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Overview of Work Package 7

Stakeholder engagement to promote health equity from the start

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Work Package Activities



- 3 work package meetings
- Stakeholder mapping by 10 partners
- 2 EU-wide stakeholder debates
- Factsheets (built environment, education, social welfare and health equity from the start)
- National workshops
- To be developed: Guide on stakeholder engagement

National workshops



Belgium

Aim: two policy dialogues to establish a formal intersectoral and cross-governmental working group in order to develop a national plan on health inequalities

Results:

- Strong commitment to be involved by non-health sectors
- Political commitment of the Interministerial Conference of Health to support an intersectoral working group within the Department of Sustainable Development– from September 2013
- President: Federal Public Service of Health
- Mandate: develop a proposition of a national action program to tackle health inequalities – by end 2014
- Approval of the plan by the Interministerial Conference of Health



National workshops

Poland

Aim: increasing knowledge on health inequalities, discussion about effective tools for HiAP/opportunities and challenges in intersectoral cooperation

Results:

- Identifying mechanisms to ensure successful intersectoral cooperation on health inequalities - linked to the new public health bill that is being developed by the Ministry of Health
- Well-being and health should be stronger connected in most strategic documents
- More flexibility in cooperation between different Ministries is needed
- Media involvement in tackling health inequalities is needed
- Stronger advocacy in public health is needed
- The role of the Coordination Team of the National Health Plan should be strengthened



National workshops

Norway

Aim: to discuss kindergarten and its impact on health and health inequalities for children, their families and society as a whole with special attention to the project „free core-time in kindergartens”

Results:

- The project was used as an entry point for a broader and more comprehensive debate on kindergarten as a tool for equity
- An informal network of partners has been established which contributes to a more comprehensive approach to childhood conditions across sectors
- The network could be further involved in the follow up on the new white paper on public health and in the development of a sustainable framework on intersectoral collaboration in healthy public policy



National workshops

Hungary

Aim: considering recent national initiatives promoting health equity from the start, discussing opportunities and obstacles in the local implementation of initiatives as regards stakeholder engagement and intersectoral cooperation

Results:

- Strengthening cooperation with the Office of the Minister of State for Social Inclusion in the Ministry of Human Resources (as co-organizers)
- Vertical communication between practitioners and policy makers in parallel sessions
- Detailed professional debate between the academic field, professionals and decision makers
- Cooperation initiated between OEFI and the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights in their 2013 project to study children's rights to healthy environment

EU-level workshop



EuroHealthNet

5th November 2013: Stakeholder Engagement to achieve the EU Recommendation on Investing in Children: Integrated initiatives and the use of Structural Funds

Aims:

- To bring together organisations with representation across the EU that provide health / social / child care services, to explore how we can work together to:
- Stimulate the development and implementation of **innovative, integrated initiatives** that can take forward the EU Recommendation on Investing in Children, and build capacities to do so.
- **Apply Structural Funds** to co-finance integrated initiatives that can contribute to 'Health Equity from the Start'

Guide on stakeholder engagement

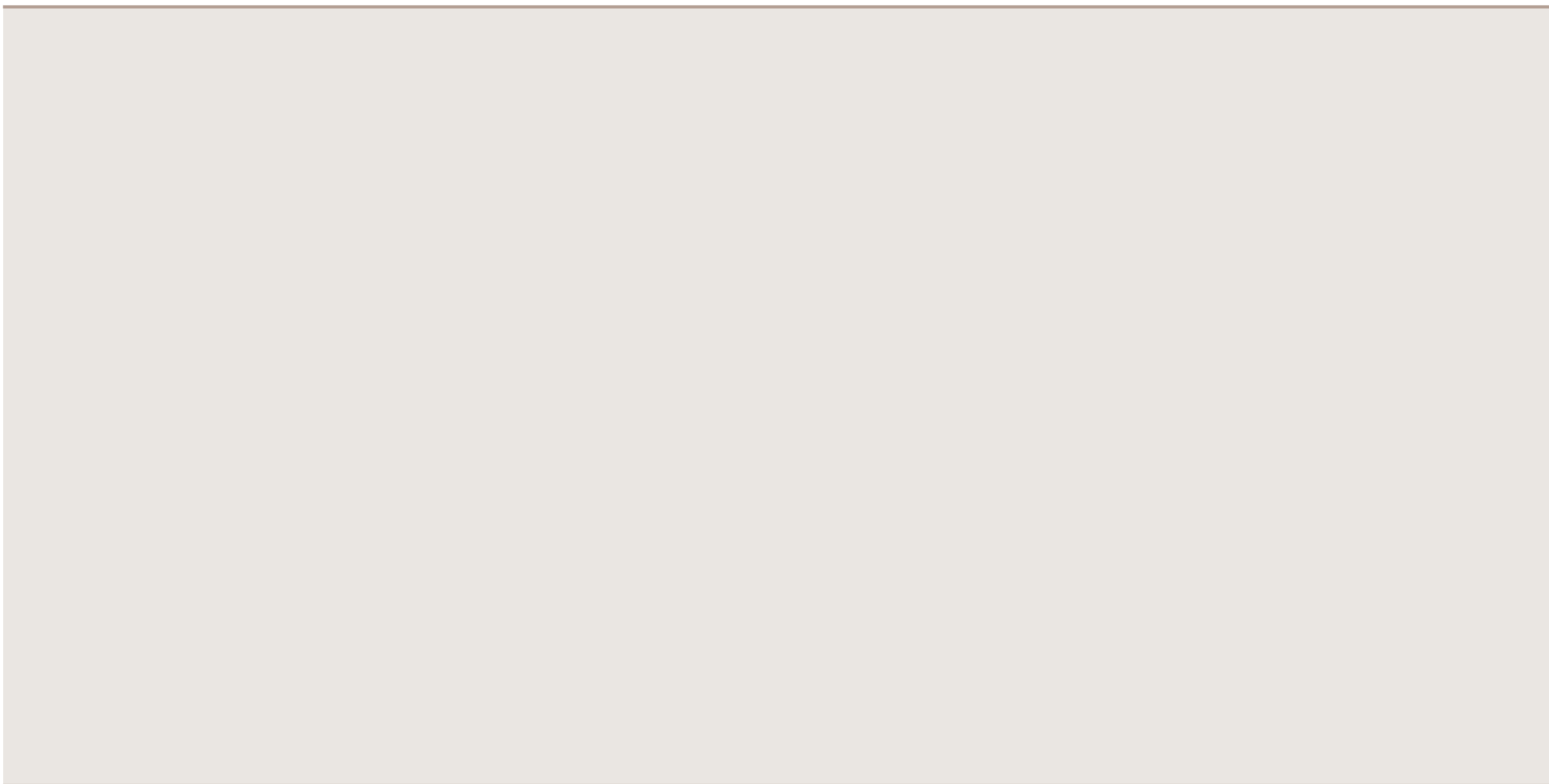


Aim: to **provide guidance on how to proceed in engaging stakeholders from different sectors** to achieve health equity from the start

- Policy recommendations easily understandable both for decision makers, public health experts and high level policy makers from other sectors than health (Length: 8-9 pages)
- The reason **why** we need stakeholder engagement and intersectoral work to achieve health equity from the start
- Based on the work of WP7 of the Equity Action and further literature research, it focuses on:
- **How to start and proceed** in stakeholder engagement processes?
- How to achieve **sustainable intersectoral cooperation** with stakeholders?



Thank you for your attention !



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