

Summary 15th European Public Health Conference 2022, Berlin, Germany

Delegates

Around 2,550 delegates registered for the 15th EPH Conference, including over 200 pre-conference only registrations. Around 400 of our delegates registered as students and over 300 of our delegates registered from Germany. Around 100 delegates have registered from a low or middle income country, most of them from outside Europe. In collaboration with WHO Ukraine we supported 15 colleagues from Ukraine with a waiver of registration fees to enable them to attend the conference.

Abstracts

We received 2,371 abstracts of which 186 were for workshops. The total number is more than for the last in-person conference, Marseille 2019, when we received 2,025 abstracts of which 150 for workshops.

Abstracts were scored by an average of 3,95 reviewers (Marseille 2019: 3,60). The average score for workshops was 4,546 (2021 5,050, Marseille 5,020), the average score for single abstracts was 4,517 (2021 4,381, Marseille 4,393).

Abstract mentoring programme

In total, 28 abstracts were reviewed by 19 reviewers. This was an increase from last year when 16 abstracts were reviewed by 14 reviewers. Of this year's 28 abstracts 19 were finally submitted and 12 were accepted (63%). Last year the success rate was much higher with 92%.

Parallel Programme

This year's parallel programme includes 176 sessions, divided into 16 conference tracks and 11 time slots. In Marseille we had 16 tracks and 10 time slots. The parallel programme includes 120 workshops, 3 invitational workshops and 53 oral sessions.

For workshops the rejection rate was 35.0 per cent. Only workshops scoring higher than 4.333 were accepted. In 2019, the rejection rate was 40.0% and the cut-off point was 5.250.

For oral sessions, 357 abstracts were accepted with a score of 5,333 or higher. The rejection rate was 30.0% (in Marseille 2019 16.9%).

The E-poster programme includes around 330 abstracts for moderated poster walks and 821 for poster displays only. The cut-off point for posters was 4.250 (Marseille 2019: 3.600).

A detailed analysis of the abstract scoring and selection is provided in the meeting of the International Scientific Committee on Saturday, 12:45 - 13:45 CET, room Beta 6.

Invitational workshops

There were three invitational workshops which are supported and organized by external partners. They are part of the parallel scientific programme and as such reviewed by the International Scientific Committee. They were free to attend by registered delegates of the main EPH Conference.

- **2.D. - Workshop: The challenges of developing population health intervention research in cancer health promotion.** Organised by French National Cancer Institute, Thu 10 Nov, 10:30-11:30 CET
- **2.M. - Workshop: Empowering examples of high vaccination in minorities: learning from three underserved communities.** Organised by RIVER-EU Project, Thu 10 Nov, 10:30-11:30 CET
- **6.C. - Round table: The revised EU health security framework.** Organised by European Commission and ECDC, Fri 11 Nov, 11:40-12:40 CET

Lunch symposiums

There were six lunch symposiums of which five are supported and organized by external partners. They are not part of the parallel scientific programme. They were free to attend by registered delegates of the main EPH Conference.

- **EU4Health Funding opportunities: grants and procurement.** Organised by European Commission, DG SANTE and Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA), Thu 10 Nov, 12:45-13:45 CET, room Alpha 3
- **Enhancing pathways for vaccine assessments and national decision-making – a driver of resilient health systems.** Organised by Vaccines Europe, Thu 10 Nov, 12:45-13:45 CET, room Alpha 4
- **Presentation WHO Europe Report ‘Health and care workforce in Europe: time to act’.** Organised by WHO Regional Office for Europe, Thu 10 Nov, 12:45-13:45 CET, room Beta 1
- **How can mRNA science shape the future of public health?** Organised by Moderna, Fri 11 Nov, 12:45-13:45 CET, room Alpha 3
- **SHARP Joint Action - strengthening capacity in preparing for the unexpected.** Organised by SHARP Joint Action, Fri 11 Nov, 12:45-13:45 CET, room Alpha 4
- **Late Breaker: The war in Ukraine – an attack on health and human rights.** Organised by EPH Conference and EUPHA, Fri 11 Nov, 12:45-13:45 CET, room Alpha 6

Pre-conferences

The full pre-conference programme was held on Wednesday 9 November.

