Joint Action Health Equity Europe
JAHEE aims and objectives

**General objective**

The general objective of the Joint Action Health Equity Europe (JAHEE) is to contribute to achieve greater equity in health outcomes across all groups in society in all participating countries and in Europe at large and to reduce the inter-country heterogeneity in tackling health inequalities. JAHEE will also include a specific focus on migrants and vulnerable groups.

**Specific objectives**

JAHEE aims to contribute to:

- improve the planning and development of the policies to tackle health inequalities at European, national, regional and local level;
- implement actions that provide the best opportunity to tackle health inequalities in each participating country;
- strengthen a cooperative approach in tackling health inequalities and facilitate exchange and learning among participating countries (sharing and learning approach);
- facilitate transferability of good practices.
The partnership is composed of 25 Countries contributing with different background, expertise and know-how to the achievement of the project’s goals. The partnership integrates some of the most strategically relevant public health institutions in the European Union (EU) as participants and/or collaborating key stakeholders.

**Participating Countries**

- **Italy**  Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Coordinator); Piedmont Region-Aslto3; Italian Ministry of Health; National Agency for Regional Health Services; National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty
- **Belgium**  Service Public Federal Sante Publique, Securite de la Chaine Alimentaire et Environnement; Flanders (Agenschap Zorg En Gezondheid); Wallonie (Agence Pour Une Vie De Qualité)
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**  Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Federal Ministry of Health
- **Bulgaria**  National Centre of Public Health and Analyses - Natsionalen Centar Po Obshestveno Zdrave i Analizi
- **Croatia**  Croatian Institute of Public Health
- **Cyprus**  Ministry of Health
- **Czech Republic**  The National Institute of Public Health
- **Denmark**  Bridge to Better Health - Region Zealand
- **Estonia**  The National Institute for Health Development
- **Finland**  National Institute for Health and Welfare
- **France**  Ministere des Affaires Sociales de la Sante
- **Germany**  Bundeszentrale Für Gesundheitliche Aufklaerung / Federal Centre For Health Education; Robert Koch Institut
- **Greece**  6th Health Region of Peloponnese, Ionian Islands, Epirus & Western Greece
- **Lithuania**  Higienos Institutas (Institute of Hygiene Occupational Health Centre)
- **Netherlands**  Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport; National Institute of Public Health; Pharos (Dutch Centre of Expertise on Health Disparities)
- **Norway**  The Norwegian Institute of Public Health
- **Poland**  Ministry of Health; The National Institute of Public Health - National Institute of Hygiene; The Institute of Public Health, Jagiellonian University Medical College; Medical University of Silesia
- **Portugal**  Ministerio da Saude- Republica Portuguesa
- **Romania**  National School of Public Health, Management and Professional Development; National Institute for Mother and Child Health “Alessandrescu Rusescu”
- **Serbia**  Institute of Public Health of Republic Of Serbia "Dr Milan Jovanović Batut"; Autonomous Province of Vojvodina; Medical School, University of Belgrade; Institute of Public Health of Vojvodina; Institute of Public Health, Nis; Institute of Social Sciences
- **Slovakia**  Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic
- **Slovenia**  National Institute of Public Health
- **Spain**  Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública; Fundación Para el Fomento de la Investigación Sanitaria y Biomédica de la Comunidad Valenciana (Fisasbio-Salud Pública); Dirección de Salud Pública y Adicciones del Departamento de Salud del Gobierno Vasco; Agència de Salud Pública de Barcelona; Dirección General de Salud Pública, Calidad e Innovación, Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad
- **Sweden**  Folkhälsomyndigheten - the Public Health Agency of Sweden
- **United Kingdom**  Welsh Government; Public Health Wales
JAHEE work packages

JAHEE consists of 9 Work Packages (WPs), four mandatory (WP1-WP4) and five thematic (WP5-WP9).

**WP 1 - Management of the action**

Actions undertaken to manage the Joint Action and to make sure that it is implemented as planned

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**WP 2 - Dissemination**

Actions undertaken to ensure that the results and deliverables of the Joint Action will be made available to the target groups

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**WP 3 - Evaluation**

Actions undertaken to verify if the Joint Action is being implemented as planned and reaches the objectives

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**WP 4 - Integration in National Policies and Sustainability**

Actions undertaken to ensure that the Joint Action implementing efforts of all WPs frame into a bigger picture of integration and sustainability for strengthening national efforts to tackle health inequalities

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**WP 5 - Monitoring**

Actions undertaken to support participating countries to develop monitoring of health inequalities, adapted to the national context, and sustainable over time and to develop and use health inequalities indicators for health policy evaluation and prioritization

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**WP 6 - Healthy living environments**

Actions undertaken to support participating countries identifying national strategies and policies and models of good practice to better understand assets and impacts of living environments on healthy life styles, risk and resilience factors; develop implementation guidelines for healthy urban planning, and advocacy guidance for decision makers and stakeholders

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**WP 7 - Migration and health**

Actions undertaken to advance migrants health by effective and comprehensive health system responses for migrants; reduce fear and misconceptions related to migrants’ health that contribute to health inequalities for migrants

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**WP 8 - Improving access to health and related social services for those left behind**

Actions undertaken to reduce inequalities in access to health and social services, through the formulation of regional, national and local strategies, policies and programs, and to build participating countries capacity to promote social cohesion through the reduction of inequities in the access to health services

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**WP 9 - Health and Equity in All Policies - Governance**

Actions undertaken to strengthen participating countries capacity, abilities and commitment to develop and implement effective and concrete policy actions to tackle health inequalities from national to local levels and apply a Health and Equity in All Policies approach

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JAHEE will follow a three-step approach. In the first step, based on the best available knowledge, the five thematic WPs will develop a specific domain policy framework, while the WP4 will develop a general policy framework. At participating country level, an individual country profile template and five specific country assessments (for each thematic WP) will be elaborated. In the second step, the participating countries will implement a selection of actions to tackle health inequalities. In the last step, recommendations based on the best results achieved will be produced and disseminated.
JAHEE management structure

- **General Assembly (GA):** responsible for laying out the strategic planning of the Joint Action in adherence to the Grant Agreement and Consortium Agreement
- **Steering Committee (SC):** delegate body for GA for day-to-day scientific and technical coordination
- **Scientific Advisory Board (SAB):** consultative body responsible for overseeing the overall aims and achievements of the Joint Action
- **Policy Advisory Board (PAB):** responsible for assessing the policy value of the Joint Action achievements

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