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Plenary Session 3

Health in all policies and social determinants of health and inequalities

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Health in all policies

The overall goal is to search for practical policy options or specific arrangements to maximize the positive health impact of all policies.

A fast-changing European context for health
Health and other policies

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WHO ministerial conferences

- 2010: environment and health, Parma, Italy
- 2006: counteracting obesity, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2005: mental health, Helsinki, Finland
- 2004: environment and health, Budapest, Hungary
- 2002: tobacco-free Europe, Warsaw, Poland
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Prospects and potentials

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Social determinants of health

Closing the gap in a generation

Interim first report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region

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Life expectancy at birth, in years

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8–10 years’ difference in life expectancy

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The distribution of money, power and resources shapes the circumstances in which people are born, grow, live, work and age...
Types of interventions on the social determinants of health (SDH)

- Upstream
- Midstream
- Downstream
Health 2020: a new WHO European policy for health

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Health in all policies today

- A way of working
  (e.g. whole-government approach)

- Adjusting other policies for health
  (e.g. win–win solutions)

- Regulating for health in other sectors
  (e.g. tobacco legislation)
Regulating for health in other sectors

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Adjusting other policies for health

Finland

Slovenia


A whole-government approach

Health Inequalities Task Force (www.scotland.gov.uk)
Impact of health in all policies

1. Cooperation
2. Coordination
3. Integrated policies

- Joint new policy
- Adjusted and more efficient sectoral policies
- More efficient sectoral policies

The health sector can act as:

– leader
– partner
– supporter
– defender
Increase performance through synergy between health and development

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Lesson 1. Strengthening the health system

• Sufficient capacity in terms of personnel

• With adequate training and sufficient mandates and responsibilities allotted to them

• Explicit cross-government priority given to public health

Lesson 2. Possible barriers

- Information tools
- Institutional arrangements
- Financial mechanisms
- Legislation and regulations
- Accountability frameworks
Lesson 3. Enabling conditions

✓ Solid argumentation base for health

✓ Policy sectors involved have the capacity (mandate, skills and knowledge) to take action

✓ Sectors have developed a relationship on which to base planned action based on trust and respect

✓ Roles and responsibilities are clear

✓ Positive media coverage and public support
Lesson 4. Health as part of development

Health development

Social development

Economic development

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