

Pre-conference to the 12th European Public Health Conference

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) institutionalization and multisectoral collaboration in Europe

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Background

The importance of health impact assessment (HIA) has been recognized and promoted through diverse international frameworks, statements and policies. However, only a limited number of countries or regions have developed HIA as a statutory process. While HIA is seen as a beneficial tool to support and enable Health in All Policies and intersectoral collaboration, it needs to advance and evolve into a tool that is consistently and routinely used to facilitate and maximise health and well-being and reduce and address inequalities.

Furthermore, as health is impacted by policies and decisions taken outside of the health sectors, health inclusive environmental assessments play an important role in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For example, the integration of health into city planning can improve health and health determinants through more compact, efficient design of housing, transport, green spaces and other infrastructures. Thus, not only it ensures healthy lives and promotes well-being for all at all ages (SDG3) but also supports achieving sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11), builds resilient infrastructure, promotes inclusive and sustainable industrialization (SDG 9) among others.

While HIAs are mostly conducted voluntarily, environmental assessments such as Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) are carried out based on legal regulations. By 2017 the revised EU Directive (2011/92/EU) on EIA had to be transposed into national legislation. Importantly the new Directive (2014/52/EU) includes explicitly “population, and human health” in the list of topics to be considered in an EIA. However, the directive does not provide a specific definition for any of the two terms, nor guidance on how to assess the potential health effects related to a project, or the necessary qualifications of professionals tasked with the assessment of these effects. To this respect, public health professionals need to become aware of the regulations of environmental assessments to be able to answer to the environmental experts question on possible health impacts, assess these impacts and if needed give their consent to projects.

The aims of this pre-conference are to strengthen the knowledge on HIA in Europe, to share experiences in institutionalizing HIA and integrating a broad consideration of health and well-being, the use of HIA in environmental assessments and other impact assessments, as well as sharing the latest research on HIA.

Programme

09.00 – 09.30	Opening by the organizers team	Chair: Piedad Martin-Olmedo, Vice – President EUPHA HIA tbc
	Key Note Speech	
09.30 – 10.30	Session 1 – Institutionalization of HIA across Europe <i>(15 min./presentation + 15 min. Q/A)</i> Institutionalization of HIA: what's going on in Portugal? HIA in context Challenges and perspectives for health impact assessment development in France	Chair: Odile Mekel, President EUPHA (HIA) Luciana Costa, <i>Portugal</i> Rainer Fehr, <i>Germany</i> Francoise Jabot & Ana Rivadeneyra, <i>France</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.30	Session 2 – Using HIA inside and outside the health sector <i>(15 min./presentation + 15 min. Q/A)</i> The Villeneuve renovation program Health Impact Assessment Legacy of Paris 2024 Olympics bid: a rapid HIA Towards a neighbourhood with positive health in a working class district of eastern Paris Strategic assessment of neighbourhood environmental impacts on mental health in the Lisbon Region (Portugal) Front-of-package nutrition labelling: HIA approach	Chair: Teresa Caldas de Almeida, Portugal Lucie Anzivino, <i>France</i> Muriel Dubreuil, <i>France</i> Agnès Lefranc, <i>France</i> Adriana Loureiro, <i>France</i> Andreia Jorge Silva, <i>Portugal</i>
12.30 – 13.45	Lunch break and poster walk/presentations in small groups <i>(5 min./poster)</i> Knowledge and Attitude towards the Gradual Reduction of Salt in Bread – an Online Survey Assessing systematically the impact of urban projects on health and social inequalities in health Perspectives of Strategic Environmental Assessment Practitioners on considering population and human health HIA on the Adoption of Recommendations regarding Urban Operations in the Reconversion of Industrial Areas with Contaminated Soils: Parque das Nações Case study Assessing potential health gains of intervention measures by modelling alternative scenarios for HIA in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) Improving all student's health through Municipal policy: a health impact assessment in Chambéry, France	Chair: Luciana Costa, Portugal Alexandra Costa, <i>Portugal</i> Jeanne Blanc-Fevrier, <i>France</i> Ciara Logue, <i>United Kingdom</i> Ausenda Machado, <i>Portugal</i> Monika Mensing, <i>Germany</i> Lucie Anzivino, <i>France</i>

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13.45 – 15.00	Session 3 - The role of HIA in achieving Health in All Policies and the SDGs <i>(15 min./presentation + 15 min. Q/A)</i> The Public Health Implications of Brexit in Wales: A Health Impact Assessment (HIA) approach HIA of a Danish policy document on closing down the ghetto areas Exploring the utility of HIA as a participatory approach within Health in All Policies Salt reduction in bread: Is it enough? Preliminary results of a HIA in Portugal	Chair: Ben Cave, United Kingdom Liz Green, <i>United Kingdom</i> Gabriel Gulis, <i>Denmark</i> Katie Hirono, <i>United Kingdom</i> Joana Santos, <i>Portugal</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 – 17.00	Session 4 – Integrating HIA in environmental assessments <i>(15 min./presentation + 15 min. Q/A)</i> HIA of the Wylfa Nuclear Power Plant HIA of the development plan of Geneva International Airport, Switzerland: what effectiveness? Integrating HIA in environmental assessments: practical examples and policy mobilization The situation of implementation HIA in the Czech Republic – HIA and technological support via GIS Integrating health in EIA: a practitioner’s experience	Chair: Julia Nowacki, Germany Ben Cave & Liz Green, <i>United Kingdom</i> Nicola Cantoreggi, <i>Switzerland</i> Birgitte Fischer-Bonde & Sarah Humboldt-Dachenroeden, <i>Denmark</i> Jana Loosová & Jiri Šmída, <i>Czech Republic</i> Senuri Mahamithawa, <i>United Kingdom</i>
17.00 – 17.30	Open questions and closing comments	Chair: Liz Green, United Kingdom



Registration fee

The registration fee for this pre-conference is € 140, which includes networking lunch and refreshments.

Please note: Program still subject to change. Presenters will have to confirm their attendance by registering for the pre-conference through the EPH Conference system.

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