

# The European Action Plan for Strengthening Public Health

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# Strengthening Public Health Services and Capacity across the European Region

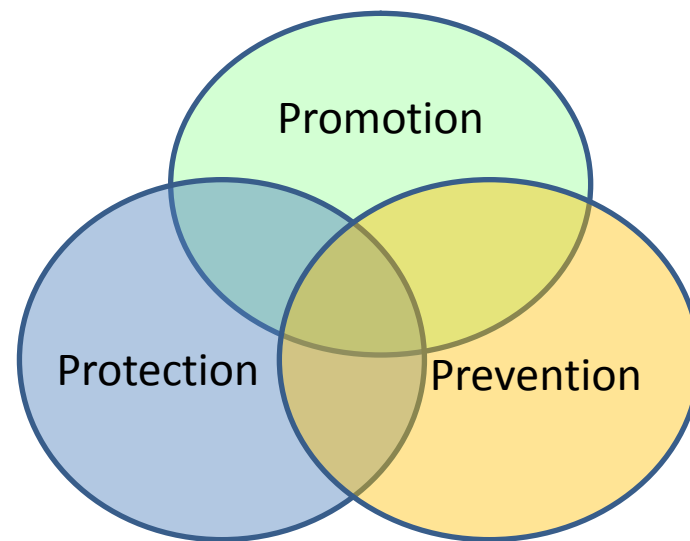
Regional  
Committee  
Approval

- Resolution
- European Action Plan
- Including 10 Essential Public Health Operations

Supported by  
Background Documents

- Review of public health services and capacity
- Review of Legal and Policy Tools and Instruments
- Review of institutional models for delivering public health services

