



EuroHealthNet

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPROVING HEALTH, EQUITY & WELLBEING

Action on Health Inequalities

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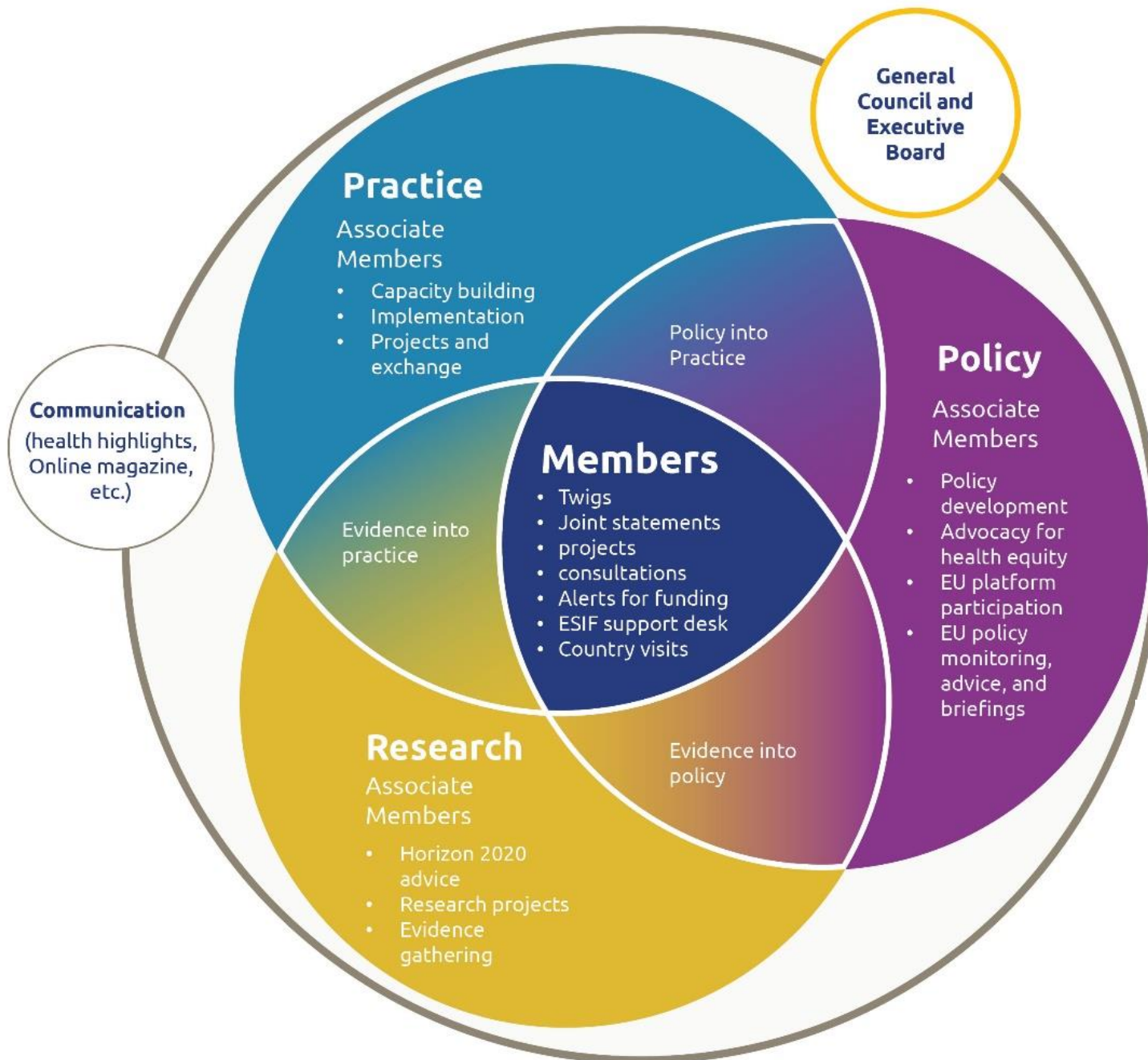
Proportionate universalism

