



First Conference on Health Inequalities in the New EU Member States
Policy makers and patients – creating the change

The Relevant Issues of Health Inequities in Europe

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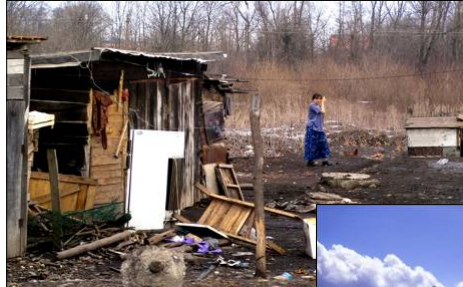
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A fast-changing European context for health



Health is more than health care



Health is promoted and sustained...

...where people are born, grow, work and age



Definition of Health Inequities



“...systematic differences in health status between different socioeconomic groups.

These inequities are socially produced (and therefore modifiable) and unfair”.



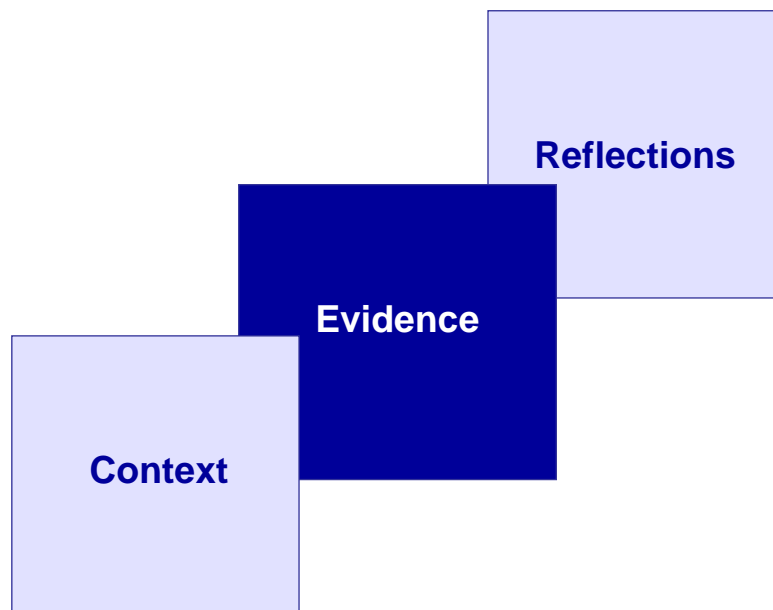
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Reduction of health inequalities is central to the new European health policy - Health 2020

“A WHO European Region where all peoples are enabled and supported in achieving their full health potential and well-being, and in which countries, individually and jointly, work towards reducing inequalities in health within the Region and beyond”.

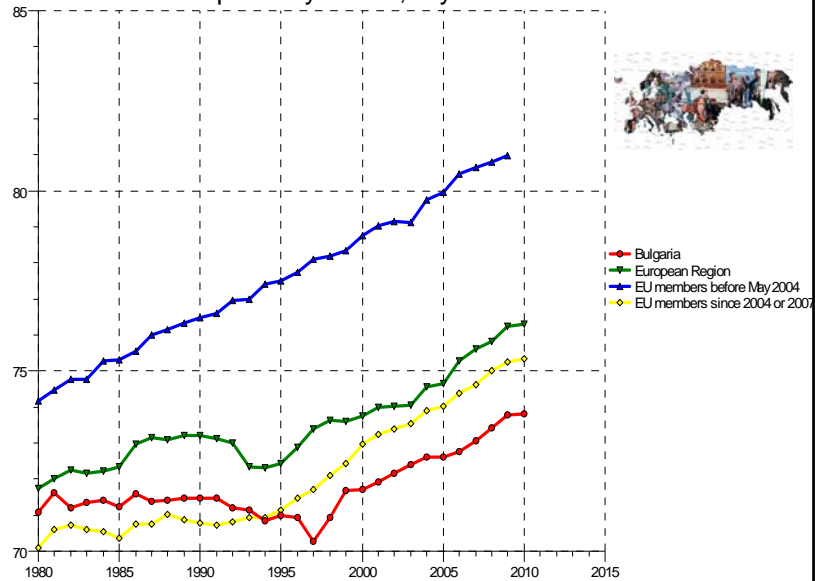


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Widening inequities in health in Europe

