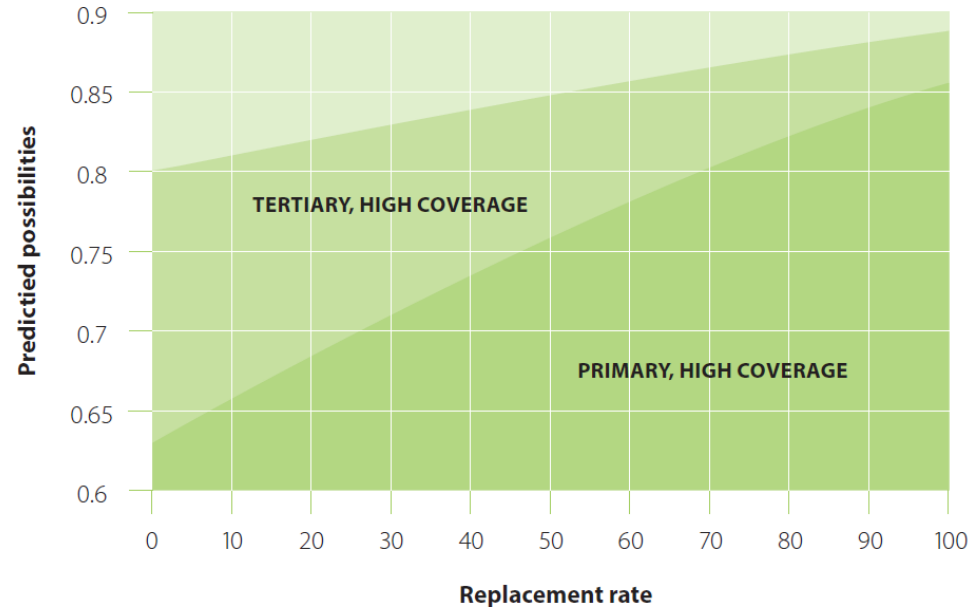
- Literature review of social protection policies and wider welfare state arrangements
- New analyses of how social protection policies are linked to health inequalities using European data
 - Coverage and replacement rates of social protection policies
 - Active labour market policies

Unemployment benefits and health

An interaction effect between coverage and replacement rates

Much better health at higher replacement rates when coverage is high, >90%.

This effect is stronger for low educated, contributing to smaller inequalities.



DRIVERS: four broad principles

1. Universality of access
2. Addressing disadvantage
3. Accounting for context and respecting rights
4. Evidence-based policy

Universality of access

Example recommendation:

Affordable, high-quality pre-natal and early years provision alongside

- supportive employment policies
- parenting and family support services to help parents combine work with parental responsibilities

Addressing disadvantage

Example recommendation:

Within a universal system of social protection coverage, different kinds of support should be offered to people according to the type and level of risk they experience

- cash transfer programmes
- access to high-quality welfare services
- extensive active labour market programmes

Accounting for context and respecting rights

Example recommendation:

Implement interventions shown to be effective in other countries, with contextual adaptations made for local conditions

- requires systematic development and evaluation to ensure that effectiveness is not compromised by these adaptations

Evidence-based policy

Example recommendation:

Routine monitoring and regular review of adverse social and work conditions, as well as policies and interventions to reduce adversity and strengthen health

- use of available models of good practice
- information on both economic and social benefits

Advocacy: Increasing the uptake of evidence

- Make use of different kinds of evidence
- Make use of established good practices
- Recognise the potential advocacy roles
- Find 'win-win' or compromise objectives
- Adapt messages used in advocacy efforts
- Taking a more long-term perspective



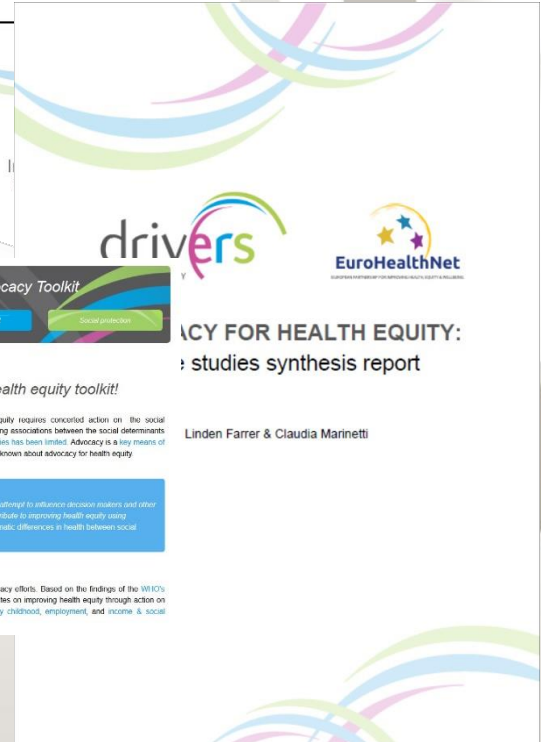
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- Final recommendations
- Policy briefs

- Case studies synthesis
- Scientific research synthesis
- Peer-reviewed evidence synthesis
- Advocacy toolkit



Relevance to JA and other work

- Evidence on key determinants (incl. early childhood) and importance of SDHI
- Tailored approach to different countries
- Knowledge transfer and translation
- Case studies
- Capacity building

... and more!

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