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Tackling health inequalities at the sub-national level

(by using EU Structural Funds)

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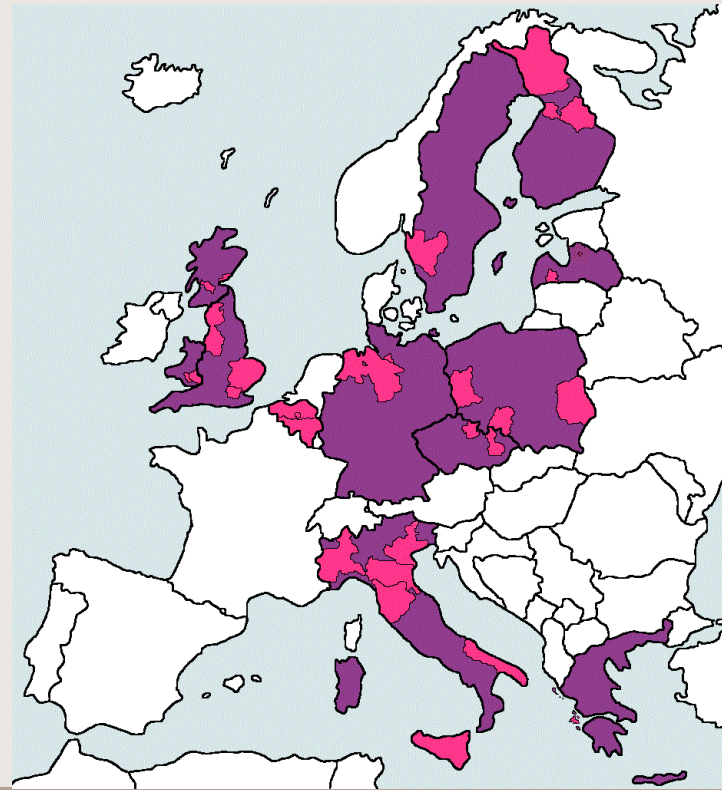


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Work Package 5: Regions

Regional network of 30 regions in 10 MS





Timeline of activities





Exercise 1: Case Studies



27 Sub-National Case Study Reports (10 MS)

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Exercise 2: SF Review



10 SF Country Reports (10 MS)

Current Period

- > 30 Examples of Relevant Projects
- Learning: opportunities, challenges
- Preparing a project bid

Upcoming Period

- State of play within MS
- Opportunities for action

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Examples of identified projects

- Systematic approaches
 - Health (equity) as a selection / evaluation criteria
 - Health (equity) as a cross-cutting SF theme
 - Leveraging existing approaches
- Projects and Programmes
 - ... Specifically focused on reducing health inequalities
 - ... Addressing underlying determinants of health



Two concrete examples

- **Italy:** POAT Salute: “Plan for Re-organisation and Capacity Building” of Southern Italy’s health-care systems
 - Strengthens capacities of the public administration to:
 - cope with social inequalities in health
 - evaluate interventions that take into account different SEGs
 - apply equity lens systematically in health programming
- **Finland:** Developing Well-Being in Northern Ostrobothnia
 - Take forward health equity related objectives in the Region’s Welfare Programme
 - Focused on getting HI written in strategies + engaging stakeholders to reducing health inequalities.
 - Has provided actors with a mandate to reduce HI



Preparing for 2014-2020

- Examples of actions and initiatives:
 - Consultation processes + conference | e.g. **Czech Republic**
 - Roadshows + briefing papers | e.g. **England**
 - Working/Advisory Groups | e.g. **Poland**
 - New (regional) networks | e.g. **Latvia**
 - Lobbying/Awareness Raising | e.g. **Scotland**
- Project proposals for upcoming programming period
Latvia, Greece, England and Wales

Conclusions (I)



The opportunities are there...



..but are (often) being lost

Conclusions (II)



To address this, public health professionals should:

- **Raise awareness** within PH sector (SF and objectives)
- **Raise profile of public health** within health care and other sectors (don't reinvent but partner-up)
- **Keep health equity on political agenda**
- **Build capacity** to ensure that more SF contribute to greater health equity in the EU

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