Life expectancy at birth, in years



Several years difference in life expectancy with picks of over 30 years



Sofia



Milan



Budapest

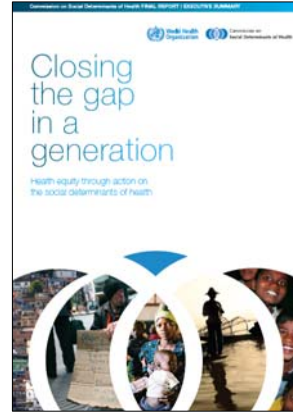


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Closing the Gap in a Generation

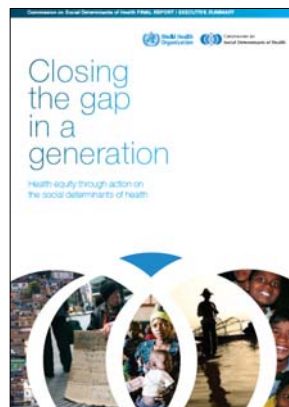


A world where social justice is taken seriously!



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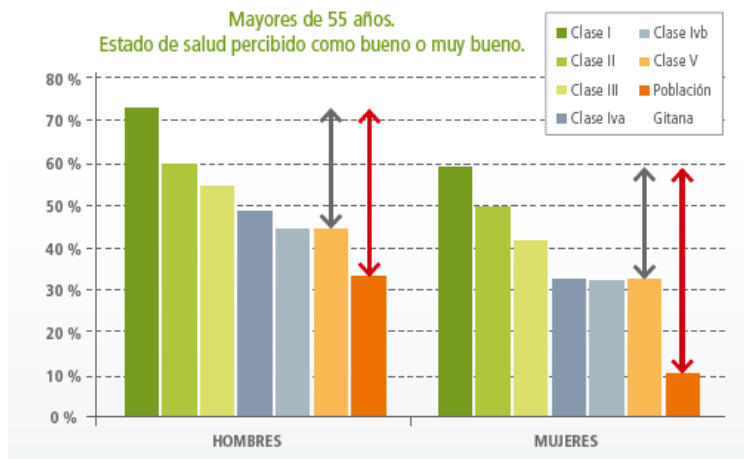
European Review of Social Determinants of Health and the Health Divide



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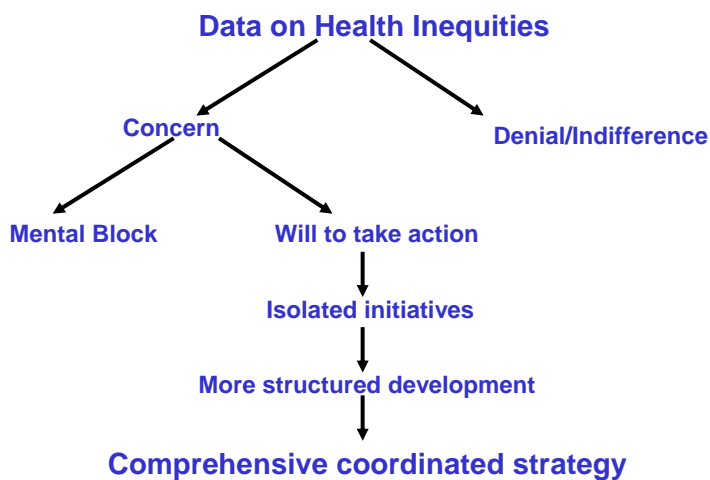
Forthcoming

