

Dear member of the EUPHA section on Health Services Research,

In this newsletter:

- Have your say on future research calls by the European Commission and national funders: TO-REACH consultation
- Details of the new EC "Horizon Europe" Programme from 2021-2027
- Collaboration between national HSR networks: how to get involved?
- Other news

Have your say: What do you consider the most important priorities in European health services and systems research?

- We want to invite you to share your views on research priorities in the area of health services and systems in your country and internationally. The survey is available till 15 July at <https://to-reach.eu/survey/>
- The consultation is conducted by the [TO-REACH](#) initiative, aimed to prepare a joint European research programme for national funding bodies in Europe and elsewhere. Results will also be used to inform the European Commission new flagship research programme, "Horizon Europe", to run from 2021-2027.
- *A high response from experts and stakeholders per country can help make a strong voice for new research that contributes to solving major health system challenges. We therefore also call for your help in disseminating this invitation to others in your network.*

Horizon Europe as successor to Horizon 2020: what do we know so far?

- While Horizon 2020 will still run for 2 years, the first contours of its successor Horizon Europe (2021-2027) have been made public by DG Research & Innovation.
- Again, health will be one of its main clusters, including dedicated attention to health care systems. Results of the above-mentioned TO-REACH consultation will feed into this.
- In total six intervention areas within the cluster of Health are now identified: a) Health throughout the life course, b) Environmental and social health determinants, c) Noncommunicable and rare diseases, d) Infectious diseases, e) Tools, technologies and digital solutions for health, f) health care systems.
- The structure of Horizon Europe will remain similar to those of Horizon 2020, with an expected simplification of rules and more emphasis on social impact in terms of better services and processes.
- A new element will be the introduction of mission-oriented research, designed with ambitious but time-bound goals, such as to achieve better and cheaper treatment of specific diseases within a certain time frame. More information on the programme is available at http://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/com-2018-435_en

Invitation to collaborate between national HSR networks, both existing and new

- As mission for the next year, the EUPHA Section on HSR and HSR Europe want to strengthen collaboration between national and European HSR networks.
- We are delighted that colleagues at [HSRUK](#) share our ambition to explore jointly how to do this best, e.g. by sharing intelligence on meetings, webinars, funding opportunities, etc.
- If you are actively involved in a national HSR network in your country, or would like to set one up, then please contact us at hsr_europe@nivel.nl. The same applies if you have specific ideas or inputs that you'd like to share.

- We will then follow-up with national networks, and a possible joint meeting at the upcoming [EPH Conference](#), 28 November - 1 December 2018, in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Other HSR-related activities and updates

- Last May, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) Programme, which will contain a health strand to finance health policies, among others focusing on health systems strengthening, health legislation and crisis preparedness. See https://ec.europa.eu/health/funding/future_health_budget_en
- Last week, a high-level meeting took place to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Tallinn Charter: Health Systems for Health and Wealth (documents available [here](#)). Its [outcome statement](#) called for more commitment for health systems strengthening, centred around 3 pillars: to include, invest and innovate.
- Today, the annual EHMA conference has started, among others with project presentations of [TO-REACH](#), [Sustain](#), [IC-Health](#), [Act@Scale](#), [MOCHA](#) and many more. You can follow the discussions via [#ehma2018](#).
- In a few weeks, 4-5 July 2018, we'll be at the [HSRUK conference](#), among others to talk about post-brexit UK-EU collaboration.
- After the summer, there will be a large number of conferences to follow or attend, including by [EIT Digital](#), the [European Forum for Primary Care](#), the [Global Symposium on HSR](#), [European Health Forum Gastein](#) and plenty of others.
- **The 11th European Public Health Conference will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 28 November to 1 December 2018. Main theme: 'Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe'**
More information: [EPH Conference](#) and [@EPHConference](#)

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