

# 14th European Public Health Conference

Virtual event from 10 – 12 November 2021

## Pre-conference

Wednesday, 10 November 2021

09:00 – 12:40

### Addressing Health Inequalities in Europe: lessons learned and key messages from the Joint Action Health Equity Europe



Organized by JAHEE: Joint Action Health Equity Europe

The JAHEE initiative, financed by the Third EU Health Programme 2014-2020, has represented an important opportunity for 24 European countries to work jointly to address health inequalities both in health status as well as in access to health and related social services

The pre-conference offers an excellent opportunity for experts and researchers from various backgrounds to know more about the recommendations produced by JAHEE and the policy message that should be integrated in the policy agendas of different countries and at European level.

Health inequalities (HI) still represent a major challenge for policy makers across the world. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated already existing HI between and within countries and created new ones with long term consequences which are still difficult to foresee. We now have a real chance to rethink which priorities should be put at the centre of the political agenda. What we have learned is that a global and cross-sectoral governance as well as policy mechanisms should be implemented to address HI and develop effective measures to remove those factors that favour structural inequalities of a society. National and international institutions working together can play key roles in both addressing existing inequalities and in reaching a more equitable response and recovery to the immediate and long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.



## JAHEE Pre-Conference programme

The JAHEE Pre-Conference will be moderated by Caroline Costongs, Director EuroHealthNet

### 1. Opening Session

#### Introduction

- 09:00 Raffaella Bucciardini, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy
- 09:10 Michael Marmot, University College of London, United Kingdom  
*Key note Speech on the importance of addressing health inequalities in Europe*
- 09:25 Open questions and discussion

### 2. Improving Monitoring of Health Inequalities

- 09:30 Gabriella Olsson, Public Health Agency of Sweden, Sweden  
Göran Henriksson, Region Västra Götaland, Sweden  
Pi Högberg, Public Health Agency of Sweden, Sweden  
*Why and how monitoring of health inequalities should be improved*
- 09:45 Open questions and discussion

### 3. Mitigating Barriers to Health and Access to Care for Those in Condition of Vulnerability

- 09:55 Bernadette N. Kumar, Norwegian Centre for Migration and Health, Norway  
*Promoting health and access to care for migrants*
- 10:10 Daniel Lopez Acuña, Andalusian School of Public Health, Spain  
*Tackling inequalities in access to care in health system*
- 10:25 Open questions and discussion

### COFFEE BREAK (5 MIN)

### 4. Promoting Equal Health for All

- 10:40 Christina Plantz, Federal Centre for Health Education, Germany  
*Healthy living environments in urban settings*
- 10:55 Tuulia Rotko, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland  
*Better governance inequal health for all at national level*
- 11:10 Open questions and discussion

### 5. Where we were, What we have done, What is needed next

- 11:20 Giuseppe Costa, Italy  
*Integration and Sustainability Plan of JAHEE conclusions*
- 11:35 Open questions and discussion

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### 6. Roundtable: European Perspective on JAHEE Recommendations

- 11:50 John F. Ryan, European Commission, Luxembourg  
Chris Brown, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Italy  
Paola D'Acapito, European Health and Digital Executive Agency, Belgium  
Terje Andreas Eikemo, Chain Evaluation of JAHEE  
Mirza Balaj, Chain Evaluation of JAHEE  
*Roundtable discussion (representative from JAHEE external evaluator, representative from JAHEE PAB/SAB, representative from DG SANTE, representative from HaDEA)*
- 12:25 Open questions and discussion

### 8. Concluding Remarks

- 12:35 Raffaella Bucciardini, Giuseppe Costa