Perception of Good Health

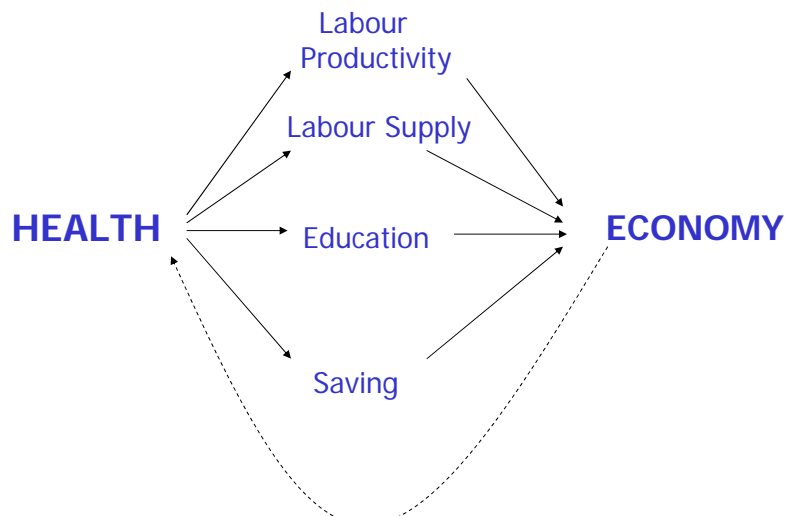


Source: Spanish Min of Health/Comunidad Gitana (2009) Hacia la Equidad en Salud
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Reaction from data

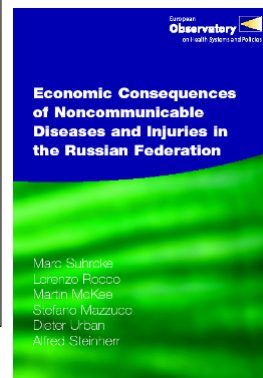


Improving Health is good to Economy

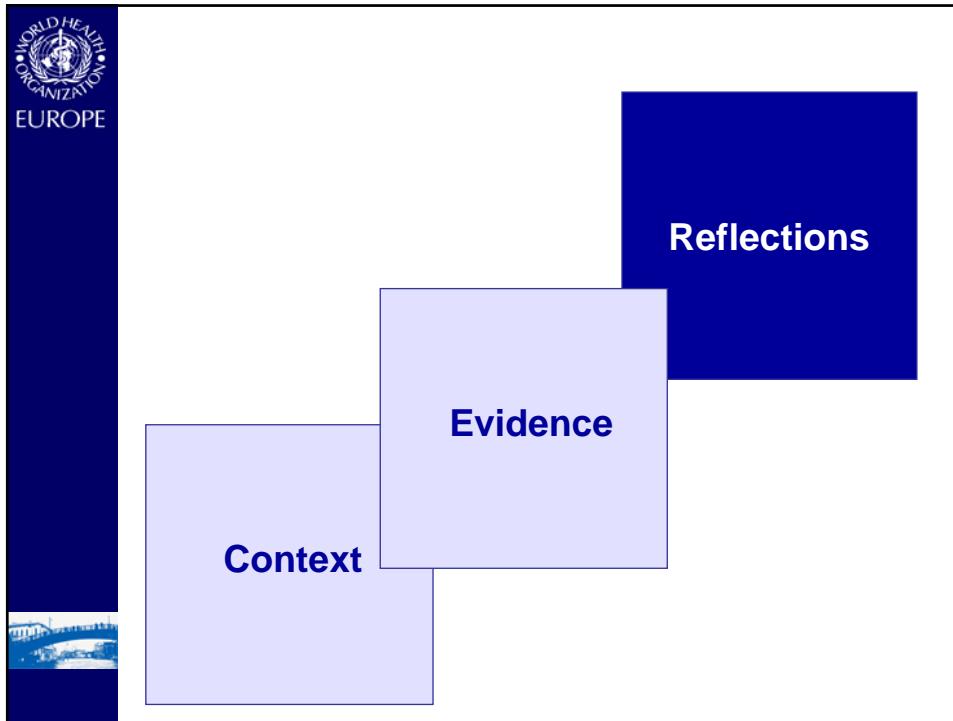


Source: Suhrcke et al. (2005) The contribution of health to the economy in the European Union. Brussels: European Commission.

