



European Urban Health Indicators System Part 2



"Welcome to our seventh newsletter. We look forward to welcoming you to Amsterdam for our final conference. After 4 years of hard work, we are now entering into our final phase of the project and we will be showcasing our findings at the European Urban Health Conference on September 12th-14th.

It is at this point that I must thank all of our partners from across Europe and around the globe for helping us to get to the stage we are at now. We are excited by the results we have found, and we hope that you will find them as interesting as ourselves." 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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You can be kept up to date with the developments of the project, and the results website will be online soon....



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European Urban Health Conference



The European Urban Health Conference will showcase the results of our extensive research into individual level urban health indicators. The EURO-URHIS 2 study has resulted in the **largest depository of individual level urban health data in the world** and the conference will be the first chance to see the results and some of the conclusions from the analysis, with a view to helping develop urban health policy.

The EURO-URHIS 2 study encompasses 44 cities in 14 different countries from the European Union and beyond. Nearly 50,000 people have been surveyed on over 100 indicators of urban health. As a result, we have the first directly comparable data on urban health indicators between different urban areas.

We are expecting delegates from around the world for this conference, **with guest speakers from the World Health Organisation, the International Society for Urban Health and the European Public Health Association**. It will be an excellent opportunity to network with, and see presentations from experts in urban health who do not normally present in Europe.

As well as the talks from guest speakers and members of the EURO-URHIS 2 team, there will be workshops. These will include:

- Training of the EURO-URHIS 2 health indicators and other resources
- A demonstration of the implementation of urban health indicators
- Knowledge exchange and best practice for urban health monitoring methodology, analyses and reporting
- Up to date urban health policy development
- A showcase for your research and impact measures, best practice and ideas for future work



European Urban Health Conference: From Research To Policy
Felix Meritis, Amsterdam. September 12-14th

Special Guest Speakers

Barbara Kerstiöns, DG Research and Innovation
Megumi Kano, World Health Organisation Kobe Centre, Japan
Amit Prasad, World Health Organisation Kobe Centre, Japan
Waleska Caiaffa, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil
Mark McCarthy, University College London, England
Carlos Castillo-Salgado, John Hopkins University, USA
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Health Profiles



The EURO-URHIS 2 team have now analysed the data from the data collection phase of the project. Some of the most important indicators have been chosen for each area and Health Profiles have been created for each chosen Urban Area. The profiles give a comparable insight into the health status and determinants of health within the area, as well as allowing for comparisons with the other urban areas that have featured in the EURO-URHIS 2 project.

These profiles will be available to download after the official launch at our final conference in Amsterdam, September 12th-14th.

We are grateful to the Erik van Ameijden and his team in Utrecht for the development of the Health Profiles, and to Nicola Dale (University of Manchester) for the design of the profiles.

If you require any further information regarding the Health Profiles, please e-mail eurourhis2@manchester.ac.uk



Areas covered by the Health Profiles:

Tromso
Liepaja
Skopje
Maribor
Bratislava
Greater Manchester

Oslo
Riga
Tetovo
Ljubljana
Kosice

Utrecht
Birmingham
Merseyside
Amsterdam
Bistrita

Kaunas
Cardiff
Koln
Bordeaux
Cariova

Siauliai
Glasgow
Oberhausen
Montpellier
Iasi

Meet The Team

Arnoud Verhoeff

Arnoud has been head of the department of Epidemiology, Documentation and Health Promotion of the Public Health Service Amsterdam, the Netherlands, since 1996. Since 2006 he was appointed as the professor of Urban Health and Health Care at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Arnoud is in charge of the EURO-URHIS 2 final conference and has been working over the last two years to bring the project to a successful conclusion.



Come and meet all of the EURO-URHIS 2 team at the European Urban Health Conference in Amsterdam, September 12-14th.



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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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