VISION:  
Sustainable Health and Well being

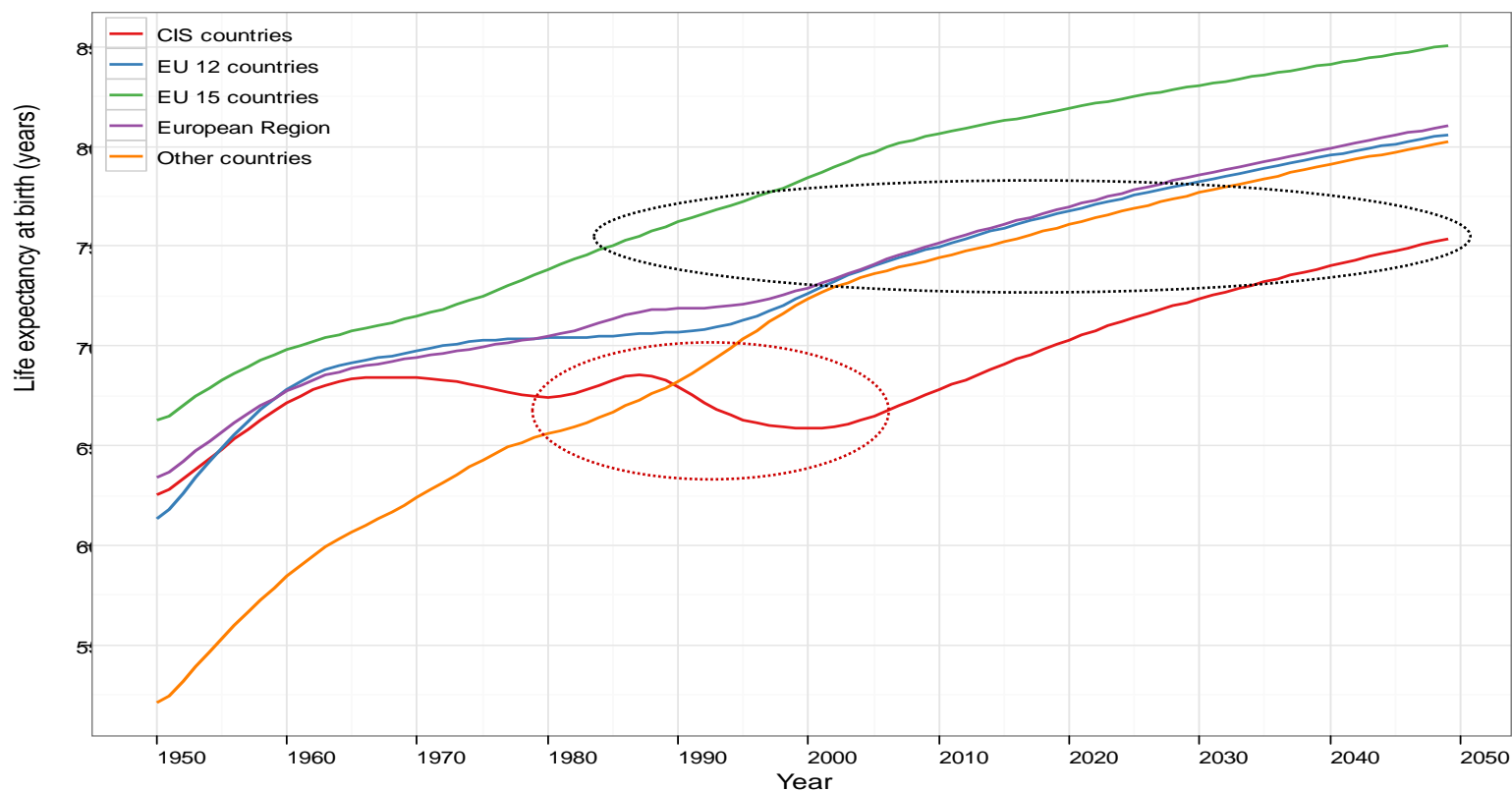


PURPOSE: Strengthen integrated public health services and reduce inequalities

# Public Health Challenges for the European Region – A Public Health Service for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- *Inequalities and the Economic crisis*
- *Globalisation, migration and urbanisation*
- *Environmental degradation and Climate Change*
- *Public Health emergencies*
- *Changes in lifestyle behaviours and increasing prevalence of non-Communicable Diseases*
- *Emerging and re-emerging communicable diseases*

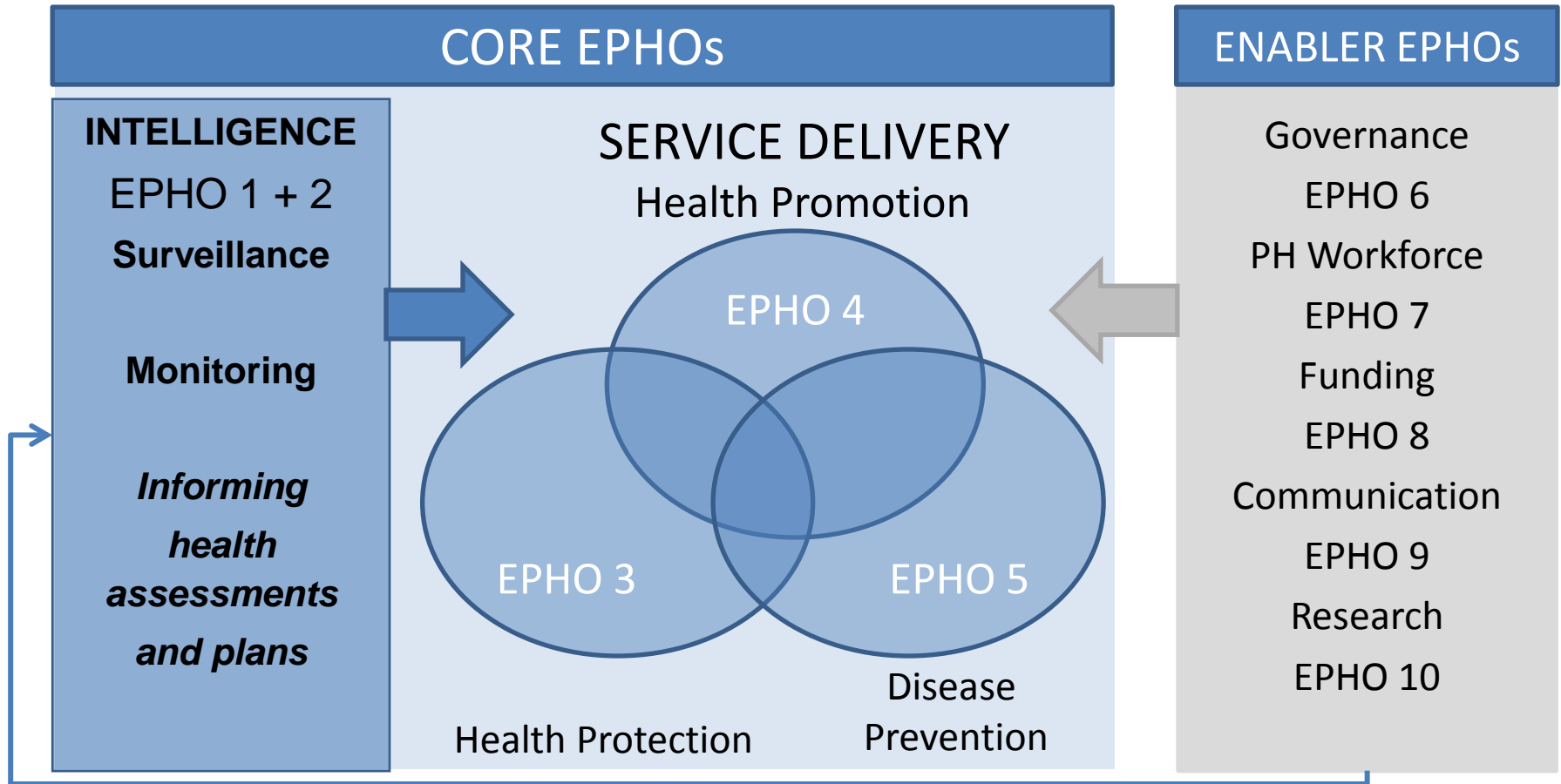
# Life expectancy in European country groups in 1950-2045: population health improvement and ageing



