

BRUSSELS, 10/11 JUNE 2008

EURO-URHIS Conference

IMPROVING HEALTH IN EUROPEAN URBAN AREAS
THE ROLE OF URBAN HEALTH INDICATORS

Tuesday 10 June

Wednesday 11 June

Results of URHIS I

Venue: Committee of the Regions, 99-101, Rue Belliard, Brussels, Belgium
(Room JDE 51)

12:00 **Registration & Coffee**
(‘Urban Health in Europe’ Exhibition Posters)

13:00 **Conference Introduction:**
**‘Improving Health in European Urban Areas: The Role of
Urban Health Indicators’**
Prof. Dick Heller – EURO-URHIS Project Coordinator, UK

Conference objectives:

To present a system of urban health indicators to policy makers and users of data:

- To increase the awareness of the need of urban health indicators.
- To obtain feedback, suggestion and revisions of the EURO-URHIS indicators.
- To develop a plan for implementation of an urban health indicator system.
- To advocate inclusion of urban health in all policies.

This session will give a warm welcome to participants and will provide an introduction to the structure of the conference.

13:10 **Setting the Scene:**
Why fund a project on Urban Health indicators?
Antoni Montserrat – DG SANCO Health Information

13:50 **Introduction to the EURO-URHIS Project**
Prof. Dick Heller – EURO-URHIS Project Coordinator, UK

This session will introduce the vision of EURO-URHIS giving an overview of the initial objectives of the project and explaining how the project has been carried out over the past 2,5 years.

14:00 **Urban Health: The context**
Dr. Erik van Ameijden – Work Package Leader, Netherlands

This session will introduce the context on which EURO-URHIS project was based with other relevant European and international projects, and the links with these partners.



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14.20 Description of Urban Areas

Dr. Wolfgang Hellmeier, Work Package Leader, Germany

This session will describe how to define urban areas, touching on some of the challenges that EURO-URHIS partners encountered on this issue.

14.40 Description of EURO-URHIS 45 Indicators, questionnaire development and qualitative survey

Dr. Jude Robinson, Work Package Leader, UK

This session will build on the EURO URHIS introductory presentation, giving a more in depth view of the creation and identification of the urban health indicators in the project, including the process of arriving at these indicators and developing the questionnaire.

**15.00 Tea and coffee
(‘Urban Health in Europe’ Exhibition Posters)**

15:30 EURO-URHIS 45 indicators: Data collection

Dr. Christopher Birt – Work Package Leader, UK

This session will describe how urban areas were chosen, the definition of urban areas used and the data collection strategy.

15:50 EURO-URHIS: Results

Heidi Lyshol – Work Package Leader, Norway

This session will present the final results of the project including analysis by member state of available Urban Health information.

16:10 Description of the Urban Health Indicator System

Prof. Ioan Bocsan, Work Package Leader, Romania

16:30 Presenting data on urban health using Population Impact Measures

Dr. Arpana Verma - University of Manchester, UK

16:40 Overview of Day 1: A Synopsis of the EURO-URHIS Project

Antoni Montserrat – DG SANCO Health Information

17:00 End



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09:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**
(‘Urban Health in Europe’ Exhibition Posters)

09:30 **Panel Discussion**

Policy implications of health indicators

Chair: Councillor Flo Clucas – Committee of the Regions Member, UK

Why would European urban policy makers need health indicators?

Jean Marie Beaupuy MEP – President of the Urban Housing Intergroup, European Parliament

Health in the URBACT Programme

Jean-Loup Drubigny - Head of URBACT Secretariat

10:30 **Tea and Coffee**

11:30 **Workshops**

Theme: Developing an Urban Health Indicator System

A: How to collect data on Urban Health Indicators (Room JDE 51)

Rapporteur: Andre Ochoa – ISARE Project

Facilitators: Jude Robinson, Wolfgang Hellmeier, Heidi Lyshol

B: How to present data on urban health for evidence based policy making (Room JDE 53)

Rapporteur: Dr. Erik van Ameijden – EURO-URHIS Work Package Leader, Netherlands

Facilitators: Kaspar Bams, Arpana Verma, Perihan Torun, Islay Gemmell

C: How to use a system for urban health indicators to influence policy (Room JDE 70)

Rapporteur: Monika Kosinska – European Public Health Alliance

Facilitators: Dr. Christopher Birt, Ioan Bocsan

12:30 **Networking Lunch**
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Room: Atrium 5



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13.30 Feedback and conclusions of workshops (Room JDE 51)

Chair: Prof. Dick Heller – Project Coordinator, UK

**14:00 EURO URHIS II
Further development of a system of Urban Health Indicators**

Dr. Arpana Verma and Erik van Ameijden – EURO-URHIS II Project Authors, UK

This session will explain how the EURO URHIS project is hoping to transcend into the future through Framework 7 research funding.

**15:00 Tea and coffee
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15.30 Panel Discussion

Where next for urban health?

Chair: Clive Needle - Director - Eurohealthnet

The health of our cities: Why care?

Monika Kosinska – Secretary General – European Public Health Alliance

The role of the European Commission in advancing urban health indicators.

Nick Fahy - Head of Health Information Unit, DG SANCO, European Commission

How will the EURO-URHIS (I and II) projects contribute to better health in urban areas?

Dr. Christopher Birt – EURO-URHIS Work Package Leader, UK

This discussion will provide participants with opportunity to discuss ‘Where next for Urban Health?’ including the progress of the EURO-URHIS project and its potential successor, EURO-URHIS 2. The audience will hear three short interventions from the panel of speakers and will be involved in a discussion, to be chaired by Clive Needle.

16:45 Conference Conclusions

Chair: Prof. Dick Heller – Project Coordinator, UK

This session will allow the Chair to summarise the outcomes of the conference and enable the group to ask any outstanding questions.

17:00 Conference Ends

