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The RHN launches newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of the WHO Regions for Health Network (RHN) newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about the different activities, events and publications under RHN, thereby contributing to the dissemination of information about best practices on public health at regional level.

The newsletter is published by the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development in Venice, Italy, in collaboration with the members of RHN.

FIT-2: addressing the impact of the economic crisis on public health

17-22 November 2013, Florence, Italy



The 2nd Florence International Training (FIT-2) Course is one of the main RHN activities, which is organized by the Tuscany region in Italy and the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development in Venice. The course aims to provide an intersectoral and interregional platform for public health professionals and students to discuss public health. The theme was the "impact of the economic crisis on the determinants of health and response strategies in Europe". The topic was analysed from different perspectives, from pure economics to migration to responses at regional level.

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Upcoming Events

RHN publication on regional health and development

This publication focuses on processes for incorporating the issue of health inequities in regional plans on health and development based on experiences from the Västra Götaland region in Sweden. Preparation of the publication is led by Göran Henriksson, Senior Public Health Advisor, European Regional and Local Health Authorities (EUREGHA), who is coordinating knowledge development on how to foster and sustain regional commitment on health equity.

Workshop on transferability of public health interventions

The Meuse-Rhine Euroregion is preparing a workshop on transferability of public health interventions to be held in early 2014. The workshop will map and analyse experiences on scaling up regional projects and on adapting national and European projects to regional contexts. The target group for the activities are policy-makers, project managers and scientific professionals, who will discuss what it takes to successfully adapt and implement projects that have proved to be effective in other regional contexts. The results of the workshop will be published.

Capacity building opportunity

The WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening is preparing its annual Course on Health Financing. The 2014 course will address the topic of universal health coverage and review policy instruments to improve health systems performance. Among the course faculty are experts from Imperial College London, the Ministry of National Resources of Hungary, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), WHO/Europe and WHO headquarters. The course will take place from 10 to 14 March 2014 in Barcelona, Spain. [Read more...](#)

RHN participates in the 6th European Public Health Conference

13-16 November 2013, Brussels, Belgium

"Health in Europe: are we there yet? Learning from the past, building the future". This was the topic chosen by the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) for the 2013 European Public Health Conference. The event was attended by over 1300 delegates from more than 55 countries worldwide. Plenary sessions and workshops addressed a broad range of public health topics, where RHN activities were also presented.

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RHN meets in Cardiff

10-11 October 2013, Cardiff, United Kingdom



RHN held the first meeting of its new phase of development. The meeting took place in the context of the Welsh Public Health Conference 2013, at the Wales Millennium Centre. The First Minister of Wales, the Right Honourable Carwyn Jones AM,

welcomed RHN and opened the floor with a motivating speech on public health. This is not the first time the members travelled to the capital of Wales. In 1991, the Cardiff City Hall held a RHN meeting right before the network was officially launched in Düsseldorf, Germany the following year.

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Recently Published

Health and environment: communicating the risk



This report presents the results of a workshop on the management and communication of environmental risks organized by WHO/Europe and the Autonomous Province of Trento. It builds on the

presentations and discussions from the workshop and presents a series of key messages useful to regional and local authorities, as well as to risk managers in general. The report is available in English and Russian and the Autonomous Province of Trento will release it in Italian soon.

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