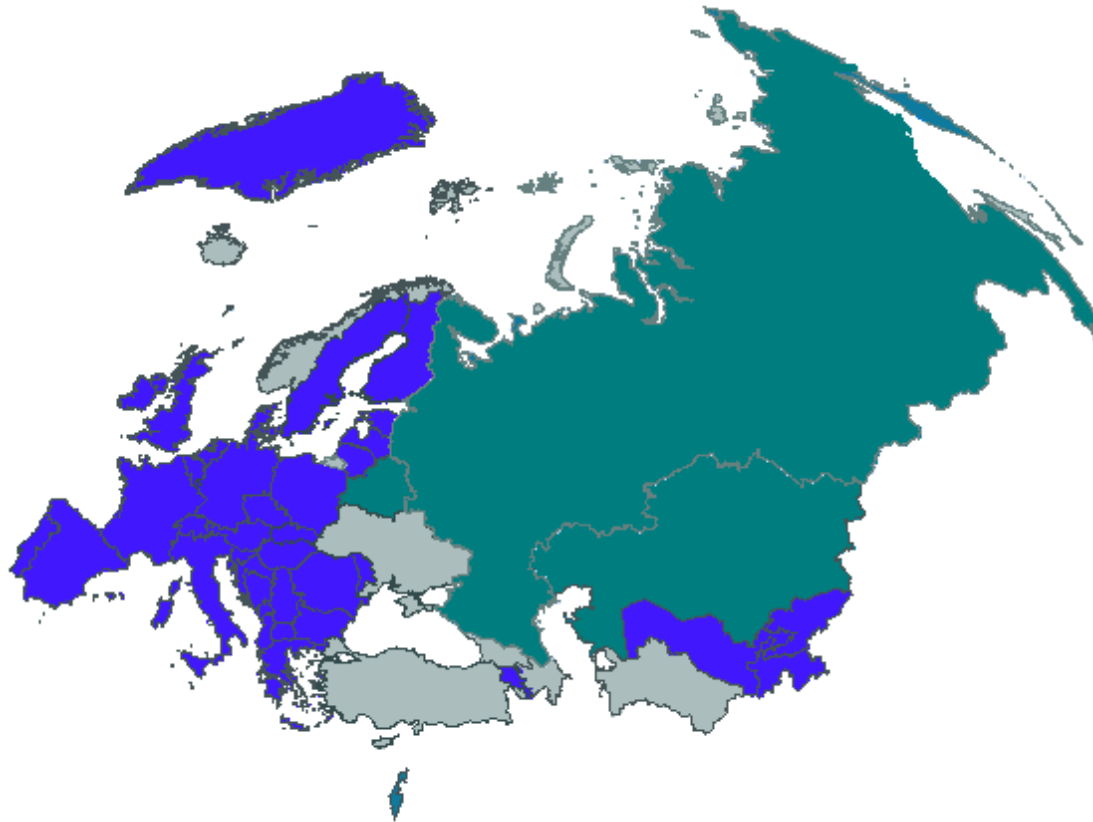
Source: UN Population Division, World Population Prospects 2008

