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The European Public Health Association (EUPHA) calls for new evidence based policies on migration, ethnicity and health

Migrants and ethnic minorities (MEM) often face serious inequities concerning both their state of health and their access to good quality health services. These inequities are increasingly being brought to light by public health researchers, but action to tackle them has lagged behind. There is a clear need for a stronger focus on the determinants of MEM health and the problems of service delivery that can confront these group. This can support new European and national policies on MEM ensuring inclusive health services and better integration of migrants and ethnic minorities.

The rising tide of populism and nationalism in European politics has created a hostile environment for such reforms. Policies can only be as good as the data they are based on. EUPHA is therefore issuing this call to reduce the gap between researchers and policy-makers, in particular those responsible for setting research priorities and implementing findings. The statement addresses the key issues as: **the need for evidence-based policies on MEM health, more attention in EU research programmes for MEM health and better training and education on MEM health.**

Although the Statement is primarily concerned with the links between research and policy-making on MEM health, training and education has to be directed at health workers of all kinds, researchers, managers and policy makers.

https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/EUPHA_statement_on_migrant_and_ethnic_minority_health.pdf

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The European Public Health Association, or EUPHA in short, is an umbrella organisation for public health associations in Europe. Our network of national associations of public health represents around 20,000 public health professionals. Our mission is to facilitate and activate a strong voice of the public health network by enhancing visibility of the evidence and by strengthening the capacity of public health professionals. EUPHA contributes to the preservation and improvement of public health in the European region through capacity and knowledge building. We are committed to creating a more inclusive Europe, narrowing all health inequalities among Europeans, by facilitating, activating, and disseminating strong evidence-based voices from the public health community and by strengthening the capacity of public health professionals to achieve evidence-based change.

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