



# European Urban Health Indicators System Part 2



*"It is with great sadness, but also a sense of pride that the EURO-URHIS 2 project is coming to an end. The project is now coming to a close after four brilliant years of research. Drawing together all of the important elements from our brilliant consortium of researchers from across Europe has now left us with something that we should all be feeling proud of. Our showcase of results at the European Urban Health Conference in Amsterdam just demonstrated how much hard work has gone into this project from so many people. The results were fascinating and the feedback we received was inspiringly positive. I hope that when you visit our results website <http://results.urhis.eu> you will take note of how important the results can be and what a great achievement this has been"* 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.



## 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 and intuitive to use by policy makers

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**You can be kept up to date with the developments of the project, and the results website can be found at:**

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## European Urban Health Conference



Current President of the International Society on Urban Health, Professor Waleska Teixeira Caiffa, addresses the delegates at the European Urban Health Conference

The European Urban Health Conference took place in Amsterdam between September 12th and 14th. The event showcased the results from the EURO-URHIS 2 project.

A series of plenary lectures from world-renowned researchers were accompanied by parallel sessions from successful applicants from across the world. Delegates discussed all things urban health related, from research translated to policy in the communities of Brazil, to Geographical Information Systems in urban research and practice.

Delegates feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and more detailed information about the conference can be found at [www.urhis.eu](http://www.urhis.eu) by clicking the link labelled "Events".



The results from the EURO-URHIS 2 project were covered by local, national and international media outlets across the world. Members of the team conducted television and radio interviews, whilst the results were displayed on websites and in newspapers across Europe and beyond. Media outlets featuring the project included the BBC, Sky News, and La Figaro to name but a few.

Why not take a look at our results website and see what the press is talking about? The dataset is the largest individual level urban health indicator dataset in the world. It is also completely comparable between the urban areas involved in the study.

You can also download urban area specific health profiles on the website.



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## International News Coverage

**See what the International Press is talking about.**

**The EURO-URHIS 2 results are out now!**

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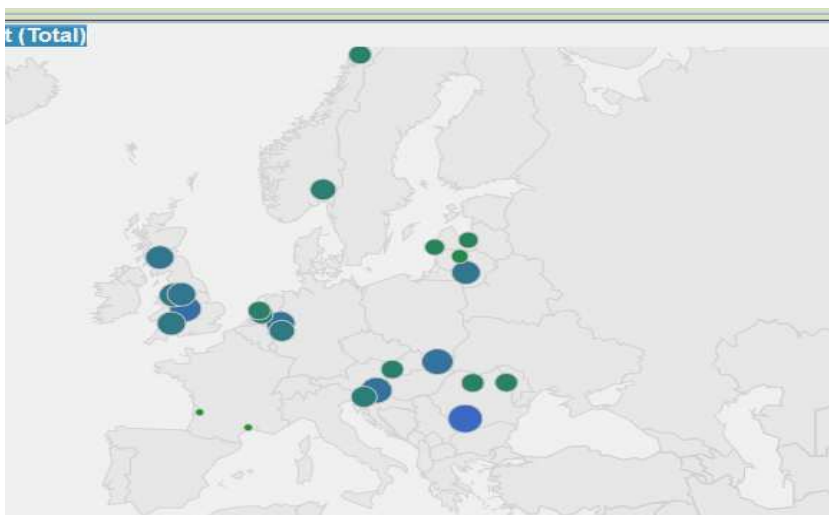
# Results Website

<http://results.urhis.eu>



The Utrecht team, including Emmy Koster, Rianne de Gelder, Laurens van Burens, and led by Erik van Ameijden, have now analysed the data from the data collection phase of the project. You can visit the results website and find all of the information broken down between Urban Areas and indicators.

It gives you the exclusive EURO-URHIS 2 information, as well as existing data and country level information. The website gives you the opportunity to see the data in respect to other URHIS cities, and it allows you to visualise it in graphical format, or as a percentage. There is also a map of Europe showing the results allowing for geo-analysis. We must also thank Mike Donmall and his NDEC team for letting EURO-URHIS 2 use his popular ViewIt platform for displaying all of our data, which was carefully uploaded by Mahesh Patel.



**The geographical section of the results website**

## European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

EURO-URHIS 2 work was presented at the European Public Health Conference in Malta 2012 to critical acclaim. Those that presented were Emmy Koster, Laurens van Burens, Rianne de Gelder, Annie Harrison, Heather Gifford and Martina Behanova.

Urban Health as well represented at this year's conference and you can find news, views and join the Urban Health section of EUPHA at <http://tinyurl.com/EUPHUrbanHealth>

## Meet The Team

Dr Dan Pope is a Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology base at The Department of Public Health and Policy, University of Liverpool. Dan led the training workpackage for EURO-URHIS 2, an integral part of the project. Initially 3 workshops were conducted involving study partners to ensure that the UHI data collection phase of the project was conducted in optimum, scientific and standardised way. He then led 3 workshops involving policy makers and health professionals to identify the most impactful way of disseminating EURO-URHIS 2 results to influence policy and maximise health gain in EU urban areas. When asked about his experiences of EURO-URHIS 2 Dan said:

"A highlight of the project for me has been the opportunity for collaboration with inspiring and motivated European colleagues with diverse interests in urban health. To have achieved such a comprehensive, comparable UHI dataset across such heterogeneous urban settings reflects the quality and dedication of the EURO-URHIS 2 steering group and project partners."



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## from the EURO-URHIS 2 team



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## Festival of 2013 Public Health UK

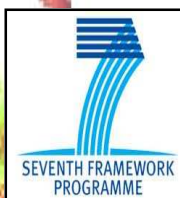
Following on from the hugely successful Festival of Public Health UK that the University of Manchester held in 2012, there will now be a second Festival in early spring of 2013. The

festival draws a wide range of Public Health professionals, students and many other interested parties from related fields, to discuss public health from the grass roots level and upwards.

## ICUH 2014 Manchester

In March 2014, Manchester will be the host city of the International Conference on Urban

Health. ICUH is recognised as the premier non-governmental global forum for urban health issues and attracts multidisciplinary scientists, practitioners, development partners and various national and regional senior policymakers in health, population, finance and planning from around the world. The ICUH meetings provide an international forum for knowledge exchange among urban health stakeholders, with the ultimate goal of mobilising and energising like-minded professionals to address the effects of urbanisation and urban environments on the health of urban populations.



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