# Clustering of Essential Public Health Operations (EPHOs) - to deliver Public Health services

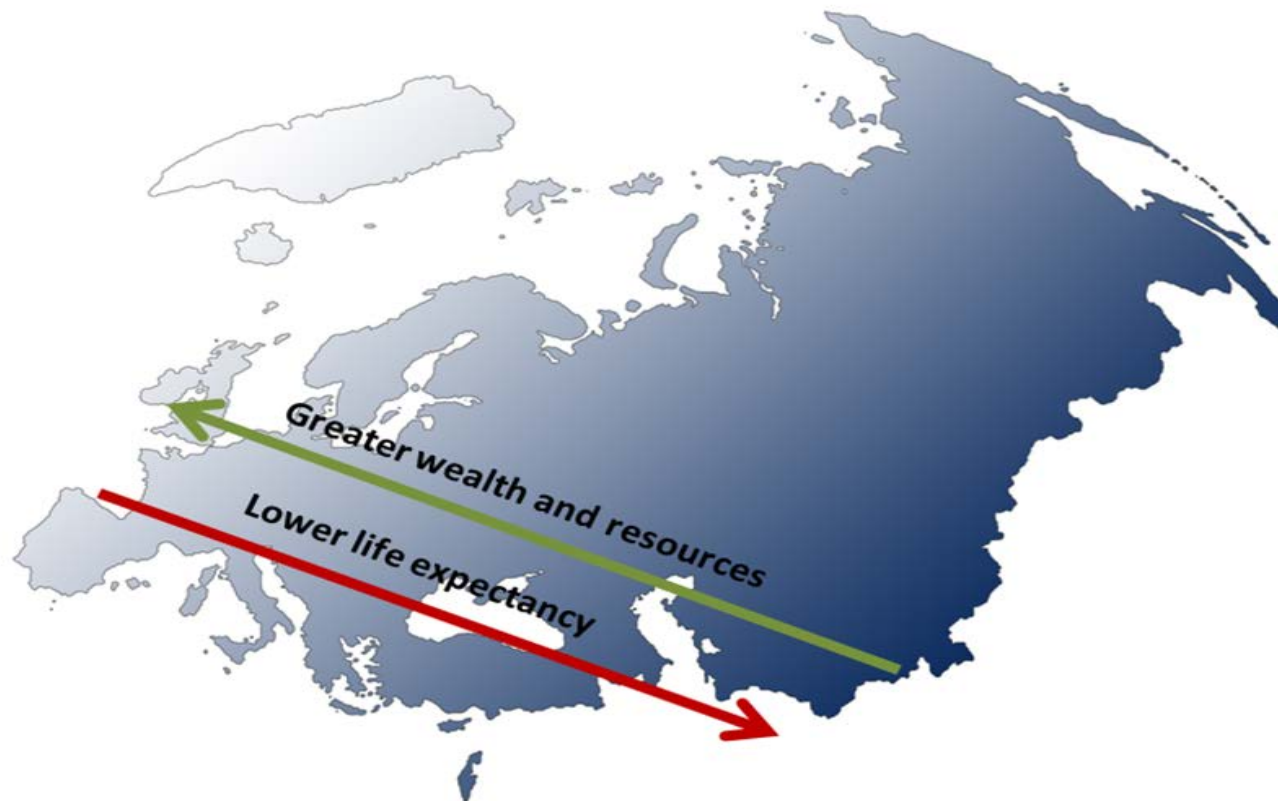
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# WHO European country assessments



Where there are greater health inequalities there are generally less well developed public health services and capacities