Evaluating implementation of public policy for the promotion of physical activity and healthy nutrition: Why, how and what should this involve (PHPP)- organised by EUPHA Public health policy and politics section and EU-Policy Evaluation Network

Unravelling data for Rapid Evidence-Based Response to COVID-19 (unCoVer) (REBR) – organised by Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM), Belgium

Addressing pre-existing and emerging mental health challenges in times of crisis and beyond – Strategies, approaches and practices from a European perspective - Organised by: Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung (BZgA), Germany, and Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG), Austria

Skills building: Using public health foresight to be better prepared for the future – organised by EUPHA Foresight section

Health literacy and salutogenesis in context (LISA) – organised by EUPHA Health promotion section in collaboration with universities in Germany

Bridging primary care and public health: revisiting the priorities of practitioners in the aftermath of COVID-19 (HSRP) - organised by EUPHA Health services research section

Health systems responses to migration: from crisis mode to diversity-sensitive inclusive systems (MIGR) - organised by Heidelberg University, in cooperation with EUPHA Migrant health section and Lancet Migration European Hub

Natural experimental evaluations for public policy and health systems: recent advances and updated guidance (NEEV) – organised by EUPHA sections and MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow, UK

Methods and analytical strategies for longitudinal studies on social security, work and health (SSWH) – organised by EUPHA Social security, work and health section

How participation strengthens health research! Current developments in Participatory Health Research in Germany, Austria and Switzerland (PART) - organised by PartNet (Participatory Health Research Network, PRESENT (German Prevention RESEarch NeTwork))

Health promoting settings and climate change (HPCC) - organised by Berlin School of Public Health and PKV Verband e. V.

What is metadata? Common standards and properties (META) – organised by EUPHA Public health monitoring and reporting section and others

Young Researchers' Forum – organised by ASPHER and EUPHA

Disasters, Cities and Health - A multi-disciplinary walking experience in Berlin – organised by EUPHA sections

Additional meetings

Two semi-closed meetings were held on Wednesday 9 November

- **RIVER-EU project consortium meeting** (full day)
- **WHO Advisory Council on Innovation for Noncommunicable Diseases** – afternoon meeting bringing WHO Advisory Council on NCDs together with EUPHA Sections to explore ways of best leveraging one another's capacities to control and prevent NCDs

Networking: Join the Networks

All EUPHA Sections, Working groups and EUPHANxt organised their Join the Network sessions during the conference. These meetings are open to all delegates.

Media representation

In collaboration with the Communication Department of Technical University Berlin, press invitations were sent. Press releases are issued on the Conference Statement and the presentation of the WHO health care workforce report. Media representatives include The Lancet, Politico, Euractive, Healthy Europe, Karger and independent journalists from Germany.

Conference Statement

The conference statement was published in September and has been signed by around 20 national public health associations and partners.

Accreditation

The 15th European Public Health Conference has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 26 European CME credits (ECMEC®s).

Partners

Organisers: EPH Conference, EUPHA, Berlin School of Public Health

International partners for the plenary programme: European Commission, WHO Regional Office for Europe, ECDC, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, ASPHER, EuroHealthNet, EHMA

Partners for specific activities (lunch symposiums): European Commission, Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA), Moderna, Vaccines Europe, SHARP Joint Action, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Exhibition:

Exhibitors	German Pavilion
EUPHA	GLORHRA (German Alliance for Global Health Research)
EPH Conference	Berlin School of Public Health
European Commission, DG SANTE	Pettenkofer School of Public Health (PSPH)
Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)	Universitätsklinikum Tübingen
WHO Regional Office for Europe	BZgA Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung
European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies	DGPH & Uni Bremen
EuroHealthNet	DGSMP & TU Dresden
ASPHER	School of Public Health, Bielefeld University
World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA)	Robert Koch Institut
European Health Data Space - EHDS Pilot	
MDPI Academic Open Access Publishing	
Oxford University Press	
Springer Nature	
European Publishing	
Moderna	
Covidence	
Blue Dot inc.	
Public Health Academy, Dusseldorf	