



# EQUITY ACTION

TOOLS • REGIONS • KNOWLEDGE • STAKEHOLDERS •

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# Current Context

- Opportunities
  - Solidarity in Health
  - Rio Declaration
  - Council of the EU - Closing the Gap within the EU
- Challenges
  - Current Financial Environment
  - Focus on Economic Renewal
  - Defence of clinical services



# Equity Action - Objective

- To identify what works in promoting effective action on the underlying causes of socio-economic health inequalities
- To apply learning across the EU through the engagement of 24 partners and 16 Member States in this joint action programme



# Our partners

Department of Health  
National Heart Forum  
EuroHealthNet  
Swedish Institute of Public Health  
Region Vastra Gotaland  
BZgA  
Agenas  
ASL TO3  
Veneto Region  
Centre of Health Economics  
National Institute for Health Development  
Ministry of Health  
RIVM  
National Institute for Health and Welfare  
National Centre for Social Research  
Norwegian Directorate of Health  
Ministry of Health  
Vasque County  
National Institute of Public Health PZH  
National Institute of Public Health CZ  
Ministry of Health  
Health Improvement Directorate  
Department of Health  
Institute of Public Health

England  
Co-ordinator  
European Network  
Sweden  
Sweden  
Germany  
Italy  
Italy  
Italy  
Latvia  
Hungary  
Belgium  
Netherlands  
Finland  
Greece  
Norway  
Spain  
Spain  
Poland  
Czech Republic  
France  
Scottish Government  
Wales  
Ireland



# Overview of Joint Action (I)

- Tools - WP4
  - Building Capability and improving policy at MS and EU level. Focus on HIA/HEA and Health Inequality Strategies
- Regions - WP5
  - Identifying and Supporting Regional Approaches to address Health Inequalities - including influencing EU Structural Fund Programme starting in 2014



# Overview of Joint Action (II)

- Knowledge - WP6
  - Engaging scientific experts to develop a European research agenda on the effectiveness of intersectoral action to support policy makers.
- Stakeholders - WP7
  - Developing lessons for building alliances and networks with key stakeholders at MS and EU level to promote and embed the SDOH agenda

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## Learn more about Health Inequalities in...



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this website includes information and outcomes of various key initiatives, including Equity Action - the Joint Action on Health Inequalities:



"Social injustice is killing on a grand scale."  
(CSDH, Closing the Gap, 2008)

[www.health-inequalities.eu](http://www.health-inequalities.eu)

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### News

- First WHO European Conference on the New European Policy for Health - Health 2020
- Rio Political Declaration on Social Determinants of Health adopted
- EU Policy Presidency conference: Solidarity in health - Closing the health gap between European Union States

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# Tools

## Progress and Challenge



- Review of HIA with equity focus & HiAP
- HIA training to MS
- Challenges: support for HIA/HEA in each MS & EU level HEA



# Regions

## Progress and Challenge



- Identified 29 regions (12 MS)
- Situation and Needs Assessment Questionnaire
- First regional meeting (November 2011)
- Case Study Framework, 6 areas:
  - Tools; Policy; Governance; Practice; Stakeholders; Evaluation → Links other WPs
- **Challenge**
- How to influence the next EU SF period now?



# Knowledge

Progress and Challenge



- Terms of Reference are formulated
- Experts for SRG have been nominated by participants
- First meeting SRG planned January 2012
  
- **Challenge**
  - How to discover need for knowledge of policy makers (national and EU level)
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# Stakeholders

## Progress and Challenge



- **Stakeholder mapping** in 10 Member States with regards to “equity from the start”
- **EU wide stakeholder debates** (1. debate: 8.-9. May 2012 in Budapest; 2. debate: October/November 2012 in Berlin) and **national stakeholder workshops** (end of 2012/beginning of 2013)
- **Engagement and commitment** of a wide range of stakeholders from different sectors to promote and embed the SDH agenda