# Public Health Challenges in Europe and the EPHOs that especially need to be strengthened

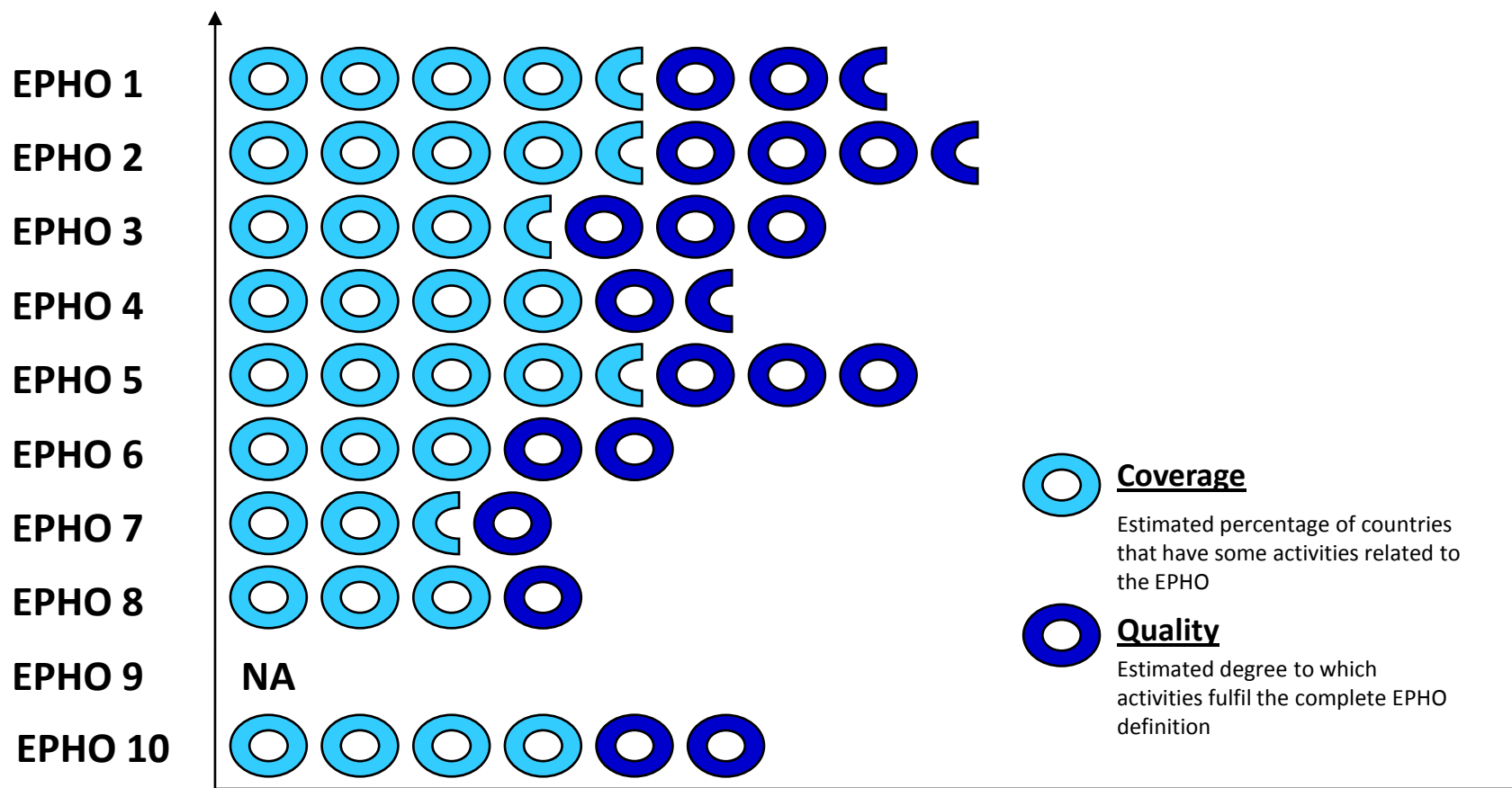
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**PH Challenges**

