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**DisQo**

anti-discrimination & health equity

2<sup>nd</sup> Live Webinar of the Thematic Network  
**DisQo: anti-discrimination & health equity**  
*The importance of equality data*



Thursday 23 March 2023, 11.00 – 12.30 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 now more than 40 organisations, people, with the shared ambition to address institutional and structural racism and discrimination for health equity.

**In a series of three webinars**, we 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 good quality equality data, the sharing of best practices at different government levels, and the need to break down silos between sectors. [The first webinar \(19 January 2023\) covered language and definitions.](#)

**This second webinar will address the importance equality data.** The lack of comprehensive systems or a coordinated approach to collecting and using equality data, disaggregated by race and ethnic origin and other grounds of discrimination, represents a barrier to evaluating the impact of measures addressing racism and discrimination. Although there are some legal considerations, most notably the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and national data protection rules to protect citizens from any potential risks of misuse or abuse, the collection and processing of special categories of personal data is possible under certain conditions, including for statistical or research purposes, so can be read in the [Guidance note on the collection and use of equality data based on racial or ethnic origin](#) (European Commission 2021, DG JUST, High Level Group on Non-discrimination, Equality and Diversity, Subgroup on Equality Data).

This webinar will be held in English.

**Register to this 2<sup>nd</sup> webinar of the Thematic Network DisQo following [this link](#).**

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We are looking forward to welcoming you online.

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

11.00 – 11.10	<b>Welcome &amp; introduction to DisQo</b> Raymond Gemen, Senior Policy Manager for Health Equity, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
11.10 – 11.20	<b>Equality data – setting the scene</b> Daris José Lewis Recio, Legal and Policy Officer, EQUINET - European Network of Equality Bodies
11.20 – 11.30	<b>Availability, use, and analysis of data for exploring inequalities in health in the OECD context</b> Kate de Bienassis, Health Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
11.30 – 11.40	<b>How to overcome the barriers?</b> Vittal Katikireddi, Professor of Public Health & Health Inequalities, University of Glasgow
11.40 – 11.50	<b>Equality data in Belgium (Title TBC)</b> Rachel Waerniers, Policy Advisor, Unia - Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities (Equality Body Belgium)
11.50 – 12.10	<b>Q&amp;A – Discussion with the audience</b> Moderated by Jacqueline Bowman, European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO)
12.10 – 12.20	<b>Comment by Commission</b> Irène Athanassoudis, Policy Officer, DG SANTE, European Commission
12.20 – 12.30	<b>Conclusive remarks</b> Raymond Gemen, Senior Policy Manager for Health Equity, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)

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