# Final Challenges (I)

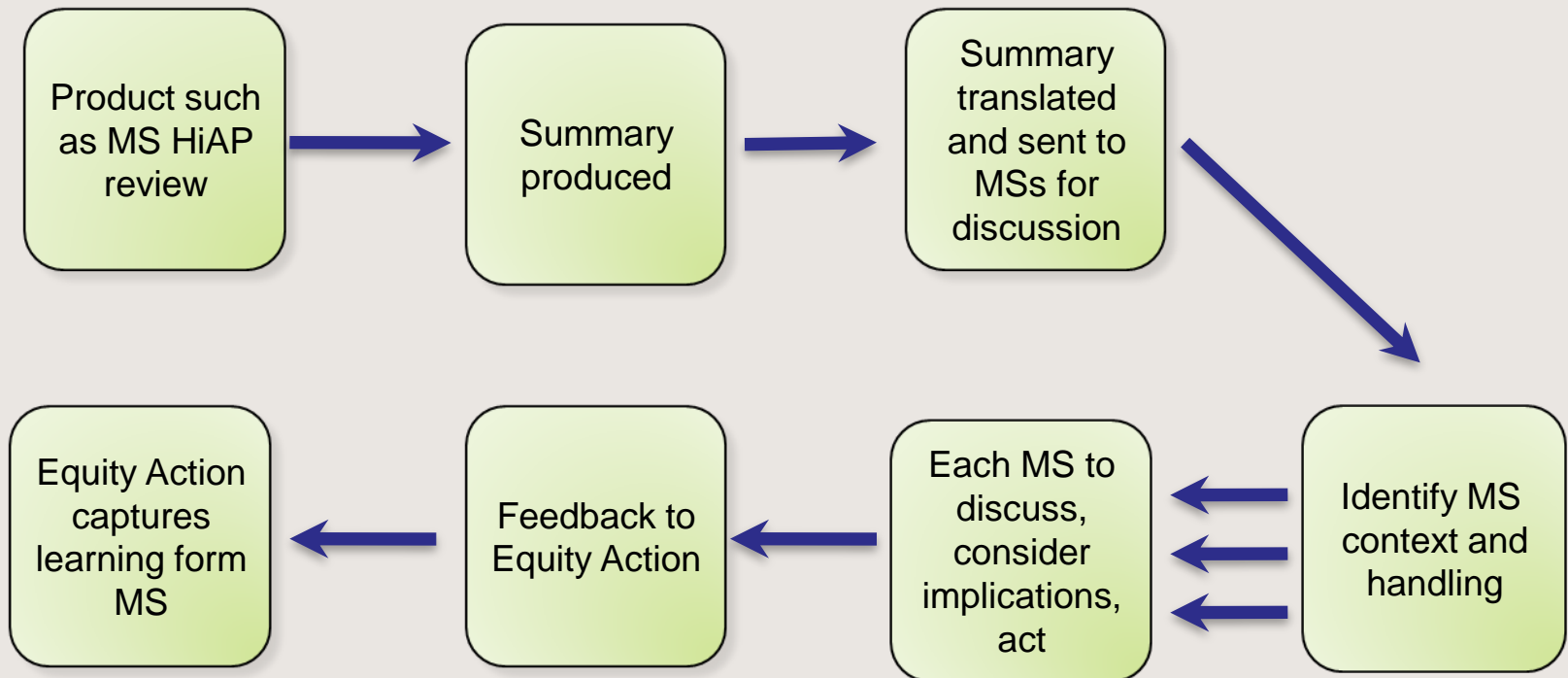
## Influencing EU Policy Making - HEA

- **Possible criteria for EU Level Health Equity Audit**
  1. Impacts on inequalities - particularly within member states.
  2. Impacts on Social Determinants - such as labour or education
  3. Policy that a member state has a legal obligation to implement
  4. A policy area that impacts on distribution of resources
  5. Applies to all Member States
- Link to equity from the start



# Final Challenges (2)

Making an impact - example of dissemination





# Discussion

- how will this work/programme support/add value to the work that you are doing on health inequalities ?
- what more can you and your colleagues do to ensure that EA has an impact on policy development and implementation?
- what more do you need from us to ensure EA will help with your objectives?