Positive health outcome



- **PARTNERSHIP:** National Public Health Institutes, nat/reg health agencies, universities, MoHs
- **MISSION:** Tackling persistent health inequalities in Europe, through action on the social determinants of health / on HiAP governance / on SDGs

Level of Deprivation





RESEARCH PLATFORM

Leading in research
to inform policy and
practice

WHO Health Information Initiative
JA on Health Information

Contributing to research consortia:

- CHAIN – global child health inequalities
- Forum for Health Promotion Research

**Coordination INHERIT Horizon2020 on healthy & sustainable
lifestyles**

INHERIT Aim and objectives

INHERIT CONTEXT

To define effective **policies & interventions** that can enable people **to live and behave in ways** that simultaneously improve:

- environment
- health
- conditions for more socially-vulnerable people



AIMING FOR A 'TRIPLE-WIN'



What matters daily across sectors



LIVING



MOVING



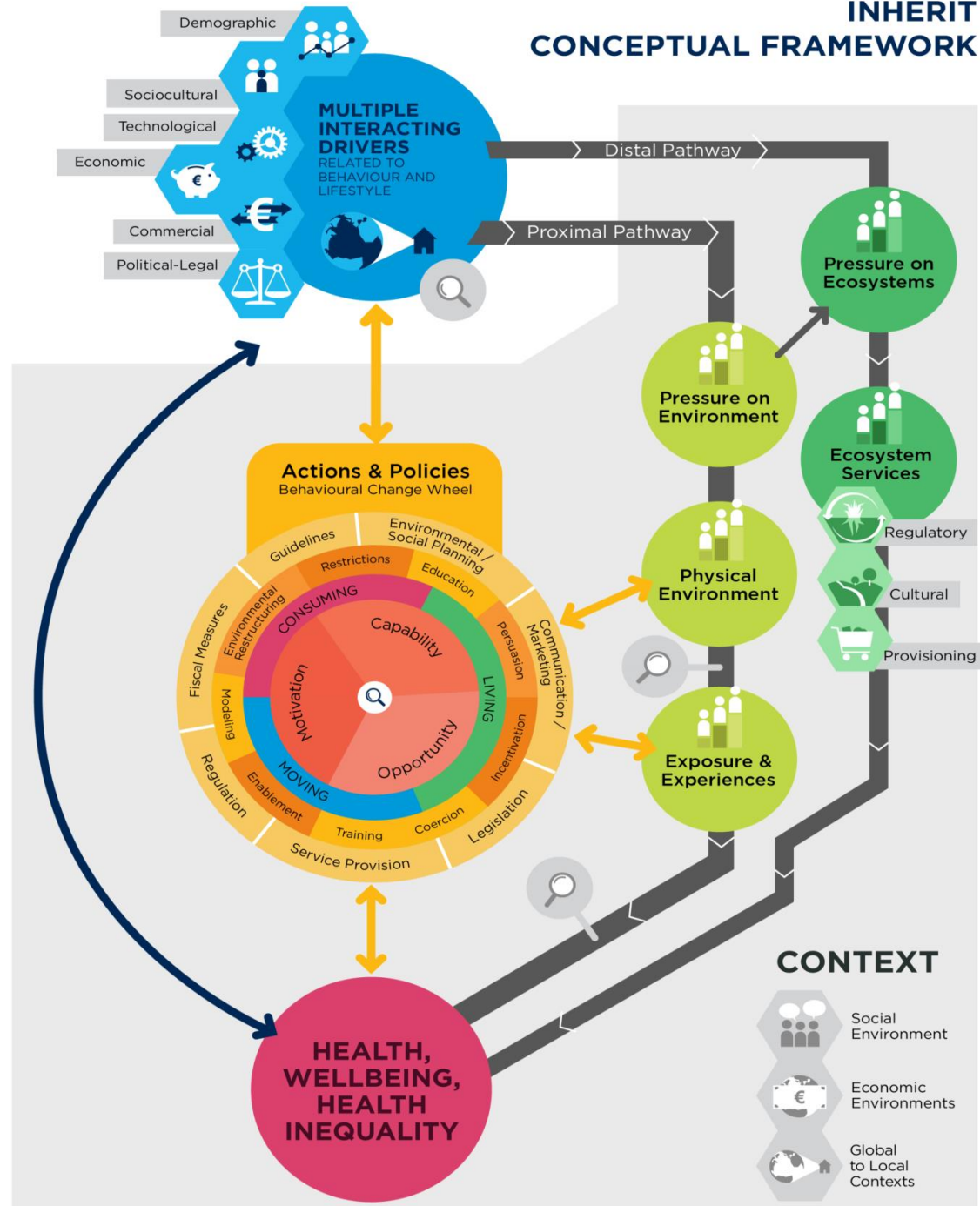
CONSUMING

**Green space &
Energy efficient
