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Welcome to the first issue for the year 2021 of the internal Newsletter of JAHEE (Joint Action Health Equity Europe), a European initiative to contribute to achieving greater equity in health outcomes.

Should you wish to have your action be presented in the upcoming edition, please contact us.

General updates

General Assembly

The General Assembly (GA) of the Joint Action Health Equity Europe will be held online on 22 March 2021 – 9:30-14:00 CET. Please find below the link to register by 18 March 2021 at the latest.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvde-rrzlpE9D3kAerQNGIQ03MBcUK17cT>

The main purpose of this meeting is to discuss:

- the potential sustainability of the actions after the end of JAHEE
- the role of the Governmental Advisory Board (GAB) in supporting the integration of JAHEE results in countries policies and plans
- how to identify and promote JAHEE best practices on policy responses to reduce Health Inequalities (HI)
- the role of each country to in the development and implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP).

Discussion moments and breakout sessions are planned (see attached Program). We are happy to announce the participation of Prof. Sir. Michael Marmot. The agenda of the General Assembly is attached to this newsletter. The participation of all partners is warmly encouraged.

Please note that due to logistical limitations, only 100 participants will be allowed to attend this meeting.

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physical environment. Due to this new legislation, municipalities have to take health into account in their vision and plans for the (built and natural) environment. As we learn from these actions, we can translate them into more generic advice on how to stimulate health equity in all policies.

In 2020 we followed and guided the three municipalities of Nunspeet, Maastricht and Utrecht on their journeys, whilst reflecting on these processes with other municipalities and experts. Now we are working on a report with key elements for improving a focus on health equity at policy level and an overview of relevant instruments and product. We will disseminate the lessons learned across other municipalities in the Netherlands and a number of ministries, to strengthen the vertical line between levels of government.

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News from partners and more

Report on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and inequalities in Spain

The COVID-19 crisis is having an unprecedented impact worldwide. However, it is not affecting everyone in an equal way. Three different, but interconnected, kinds of vulnerability can be identified: clinical vulnerability, social vulnerability and epidemiological vulnerability. The Spanish Ministry of Health recently published the report "Health Equity and COVID-19: Analysis and proposals to tackle epidemiological vulnerability related to social inequities". The Report consists of analysis and proposals to tackle epidemiological vulnerability related to social inequities in Spain. It identifies challenges and difficulties encountered under the pandemic and develops a series of recommendations. The issues addressed include employment, housing, economic conditions and digital divide. Overall, more the report calls for more actions are to strengthen prevention, detection and control measures as well as cross-sectoral initiatives to improve social conditions through structural reforms.

- English visual summary: Health Equity and COVID-19, Analysis and proposals to tackle epidemiological vulnerability related to social inequities.
https://www.mscbs.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/documentos/HEALTH_EQUITY_AND_COVID-19.pdf
 - Spanish visual summary:
https://www.mscbs.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/documentos/COVID19_Equidad_en_salud_y_covid19.pdf
- Complete report in Spanish: Equidad en Salud y COVID-19. Análisis y propuestas para abordar la vulnerabilidad epidemiológica vinculada a las desigualdades sociales:
https://www.mscbs.gob.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/documentos/COVID19_Equidad_en_salud_y_COVID-19.pdf

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JAHEE in the Health Inequalities Portal

The recently launched Health Inequalities portal (www.health-inequalities.eu) is the information hub on health inequalities in Europe. It includes a resource database featuring research, policies, data, best practices, and tools on health inequalities. It also provides information about EU initiatives, financing opportunities, tools, a map of inequalities in Europe, and more. JAHEE received a dedicated space to describe its main achievements.



For partners only

Communication and dissemination report (WP2)

As foreseen in our grant agreement, Work Package 2 will update of the mapping related to the communication and dissemination activities carried out by each partner in relation to their actions. You will soon receive a form from Vanía Putatti (EuroHealthNet) to be filled in and sent back by 15 March 2021.

This information will be used to draft the JAHEE Milestones 11 "Communication and Dissemination Plan" as well as Milestone 12 "Dissemination report" (updatings due at M33) that will be further shared with the European Commission at the end of the project.

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