



Working together for better health and well-being

Leave no one behind – Leave no child behind



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High-level conference on working together for better health and well-being

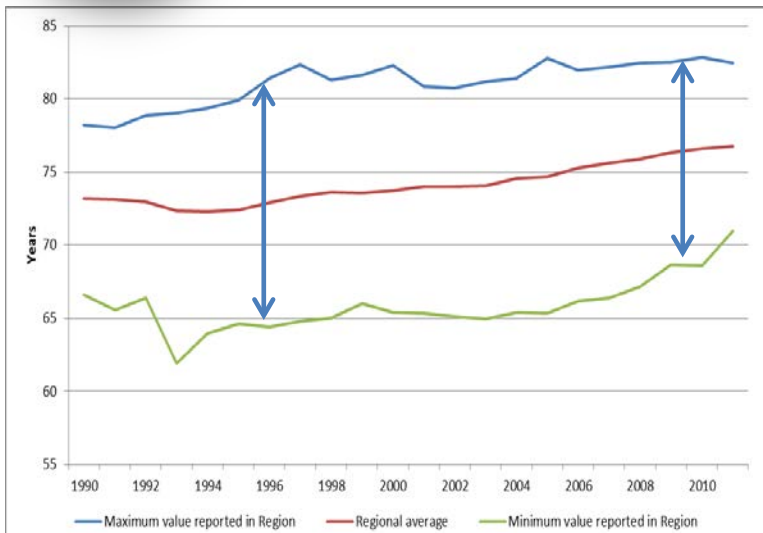
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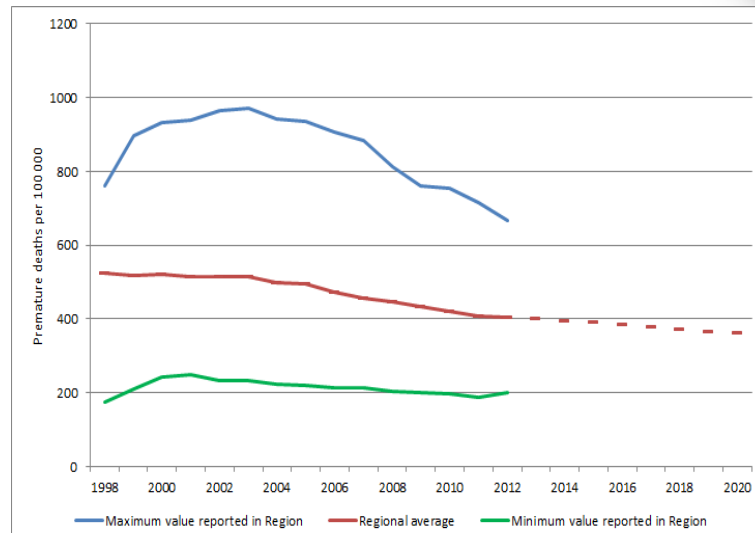
Technical Preparatory Meeting
Paris, France, July 2016



We are on track towards a healthier Europe



Life expectancy



Premature mortality



Multiple vulnerabilities
limit the well-being and life
opportunities of families
and their children



From evidence to action



High Level Conference – Working together for better health and well-being

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Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the WHO European Region





life-course approach and acting on determinants



Minimizing childhood exposure to poverty

May 2015

Health 2020: Education and health through early development

Synergy between sectors:
fostering better education
health outcomes

Summary

The Health 2020 policy framework has been adopted by all Member States of the WHO European Region in order to address Europe's great social and health challenges, calling upon the health sector to reach out to, and work with, all the various sectors and parties in the continuous work of improving people's health and well-being in the 21st century. Education and health can no longer afford to work in separate silos. Robust evidence shows that children with environments that support their health demonstrate better education outcomes, and better-educated children become healthier adults. Together with the home and family environment, the educational

environment – its education – is vital together, the health can create synergies that can improve people's health and well-being. The education sector can help create a healthier population by:

- ensuring access to quality education for all
- training of health professionals

September 2016

Health 2020: Social protection housing and health

Synergy between sectors:
fostering better housing
and health outcomes

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development. The housing sector can help create a healthier population by:

- ensuring high-quality housing
- ensuring adequate income
- assessing social conditions

July 2015

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The social sector can help create healthier people and communities by:

- adopting countercyclical policies to reduce the effects of economic crisis that strengthen the safety net for individuals and groups at risk of poverty;
- working with the health sector to support children, their families and communities to ensure the best start in life;
- working with the health sector to support young adults to help them transition into work;
- working with the health sector to provide integrated and adequate support for older people and to foster an active healthy older population;

Working with the health sector to ensure that groups at risk of poverty and exclusion, including people with disabilities, are empowered and enabled, and working with the health sector to reduce gender-based inequalities, including in their roles as key employers of women.

Inclusive growth and sustainable development with equitable social outcomes

Investing in universal health coverage and social protection systems is a way out of recession and an essential part of national development strategies



Fostering
nurturing
relationships





“The Sustainable Development Goals recognize that early childhood development can help drive the transformation we hope to achieve over the next 15 years.”

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, 22 September 2015



School settings provide a unique opportunity to set children on a trajectory to good health



Educational and health problems coexist with other social challenges



Children need
clean, safe
environments to
learn, play and
grow



The transition
from education
to work is a
critical moment
in the
life-course





Transforming our policies and actions for better lives and a healthier younger generation





- Universal social protection floors for better health and well-being for all children and adolescents
- Schools and preschools promoting health and well-being for all children and adolescents
- Good governance for the health and well-being of all children and adolescents

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Better health for Europe more equitable and sustainable



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