WHO health information and evidence portal

Why launch the portal?

As the leading voice in health-related issues in the WHO European Region, the WHO Regional Office for Europe recognized the need for a one-stop shop for integrated health information, to host and coordinate access to key data in one place. The health information and evidence portal provides quantitative and related qualitative information from WHO, other relevant organizations and partners, and is available in both English and Russian.

The portal covers policy-relevant themes such as the WHO European health policy framework, Health 2020; noncommunicable diseases; healthy ageing; antimicrobial resistance; the environment and health; and health inequalities.

How it works

The portal is organized by theme, and users can gather information using pre-selected indicators and new tools for data visualization and display. Each theme contains the following sections:

- organizations and projects involved
- tools and methods
- evidence and good practices
- policy and analysis
- visualizations and indicators.
The portal enables individuals and organizations to obtain policy-relevant information on all areas of health, from within and outside the health sector.

**New country health profiles**

The portal also offers new profiles on health in the 53 countries in the European Region. Each profile contains new information and health data in new formats, all accessible in one place. This allows an overview for each country, across health topics ranging from trends in life expectancy to premature mortality from lung cancer and the activities and resources of health systems; figures for the country are compared to average figures for the European Region and other subregions. Total figures are also available by disease/health topic.

The WHO Regional Office for Europe will launch the portal with live demonstrations, highlighting Health 2020 and other health-related topics, at the 64th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe. Users can access the portal at [http://portal.euro.who.int](http://portal.euro.who.int).

The development of the portal constitutes a pillar of the European Health Information Initiative, created by the WHO Regional Office for Europe to enhance dissemination of health information.

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