



European Urban Health Indicators System Part 2



"Welcome to our sixth newsletter. We are immensely grateful to all our partners for their hard work in completing data collection. Thanks to them, we have the largest set of comparable health data at urban area level and we have over 10 cities still collecting data. Come and join us in Manchester for our workshop and Scientific Advisory Group meeting on 31st January and 1st February 2012, as well as our conference in Amsterdam, 12th-14th September 2012. Why not check our website and register for the events" reports Dr Arpana Verma, co-ordinator and principal investigator of EURO-URHIS 2. The project is co-funded by the European Commission FP7 Programme and aims to develop methodology and validated tools useful to policy makers at all levels to make health gains via evidence based policy decisions for urban populations.

This Newsletter will provide you with the latest information on the project, what is coming up and introduce you to some of the team working in this area!

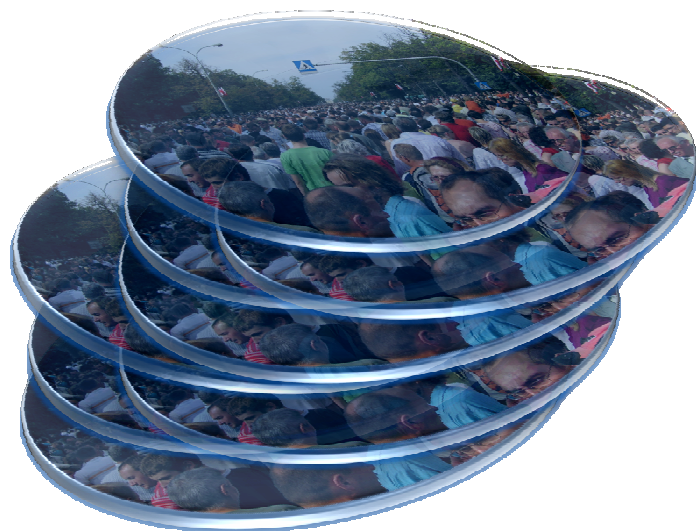


What are the EURO-URHIS 2 Project Objectives?

- To collect data at urban area level
- To provide tools for evidence based policy
- To develop methods for cross-sectional and longitudinal assessment for urban population health, including all relevant determinants of health
- To validate these tools and methods by using existing population-based registries and databases
- To apply the tools in the field and ensure they are easy

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- Urban health indicator data collection complete!
- Recent EURO-URHIS 2 Project Developments
- Details of Manchester workshop
- Information on URHIS 2 Final Conference
- Updated URHIS 2 website!



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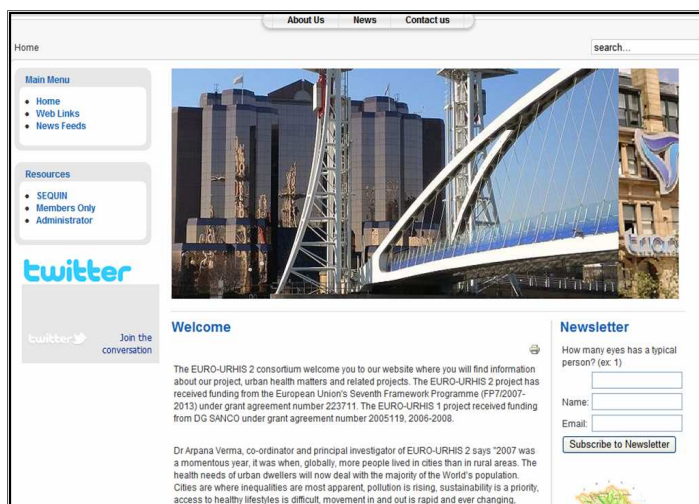
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EURO-URHIS 2 PROJECT PROGRESS



Alongside other developments in the EURO-URHIS 2 project, our website www.urhis.eu has been dramatically updated and improved. We hope that this will improve partners' and interested Stakeholders' experiences on the site and help to attract new colleagues into the world of urban health indicators. The Project has invested into the world of social media through twitter and linked-in, so keep an eye out for press releases, newsletters, event information and our tweets coming up on the site: www.urhis.eu

Data collection from Urban Areas

- ☒ Existing Data Collection
- ☒ Adult Survey
- ☒ Youth Survey

Cities using Urban Audit 'city' definition	Cities using public health administration area
Amsterdam	Ankara
Birmingham	Bistrita
Bordeaux	Hanoi
Bratislava	Ho Chi Min
Cardiff	Iasi
Craiova	Izmir
Dusseldorf	Siauliai
Glasgow	Skopje
Greater Manchester (10 boroughs)	Tetovo
Kaunas	Kuwait City
Koln	Jahara
Kosice	
Ljubljana	
Maribor	
Merseyside (5 boroughs)	
Montpellier	
Oslo	
Utrecht	

The EURO-URHIS 2 project consortium is delighted to announce that data collection on adults and children living in the study urban areas is now complete for the urban areas taking part!