housing**

**Active travel
&
Active lives**

**Food production,
consumption &
waste**

INHERIT CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



BCW

1.Capability

2.Motivation

3.Opportunity



12 → qualitative
7 → quantitative
4 → cost-benefit

Living

Restructuring Green Space

The Malvik Path – creating quality green space

Thinking fadura – making green space accessible

Place Standard tool – getting citizens' views

Energy efficiency – training peer-trainers

Cost-benefit analysis of energy efficiency measures



Moving

Lifestyle e-coaching

Urban cyclers App



Consuming

The Vegetable Academy

Ghent a Garde – Shortening the food chain citywide

PROVE – connecting small producers and consumers

The Food Garden Rotterdam – food & social inclusion

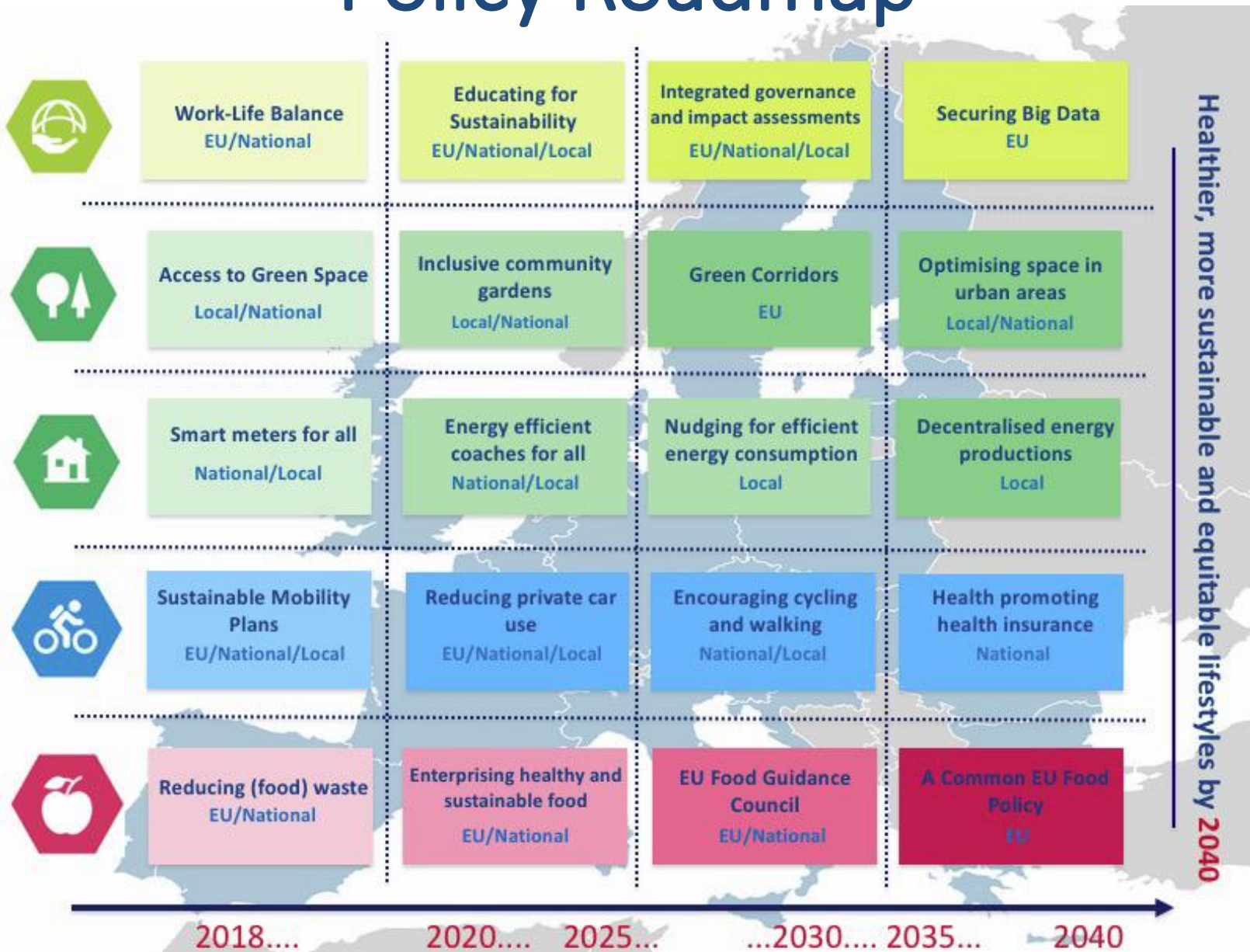
Sustainable food in public schools

Restructuring Residential Outdoor Areas

Green Gyms + Meatless Mondays



Policy Roadmap



Informing the policy process, and advocating for health equity

POLICY PLATFORM

Supporting European Pillar on Social Rights

Response to MFF EU budget proposals (14)

European Semester analysis with members input

Health equity responses to EU policy consultations

The European Pillar of Social Rights: 20 principles and rights

COVERS THREE AREAS:

Equal opportunities and access to the labour market

- 1 Education, training and life-long learning
- 2 Gender equality
- 3 Equal opportunity
- 4 Active support to employment
- 5 Secure and adaptable employment

Fair working conditions

- 6 Wages
- 7 Information about employment conditions and protection in case of dismissals
- 8 Social dialogue and involvement of social partners
- 9 Work life balance
- 10 Healthy, safe and well-adapted work environment

Social protection and inclusion

- 11 Childcare and support to children
- 12 Social Protection
- 13 Unemployment benefits
- 14 Minimum income
- 15 Old age income and pensions
- 16 Health care
- 17 Inclusion of people with disabilities
- 18 Long-term care
- 19 Housing and assistance for the homeless
- 20 Access to essential services