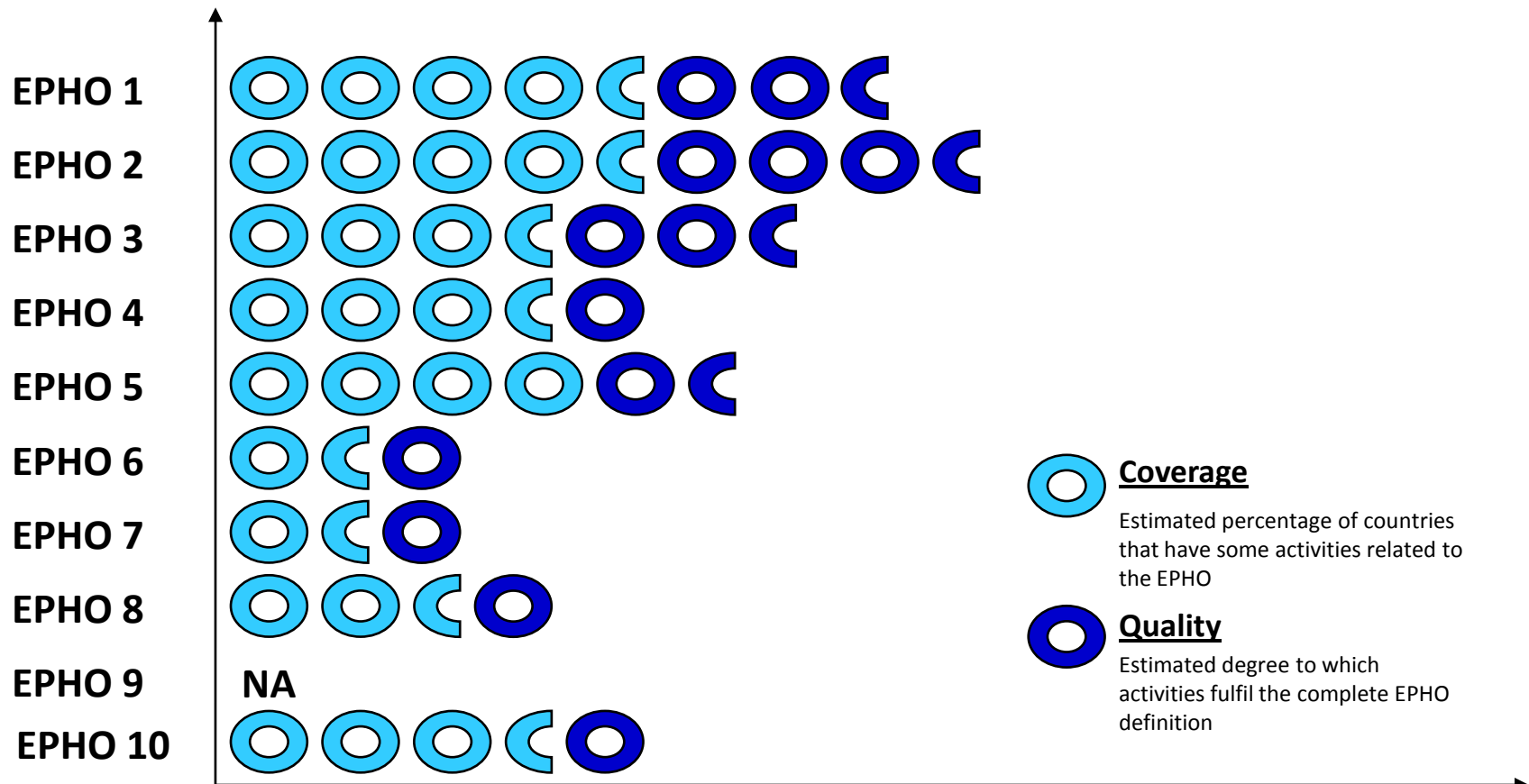
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<i>Inequalities</i>	Relevant	Some relevance	Relevant	Strongest relevance	Some relevance	Strongest relevance	Some relevance	Relevant	Relevant	Some relevance	
<i>The Economic crisis</i>	Some relevance	Some relevance	Some relevance	Relevant	Some relevance	Strongest relevance	Some relevance	Strongest relevance	Relevant	Some relevance	
<i>Globalisation and migration</i>	Some relevance	Strongest relevance	Strongest relevance	Relevant	Some relevance	Some relevance	Some relevance	Some relevance	Some relevance	Some relevance	
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<i>Lifestyle behaviours and non-Communicable Diseases</i>	Relevant	Some relevance	Some relevance	Strongest relevance	Strongest relevance	Relevant	Some relevance	Some relevance	Relevant	Some relevance	
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# Estimate of coverage and quality of EPHOs across the WHO European Region



