EURO-URHIS
Conference

IMPROVING HEALTH IN EUROPEAN URBAN AREAS
THE ROLE OF URBAN HEALTH INDICATORS

Tuesday 10 June

Wednesday 11 June

Results of URHIS I

Venue: Committee of the Regions, 99-101, Rue Belliard, Brussels, Belgium (Room JDE 51)

12:00 **Registration & Coffee**
('Urban Health in Europe' Exhibition Posters)

13:00 **Conference Introduction:**

'Improving Health in European Urban Areas: The Role of Urban Health Indicators'

Prof. Dick Heller – EURO-URHIS Project Coordinator, UK

Conference objectives:

To present a system of urban health indicators to policy makers and users of data:

- To increase the awareness of the need of urban health indicators.
- To obtain feedback, suggestion and revisions of the EURO-URHIS indicators.
- To develop a plan for implementation of an urban health indicator system.
- To advocate inclusion of urban health in all policies.

This session will give a warm welcome to participants and will provide an introduction to the structure of the conference.

13:10 **Setting the Scene:**
Why fund a project on Urban Health indicators?

Antoni Montserrat – DG SANCO Health Information

13:50 **Introduction to the EURO-URHIS Project**
Prof. Dick Heller – EURO-URHIS Project Coordinator, UK

This session will introduce the vision of EURO-URHIS giving an overview of the initial objectives of the project and explaining how the project has been carried out over the past 2,5 years.

14:00 **Urban Health: The context**
Dr. Erik van Ameijden – Work Package Leader, Netherlands

This session will introduce the context on which EURO-URHIS project was based with other relevant European and international projects, and the links with these partners.

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14.20   **Description of Urban Areas**

Dr. Wolfgang Hellmeier, Work Package Leader, Germany

This session will describe how to define urban areas, touching on some of the challenges that EURO-URHIS partners encountered on this issue.

14.40   **Description of EURO-URHIS 45 Indicators, questionnaire development and qualitative survey**

Dr. Jude Robinson, Work Package Leader, UK

This session will build on the EURO URHIS introductory presentation, giving a more in depth view of the creation and identification of the urban health indicators in the project, including the process of arriving at these indicators and developing the questionnaire.

15.00   **Tea and coffee**
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15:30   **EURO-URHIS 45 indicators: Data collection**

Dr. Christopher Birt – Work Package Leader, UK

This session will describe how urban areas were chosen, the definition of urban areas used and the data collection strategy.

15:50   **EURO-URHIS: Results**

Heidi Lyshol – Work Package Leader, Norway

This session will present the final results of the project including analysis by member state of available Urban Health information.

16:10   **Description of the Urban Health Indicator System**

Prof. Ioan Bocsan, Work Package Leader, Romania

16:30   **Presenting data on urban health using Population Impact Measures**

Dr. Arpana Verma - University of Manchester, UK

16:40   **Overview of Day 1: A Synopsis of the EURO-URHIS Project**

Antoni Montserrat – DG SANCO Health Information

17:00   **End**

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09:00	**Registration and welcome coffee ('Urban Health in Europe' Exhibition Posters)**

09:30 **Panel Discussion**

Policy implications of health indicators
Chair: Councillor Flo Clucas – Committee of the Regions Member, UK

Why would European urban policy makers need health indicators?
Jean Marie Beaupuy MEP – President of the Urban Housing Intergroup, European Parliament

Health in the URBACT Programme
Jean-Loup Drubigny - Head of URBACT Secretariat

10:30 **Tea and Coffee**

11:30 **Workshops**

Theme: Developing an Urban Health Indicator System

A: How to collect data on Urban Health Indicators (Room JDE 51)
Rapporteur: Andre Ochoa – ISARE Project
Facilitators: Jude Robinson, Wolfgang Hellmeier, Heidi Lyshol

B: How to present data on urban health for evidence based policy making (Room JDE 53)
Rapporteur: Dr. Erik van Ameijden – EURO-URHIS Work Package Leader, Netherlands
Facilitators: Kaspar Bams, Arpana Verma, Perihan Torun, Islay Gemmell

C: How to use a system for urban health indicators to influence policy (Room JDE 70)
Rapporteur: Monika Kosinska – European Public Health Alliance
Facilitators : Dr. Christopher Birt, Ioan Bocsan

12:30 **Networking Lunch ('Urban Health in Europe' Exhibition Posters)**
Room: Atrium 5

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13.30 **Feedback and conclusions of workshops (Room JDE 51)**
Chair: Prof. Dick Heller – Project Coordinator, UK

14:00 **EURO URHIS II**
Further development of a system of Urban Health Indicators
Dr. Arpana Verma and Erik van Ameijden – EURO-URHIS II Project Authors, UK

This session will explain how the EURO URHIS project is hoping to transcend into the future through Framework 7 research funding.

15:00 **Tea and coffee**
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15.30 **Panel Discussion**

Where next for urban health?
Chair: Clive Needle - Director - Eurohealthnet

The health of our cities: Why care?
Monika Kosinska – Secretary General – European Public Health Alliance

The role of the European Commission in advancing urban health indicators.
Nick Fahy - Head of Health Information Unit, DG SANCO, European Commission

How will the EURO-URHIS (I and II) projects contribute to better health in urban areas?
Dr. Christopher Birt – EURO-URHIS Work Package Leader, UK

This discussion will provide participants with opportunity to discuss 'Where next for Urban Health?' including the progress of the EURO-URHIS project and its potential successor, EURO-URHIS 2. The audience will hear three short interventions from the panel of speakers and will be involved in a discussion, to be chaired by Clive Needle.

16:45 **Conference Conclusions**
Chair: Prof. Dick Heller – Project Coordinator, UK

This session will allow the Chair to summarise the outcomes of the conference and enable the group to ask any outstanding questions.

17:00 **Conference Ends**

For further information on the programme please email euro@urhis.eu