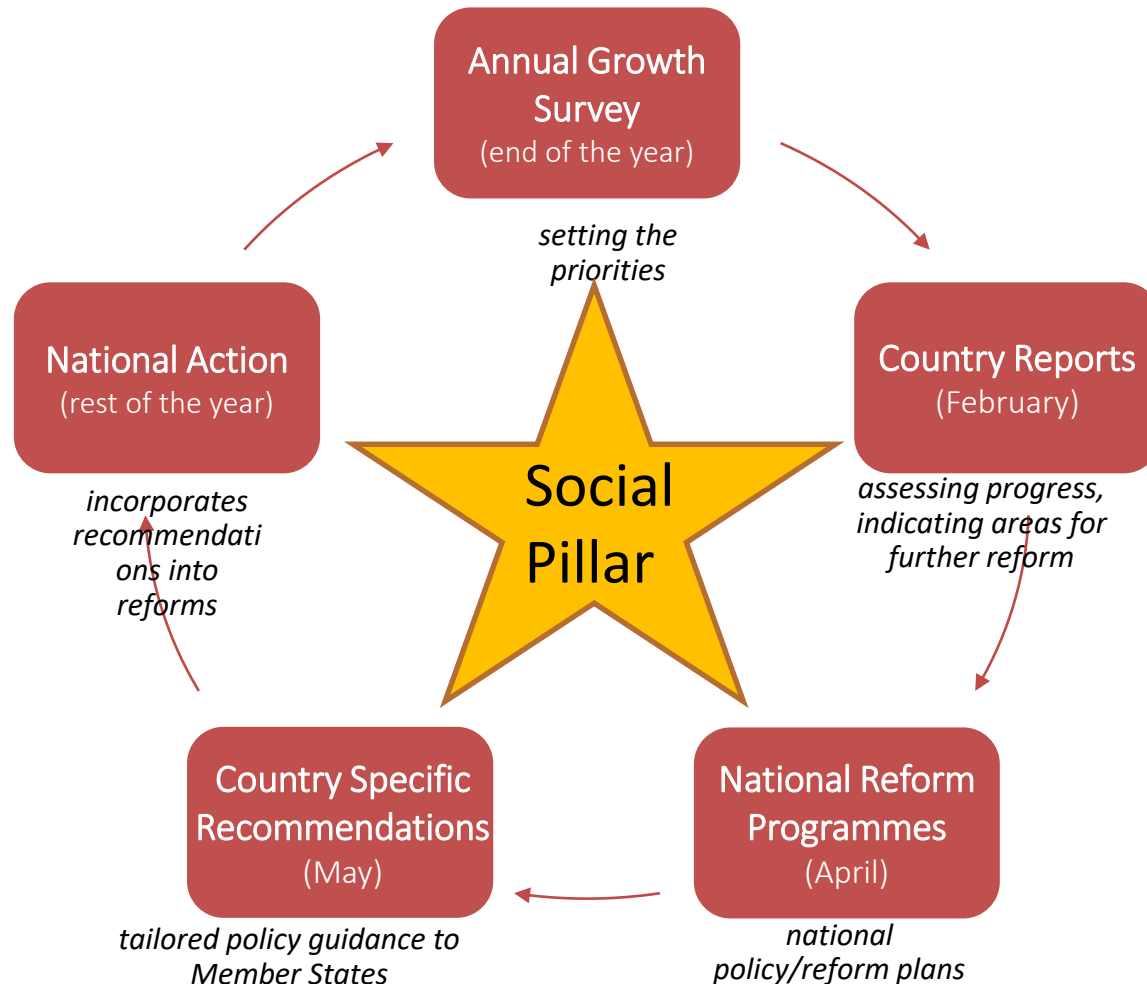
Glossary

All are important to
achieving health equity

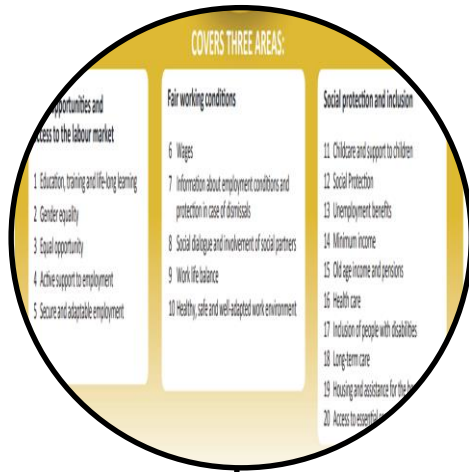
The European Semester

social

“The annual cycle for economic and ~~fiscal~~ policy coordination”



