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**DisQo**  
anti-discrimination & health equity

1<sup>st</sup> Live Webinar of the Thematic Network  
**DisQo: anti-discrimination & health equity**  
*The importance of language & definitions*



Thursday 19 January 2023, 11.00 – 12.00 CET, Brussels time

Dear colleague,

We invite you to join this webinar.

Although **racism and discrimination are fundamental determinants of health**, and the evidence for its impact on both physical and mental health across all life stages is becoming more overwhelming by the day, the issue remains largely unrecognised and unconsidered in the public health domain. This is the driving force behind the Thematic Network DisQo, bringing together people and organisations with the shared ambition to address structural racism and discrimination for health equity.

In a **series of three webinars**, we will discuss and delve deeper into key topics that were identified by network members during DisQo's kick-off meeting on 3 November 2022, which include for example the importance of a clear language and definitions, the evidence-base and disaggregated equality data, the sharing of best practices at different government levels, and the need to break down silos between sectors.

This **first webinar** will address the importance of language as a critical prerequisite for creating a safe space for constructive dialogue. It's the lack of clear definitions that has the potential to cause misinterpretations or even hostility. Take the words *racism* and *racist*, for example, these can be taken very personally, while the intention is to discuss these from their structural and institutional perspective.

**Register to this 1<sup>st</sup> webinar of the Thematic Network DisQo following [this link](#).**

Once registered, you will receive the confirmation email from Webex. Please pin the calendar invitation. On the webinar day, please open the calendar invitation and click on "join webinar".

This webinar will be held in English. If you have any further questions, please contact [sante-hpp@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sante-hpp@ec.europa.eu). We are looking forward to welcoming you online.

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The EU Health Policy Platform will host a live webinar, following this **agenda**:

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| <b>11.00 – 11.05</b> | <b>Welcome &amp; introduction to DisQo</b><br><br>Raymond Gemen, Senior Policy Manager for Health Equity, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)  |
| <b>11.06 – 11.10</b> | <b>Comment by Commission</b><br><br>Irène Athanassoudis, Policy Officer, DG SANTE, European Commission  |
| <b>11.11 – 11.17</b> | <b>The importance of language and definitions in EU policy</b><br><br>Rossalina Latcheva, Head of Anti-Racism & Non-Discrimination Sector, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)                               |
| <b>11.18 – 11.24</b> | <b>The voice of the people</b><br><br>Radost Zaharieva, Policy and Advocacy Advisor, European Anti-Racism Network (ENAR)  |
| <b>11.25 – 11.56</b> | <b>Q&amp;A – Discussion with the audience</b><br><br>First reflection in the context of the EU Anti-Racism Action Plan by Michaela Moua, Team Leader anti-racism coordination, DG JUST, European Commission |
| <b>11.57 – 12.00</b> | <b>Conclusive remarks</b><br><br>Raymond Gemen, Senior Policy Manager for Health Equity, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)   |



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