# Estimate of coverage and quality of EPHOs in CIS countries



# Evaluation results NIS

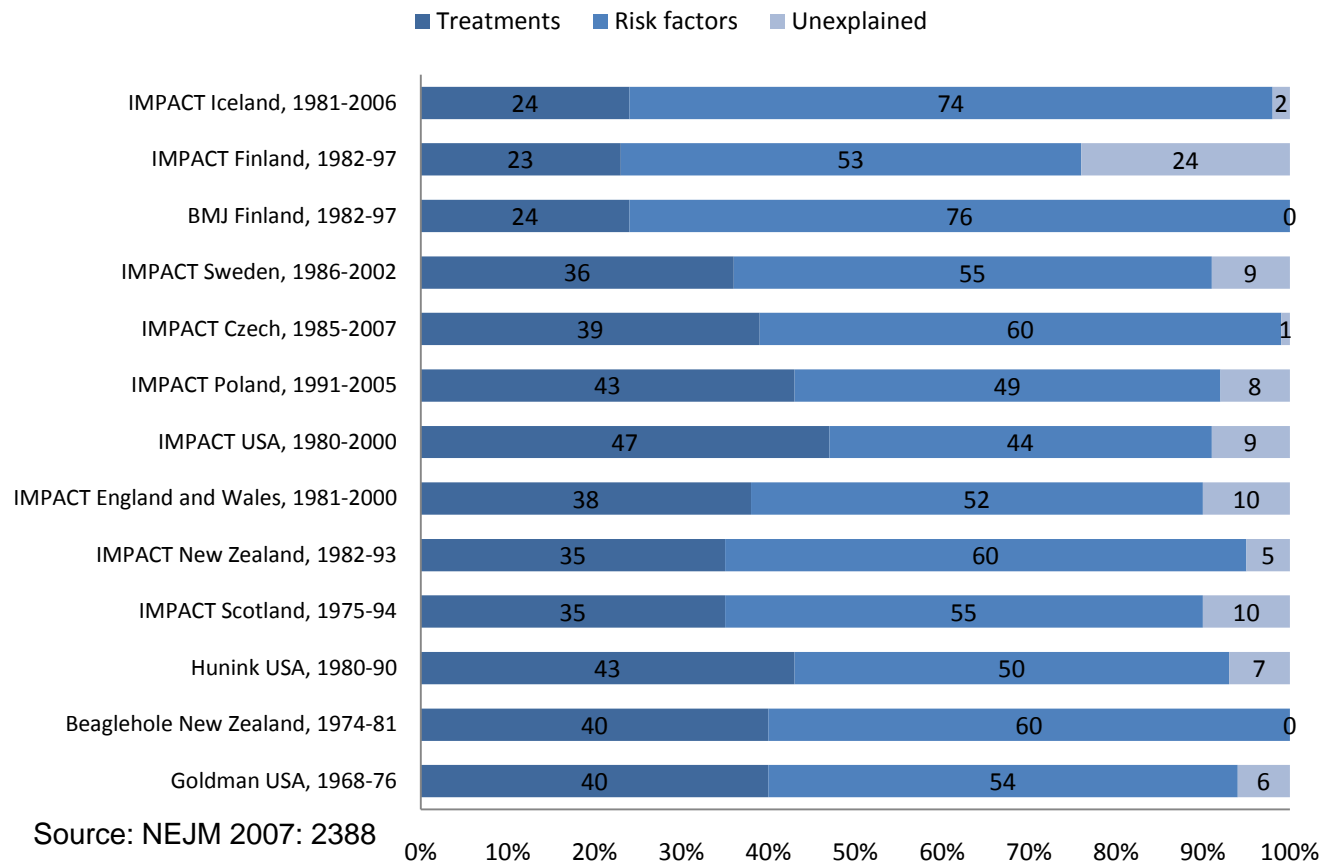
## Strengths

- Food and water safety, hygiene-related measures and control, environmental health regulations, occupational health remain as major responsibilities of PHS
- Prevention of infectious diseases, particularly through vaccination
- Initial important efforts in inter-sectoral cooperation, including the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Culture and Sports, the State Environmental Protection Agency, NGOs and the media.