The data has been collected, entered, cleaned and is currently being processed in the Municipal Health Service, Utrecht, led by Dr. Erik van Ameijden. This data is now ready to be used for the production of Urban area profiles. These health profiles will look to describe the health situation of the urban areas (prevalence, problems, trends). This will enable comparisons between countries and urban areas. Dr. Erik van Ameijden (project management team) expressed his gratitude and admiration to partners who have carried out the surveys, often in very difficult circumstances "What a wonderful team, I thoroughly appreciate the hard work that has gone into this section of the project. This data is vital for the whole project and the partners should be proud of their efforts" said Erik.

What are the next steps?



Whilst we are delighted with the progress being made to date, there is still much to do before the finalisation of the project in late 2012. The Municipal Health Service, Utrecht, led by Dr. Erik van Ameijden, will be creating Urban Area Profiles, but prior to that the University of Manchester, led by Dr. Arpana Verma, will set to work on the development and application of aggregate health policy measures. These will be used to impact policy, predict future trends and aid policy makers at all levels. As we head into the final year of the project, the University of Manchester will be developing and maintaining a website for the presentation of urban health data collected throughout the project. This is vital for the presentation of our results to ensure that it will engage public health professionals, researchers, policy makers and the public. Online, interactive tools will be created to facilitate comparison and exchange.

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Upcoming EURO-URHIS 2 Events



University of Manchester, February 2012 — A further workshop, led by the University of Liverpool, will allow policy makers the opportunity to learn about the application of urban health indicator information in relation to effective policy making. Policy makers will have the opportunity to discuss the optimum use of information with experts and colleagues from across Europe identifying barriers and enablers to using contemporaneous health data such as that provided by the EURO-URHIS 2 project. The workshop is relevant to anyone who is involved in policy decision making with an interest in health.

Register here: www.urhis.eu

EURO-URHIS 2 Final Conference announced!



Professor Arnoud Verhoeff from the University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Health Service is leading the Final Conference of the European Commission co-funded project, **European Urban Health Indicator System 2 (EURO-URHIS 2)**. **The conference will take place in the Felix Meritis European Centre for Arts, Culture & Science, Amsterdam on 12-14 September 2012** and will showcase the results of the project to an audience of over 250 people. At the conference one of the highlights is certain to be the publishing of city and country profiles, allowing comparison between urban health indicators in urban areas across Europe. Training will also be provided on how to use these profiles and other results and tools created by the project, with the ultimate aim of project recommendations being truly integrated into policy making at local, regional, national and European levels.



Professor Verhoeff is leading the local organising Committee. The conference organisers will

work closely with the International Society of Urban Health, the European Society of Public Health, and the Healthy Cities Network of WHO Europe in the build up to the conference and will encourage best practice showcasing from urban areas, urban health projects and networks at the conference itself. All parties interested in urban health across Europe will be invited to attend or contribute.

Dr. Arpana Verma, the EURO-URHIS 2 project leader commented *"Through the EURO URHIS 2 project we hope to raise awareness and promote the use of urban health indicators by providing easy-to-use tools for evidence based policies affecting urban populations. These urban health indicators are vital for informing the public and decision-makers about key urban challenges and can be used as tools for creating a strategy to support urban sustainability. Our final conference in September 2012 will present the tools, recommendations and wider results from four years of hard work and research in this area."*



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In other news...



5th European Public Health Conference

The European Public Health Association (EUPHA), the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) and the Malta Association of Public Health Medicine (MAPHM) are pleased to host the 5th joint conference combining the 20th annual EUPHA meeting and 34th annual ASPHER meeting in Malta between the 8th and 10th November 2012.

The European Public Health Conference aims to contribute to the improvement of public health in Europe by offering a means for exchanging information and a platform for debate to researchers, policy makers, and practitioners in the field of public health and health services research as well as public health training and education in Europe.

For more information: www.eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php

The First WHO European Conference on the New European Policy for Health

The First WHO European Conference on the New European Policy for Health, organized by WHO/Europe and hosted by Israel, is an important milestone in the development of the Health 2020 policy that the European Region plans to endorse formally in September 2012.

It has been recognized that most of the major public health challenges, including noncommunicable diseases and inequalities in health, cannot be addressed effectively without coordinated action across sectors at the global, European, national and local levels. One of the core aims of the new European policy for health – Health 2020 – is to promote and strengthen innovative ways of working across sector and agency boundaries for health and well-being. This also implies involving new stakeholders, actively exploring new means, and creating new partnerships while enriching existing ones.

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