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**Regions working together to improve health and wellbeing through equity, strategic delivery alliances and good governance.**

## The Autonomous Province of Trentino develops a regional health plan focusing on health promotion and a participatory approach

The Italian Autonomous Province of Trentino is developing its health plan, in line with the WHO Health 2020 policy framework at regional level by: drawing greater attention to the social determinants of health, population health conditions and risk factors; and implementing whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches through the involvement of several sectors and the local community.

## Tackling health inequalities in Europe: the role of European regions

Five recommendations on what the European Union (EU) can do to support the work done at local and regional levels were presented at a seminar entitled "Tackling health inequalities in Europe".

## Regions for Health Network renaissance



Members of the Regions for Health Network (RHN), representing 25 regions from 20 countries across the WHO European Region, met in Florence, Italy on 20-22 October 2014 to

discuss cross-cutting public health issues from a subnational perspective.

## Upcoming events

### WONCA Rural Health Conference 2015

April 15-18, 2015, Dubrovnik, Croatia

The Croatian Coordination of Family Physicians (KoHOM), the conference host, wishes to show that all problems in rural medicine can be resolved by the combined strength of people dedicated to improving the lives of rural populations. This is in line with the conference theme, "Breaking down barriers, bringing people together".

### eHealth Week 2015

11-13 May 2015, Riga, Latvia

Taking place during the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, eHealth Week 2015 comprises two main events: the High Level eHealth Conference, organized by the Latvian Ministry of Health and the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and WoHIT (World of Health IT Conference & Exhibition) organized by HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) Europe.

### 14th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy

22-25 June 2015, Athens, Greece

The aim of the conference, organized by the Health Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), is to bring together academics, researchers and professionals in health economics, management and policy. Panel organizers, presenters, session chairs and observers are requested. The deadline for abstract submissions is 2 March 2015.

## Recently published

### Tackling health inequities: from concepts to practice. The experience of Vastra Gotaland



Despite remarkable health gains, inequities persist between and within countries in the WHO European Region, and Sweden is no exception. Actions to effectively tackle health inequities need to be carried out at all levels of government. Regions have a key role to play because they are close to their populations and have the power

and skills to develop efficient public health policies that may help to reduce health disparities by

## Sicily presents the first contingency plan in the European Region to address the public health needs of large immigration



Sicily has become the pioneer in the WHO European Region in the development of an operational strategy to respond to the public health implications of sudden and large arrivals of immigrants. This document was produced by the regional health authorities of Sicily, with the technical assistance of the WHO/Europe project Public Health Aspects of Migration in Europe.

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