

Meeting of EU Expert Group on Social Determinants and Health Inequalities

*Pilot Project related to the development of
evidence based strategies to improve the
health of isolated and vulnerable persons*

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Recap of project aims



- **Objectives:** i) To increase our understanding of how best to improve the health of people who are living in specific vulnerable and isolated situations; ii) To identify and recommend evidence-based policy strategies
- **Partnership:** led by ICF, key partners: Eurohealthnet, UCL IHE, EPHA, Social Platform
- **Research methods:**
 - ❖ *Scoping interviews*
 - ❖ *Literature and policy reviews*
 - ❖ *Focus groups and interviews with medical practitioners, public health officials, members of the target groups and other relevant stakeholders*
 - ❖ *Pan-European survey of target groups*
 - ❖ *Detailed case studies*

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Recap of project aims



- **Working with Experts:**
 - Fill any gaps in our work
 - Develop policy recommendations
 - Liaise with other relevant initiatives
- **Capacity building workshops** to test and implement results of study
- **Final output will be a study:**
 - Scientific report
 - Policy recommendations
 - Training materials for use!

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Where are we now? How can we support you?

- **Research is being finalised:**

- Comprehensive literature and policy review for context and understanding
- Pan-European survey with results per target group (on access to healthcare)
- Focus Group findings- adding qualitative element to our research
- Inventory of good practices from across Europe

All of these components could be used by the EG- to support your actions

- **Capacity building workshops** to test and implement results of study are being organised (more in next slides!)

EG members encouraged to actively participate

- **Policy recommendations will be developed**

Based on our research but aimed at being useful and useable!

VulnerABLE project: Capacity-building workshops



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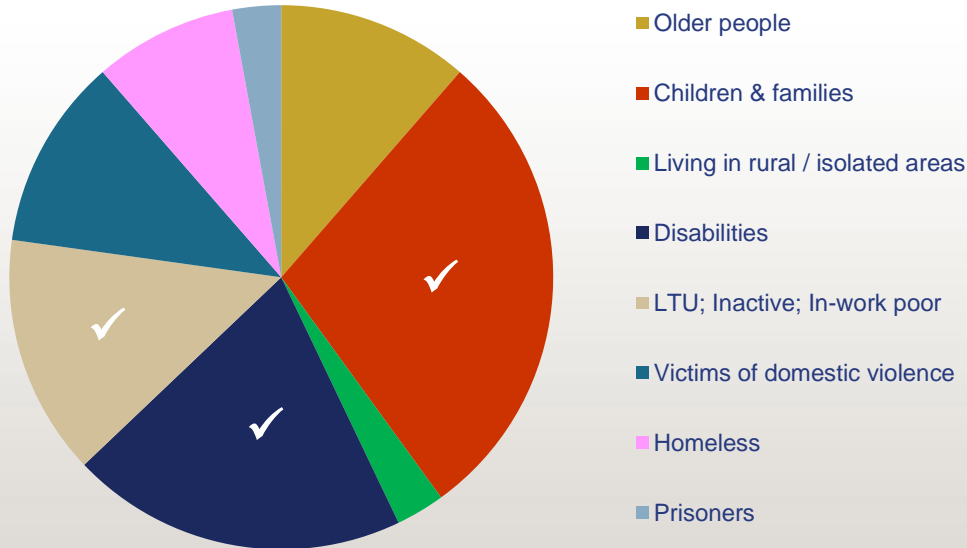
Background

- **4 Capacity-building workshops** to build upon research outputs
- Each workshop catering for around 25 participants from 3-5 MS
- ‘Lead’ trainer to oversee core workshop material (75%) across all workshops, up to 2 to 4 other trainers to deliver more targeted material (25%) for each workshop
- Target participants: those developing public health programmes (budget-holders responsible for resource allocation; people who help to design programmes, especially representatives from influential NGOs)

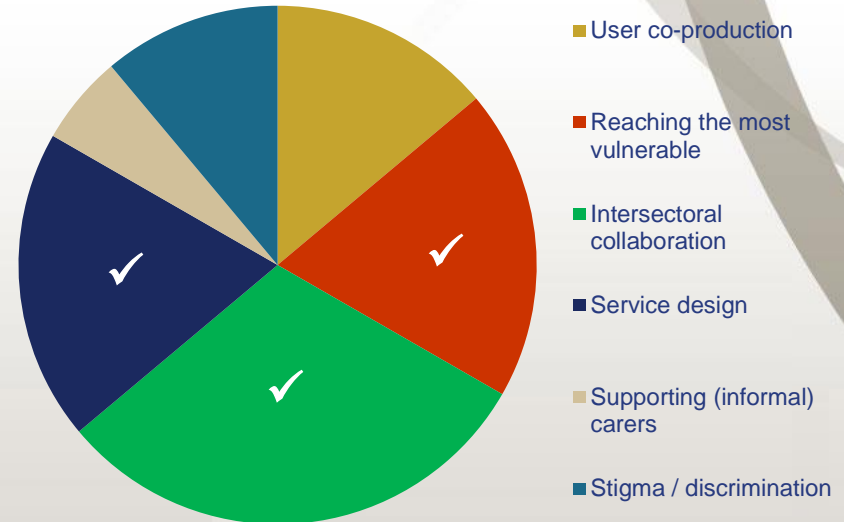
Needs Assessment

- Potential hosts: **Portugal** (Lisbon University), **UK** (Public Health Wales), **Italy** (Federsanità), **Slovenia** (NIJZ), **Latvia** (Riga City) & **Czech Republic** (National Institute of Public Health)
- Registered interest [so far]: Italy, UK, NL, France, Slovenia, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark, Czech Republic, Greece

Potential groups



Potential themes



Outline of Methodology

Potential workshop structure:

Background theory (Situation)

- Introduction to health inequalities, challenges faced by isolated & vulnerable groups in participating countries and relevance of topic to health & other agendas
- Presentation on the VulnerABLE project and its outcomes.

Information-sharing and knowledge exchange (Solutions)

- In-depth focus on and scoping of designated theme(s)
- Presentations of good practices from different local/national contexts and how one can apply them in participating country contexts
- Specific strengths and weaknesses of a practice in relation to different contexts.

Working session (Actions)

- Transferability, discussion of potential barriers, based on national/international experiences, and how these could be overcome
- Recommendations + commitment to feasible actions that can be taken in the participating countries, given stakeholders involved, existing political agendas and available budgets (action plan development).

Proposed Timeline

Mar 17

- Confirmation of hosts and lead trainer

Mar 31

- Identification of participant organisations

Apr 7

- 'Save the date'
(invitations upon agreement date with host organisations)

Ongoing

- Development and production of training materials

Questions

- What are your responses to the needs assessment?
- Is your Member State interested in taking part in the activities?
- Within your MS, which organisations should we approach for involvement?
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