

Health System Performance Assessment (HSPA)

The European Health System Indicator (euHS_I) survey was developed to organize the existing indicator landscape of HSPA according to performance domains and levels of indicators. It was discussed at the Health System Indicator Task Force, a joint activity of BRIDGE Health experts. euHS_I will be launched in late spring 2016. The survey framework was presented at the conference of the Austrian Health Economics Association, at the EU Expert Group of HSPA and at an EU Eastern Partnership event. Survey progress will be presented at this year's European Health Economics Association conference and results at the European Public Health Association conference.



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NPHIs Consultation Meeting

On the 16th of March a consultation round of the EU National Public Health Institutes (NPHI) was organised in Brussels by the Belgian Scientific Institute of Public Health and IANPHI in the framework of the BRIDGE Health project. The directors and representatives of the NPHI of 13 EU countries participated in discussions on the need and added value of an EU Health Information System (EU HIS). The essential tasks and possible structural options of such a future system were debated. In conclusion, NPHIs esteemed a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) to be the best tool for an EU HIS. NPHIs indicated they want to play an active role to set-up an ERIC in health information.

Better Statistics for Better Health for Mothers and Newborns in Europe

The Euro-Peristat network had a meeting on "Better Statistics for Better Health for Mothers and Newborns in Europe" in Paris on April 4th and 5th as part of the BRIDGE Health project. Participants from almost all of the 31 participating countries attended to discuss strengthening perinatal health monitoring in Europe. Leaders of European professional, advocacy and user associations joined for sessions to discuss using routine data for clinical care and health policy and we welcomed BRIDGE Health representatives to discuss models for a sustainable EU Health Information System. Thanks to all for a successful meeting!

Meeting organized by INSERM (French Institute for Health and Medical Research).



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Working together to reduce the burden of home and leisure accidents in Europe

On 21 April 2016 EuroSafe launched its new website dedicated to the prevention of home and leisure accidents. The key aims of the website is to profile the injury issue; showcase effective injury prevention programmes and tools; provide a platform for exchange on latest news and evidence in injury prevention in Europe.

The website is primarily meant to inform policy makers and professionals working within governments, businesses, academia and private organisations who have an interest in promoting home and leisure safety. It is co-funded by the EU in the framework of BRIDGE Health.

[Click here to visit the website](#)

A word from the BRIDGE Health Coordination team

The BRIDGE Health project has been running for nearly a year now and during the last couple of months great progress has been made. Several international consultation meetings were organised that revolved around the central question what an integrated EU health information system would ideally look like and what would be required to develop such a system. Furthermore, research continued in the different research fields that are comprised within the BRIDGE Health project's "work packages" and "horizontal activities".

This newsletter offers you a brief account of important meetings and activities that took place during the past six months, as well as an overview of upcoming activities.

Steering Committee & General Assembly

From 20 to 22 April the third BRIDGE Health Steering Committee and the first General Assembly took place in Brussels. During these meetings, the BRIDGE Health partners made an evaluation of the activities performed during the past 6 months and discussed the working plan for the next 6 months.

Human biomonitoring in environmental health surveillance

BRIDGE Health work package 6 is close to finalise an up-dated inventory and status report about human biomonitoring in environmental health surveillance, which will be made available for download from the BRIDGE Health website.

The report provides an up-to-date inventory of programmes and birth cohorts, with detailed mapping of chemicals and biomarkers covered, and compiles key principles of study design, sampling and analytical methods, study design, data management, biobanking and ethical issues, and its potential use in public health and consumer policies. It concludes with main data gaps and challenges for use of environmental health surveillance in health information and public health.

EGHI Meeting

BRIDGE Health presented the draft concept paper on a future EU Health Information System at the Expert Group on Health Information (EGHI) on May 11th which is a consultative structure with representatives from EU Member States, EEA/EFTA and candidate countries as well as international organisations. The meeting focused on the development of an ERIC.

Upcoming

9th European Public Health Conference, 9-12 November, Vienna.
Pre-conference co-organised by the BRIDGE Health project. Register now at <https://ephconference.eu/2016-pre-conference-programme-252>

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