Scientific Evidence



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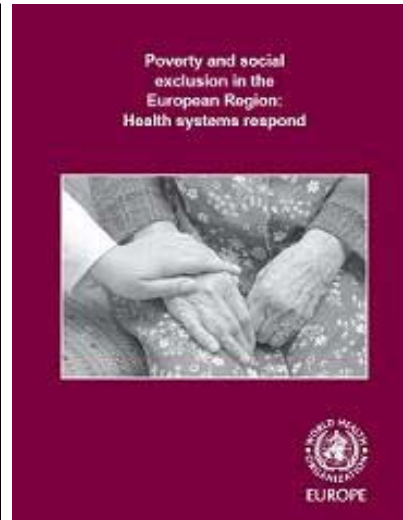
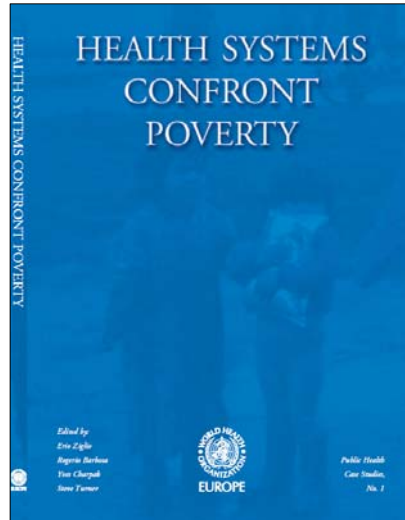


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1. Key to have a strategic plan

- Where do we “produce” health?
- What strategy delivers the highest equitable health gains for the population?
- What strategy delivers good results in reducing health inequities and gives value-added to local/national development?

2. Strengthening Health Systems to address increased vulnerability



Strengthening Health Systems to reduce health inequalities address

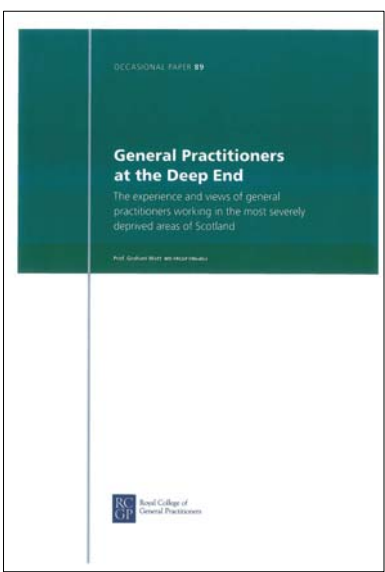
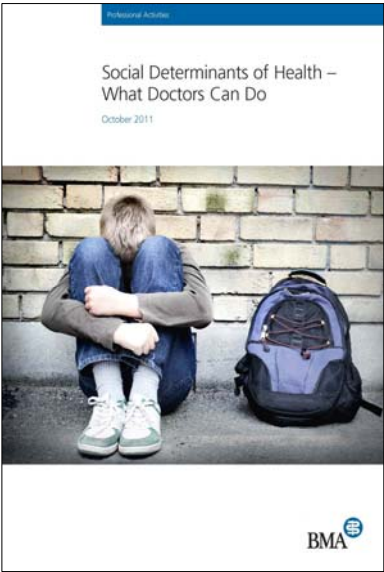
- Access
- Treatment
- Outcome
- Cost

3. Consistency of Action by Health and other Sectors

- Decrease differential exposure
- Decrease differential vulnerability
- Decrease differential access
- Decrease differential consequences
- Increase health "Assets"



Source: Adapted model from Diderichsen (2002) and from Morgan, Davis & Ziglio 2010





Further information:



- To learn more about our work:
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