European Pillar of Social Rights

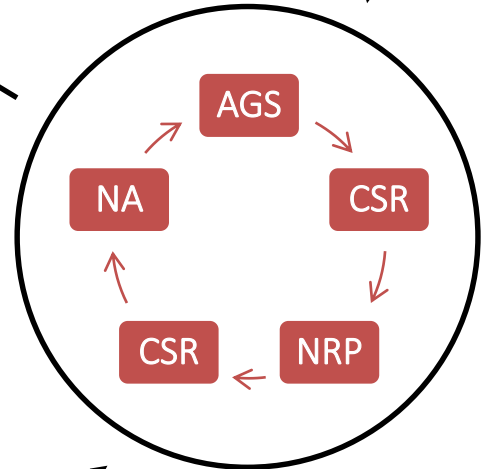


Social values

Multiannual Financial Framework



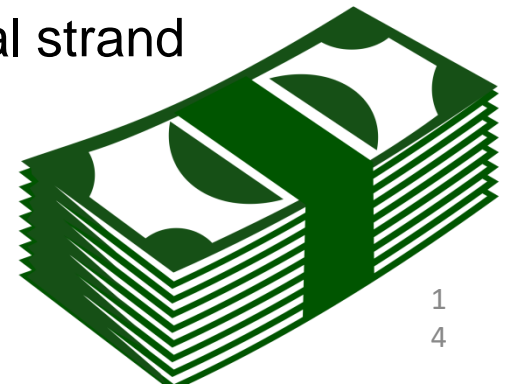
Money



European Semester

New Multiannual Financial Framework (proposals for 2021-2027)

- ✓ From 1.10 % to 1.11 % of EU GNI
- ✓ Health in “Investing in People, Social Cohesion and Values” (ESF+ → 100 billion)
- ✓ Health Programme **around 8%** cut (449 mil → 413 mil)
- ✓ EaSI Programme **cut** (815 mil → 761 mil)
- ✓ Horizon Europe extra funding (20 bill. extra), incl for health equity, but more private engagement required
- ✓ Erasmus+ boosted (funding doubled)
- ✓ Health & HE also in Global Health proposals, Agriculture, Digital Europe, LIFE+...
- ✓ InvestEU – increased importance, has now a social strand



Making the connections and strengthening links (*implementing HEiAP*)

POLICY ACTION

- Engaging with European policymakers across DGs
- Meeting cabinets of Commissioners
- EMPL events on Semester and many other events
- Social Protection Committee
- Childrens Alliance and other groups
- statements to WHO RCs
- Etc etc



PRACTICE PLATFORM

Facilitating
knowledge
exchange &
capacities

Country Exchange Visits

- Child health inequalities (France, 06/18)
- Health inequalities, social inclusion, mental health and de-institutionalisation (Bulgaria, 11/18)

**15 national Policy Dialogues
for CHRODIS+**

**Capacity Building – Help Desk ESIF & EFSI
on funding and financing action for Health Equity**



ESF Funds for Health

Building knowledge & capacities

- Total budget for 2014-2020 period => €645 billion
- The ESF Funds has 11 thematic objectives.
- Health is in nr 9 **‘Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination’**
- Financial allocations for health is around **€9 billion** => invested in **7,404 health projects**
- Around **€ 1,9 billion (2,535 projects)** cover health promotion / healthy ageing / healthy workforce. **Health equity impacts unclear.**
- Blending ‘soft’ (ESF) and ‘hard’ (ERDF) elements of interventions is possible across ESF funds – **however not yet well known**
- ESF funds are valuable for piloting and innovation for health equity before scaling up to regional or national level.



EFSI vs #InvestEU programme 2021-27

InvestEU supports four different policy areas, focusing on where the EU can add the most value by providing a budget guarantee to attract private investment:

1. Sustainable infrastructure (€11.5 billion)
2. Research, innovation and digitisation (€11.25 billion)
3. Small and medium-sized businesses (€11.25 billion)
4. **Social investment and skills (€4 billion)**

NEW

How to access these funds? How to encourage quality investments that reduce health inequalities?

Take away messages

- Action on HI in RESEARCH, POLICY & PRACTICE
- Team up with other sectors, like environment
 - SDGs helpful framework

Constant advocacy for Health Equity at all levels is needed

- Work with Social Pillar and European Semester
 - Finance policy ↔ health policy
- Health people need to become more finance literate
- Quality health equity guidelines for finance people
 - Cooperation and capacity building remain key

EuroHealthNet Partnership to improve health equity and wellbeing – THANK YOU



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