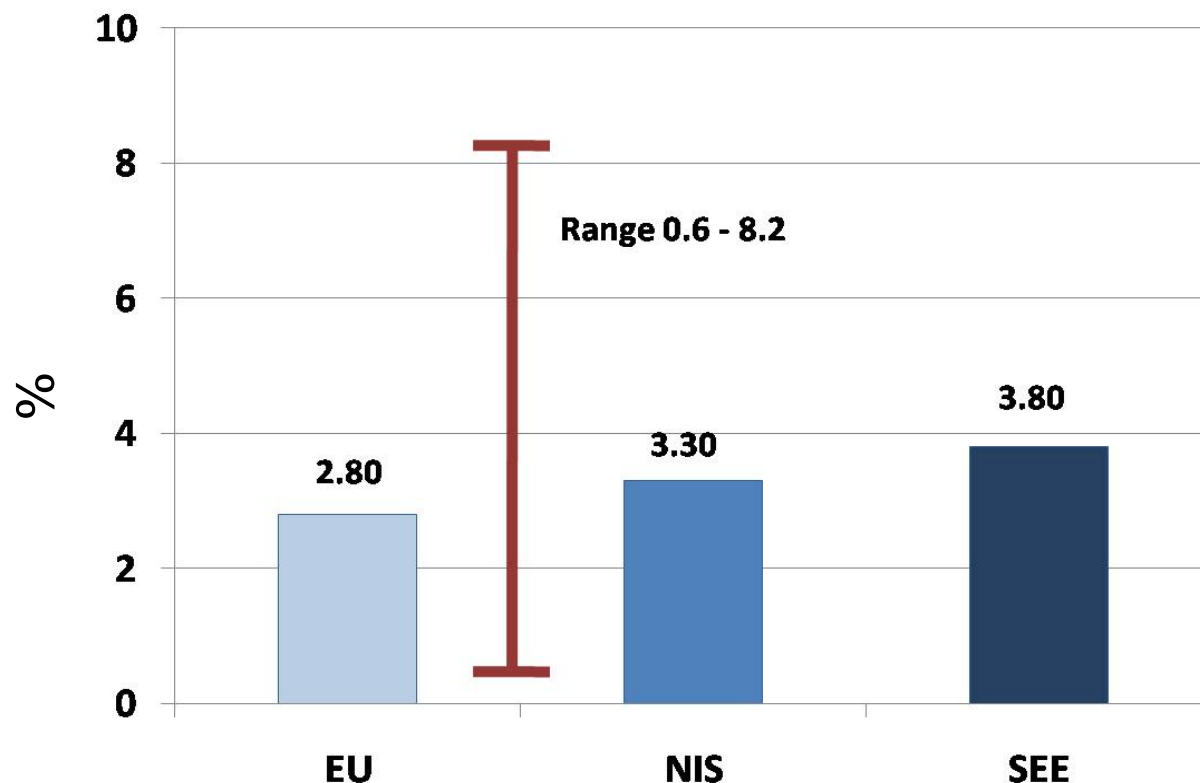
## Weaknesses

- Health protection is mainly carried out through “damage control/ sanction”,
- No evaluation of PH programmes.
- HIV/AIDS prevention developed through vertical structures poorly integrated in the health system
- Prevention of NCD remains underdeveloped.
- Screening programmes of NCD not based on evidence and lack qualified staff
- Overall lack of collaboration with other sectors.

# The contribution of prevention and treatment related to the decline in global CHD morbidity



# Estimated expenditure on prevention and public health as % of total health expenditure



Source: Derived from global health expenditure database, 2012.

# Number of Public Health policy and legal instruments classified in each EPHO

EPHO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Legally binding tools	21	12	306	31	2	41	3	1	0	0
Non legally binding tools	37	25	90	39	15	259	11	5	5	2
Total Number of tools	58	37	396	70	17	300	14	6	5	2

Source: WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2012

# The Essential Public Health Operations – NIS priorities to take forward

- EPHO 1.: Surveillance of population health and wellbeing
- EPHO 2.: Monitoring and response to health hazards and emergencies
- EPHO 3.: Health protection including environmental, occupational, food safety and others
- EPHO 4.: Health promotion including action to address social determinants and health inequity
- EPHO 5.: Disease prevention, including early detection of illness
- EPHO 6.: Assuring governance for health and wellbeing
- EPHO 7.: Assuring a sufficient and competent public health workforce
- EPHO 8.: Assuring sustainable organizational structures and financing
- EPHO 9.: Advocacy, communication and social mobilization for health
- EPHO 10.: Advancing public health research to inform policy and practice

# Discussion points on how to implement the European Action Plan

1. Do they agree with the priorities identified in the previous slide?
2. Which areas are most important for them to strengthen earlier?
3. What sort of support would they require from WHO?
4. Would they prefer individual country support or capacity building in the form of a network or forum?
5. What action can they take to support the implementation of the European Action Plan for Strengthening Public Health Services and Capacity