



## Extracts from JAHEE Newsletter n. 7, November 2020

### **WP4 Policy Dialogue: Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring health equity — The role of the European Semester Thursday 19 November at 13:00 – 14:30 CET**

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed existing socio-economic disparities and led to new ones, while also revealing investments gaps. It has demonstrated how health and social care could re-organised, delivered, and valued. These developments, and the links between the European Semester and structural reform processes and funds hold much potential to reduce levels of health inequity across the EU during the upcoming recovery process.

Following the launch of the JAHEE/EuroHealthNet joint report *“Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring health equity — The role of the European Semester”*, a policy dialogue will be held to discuss main outcomes of the report and the future of health equity in the European Semester in view of the recovery process from the pandemic. The presentation of the report will be followed by a panel discussion between keynote speakers. You can find the agenda of the meeting attached. Should you and your colleagues be interested in attending the meeting, please **find [here](#) the registration link**.

The meeting will be followed by a EuroHealthNet consultative meeting on *“Health in the European Pillar of Social Rights – what actions do we want?”* at 14:45 – 15:45 CET. Should you or your colleagues be interested in attending this meeting too, please find [here](#) the registration link.

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### **WP7 Meeting: Health inequalities, migration and COVID-19** *DATE TO BE CONFIRMED*

WP7 is organising a meeting on *“Health inequalities, migration and COVID-19”*. It will be dedicated to discussing the progress made so far by its partners, and attempt to answer to the following questions:

- What are the gaps in policy response in some European Countries to reducing inequalities in health?
- How has JAHEE helped in the identification of policy practice gaps that contribute to inequalities in the health of migrants?
- Has COVID 19 widened the gaps for migrants?

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## JAHEE at the 16th World Congress on Public Health 2020 – main outcomes

JAHEE's members and partners organised several dialogues during the 16th World Congress on Public Health.

The World Leadership Dialogue (WLD) '**Combating the dual challenges of COVID-19 and health inequalities**' hosted over 160 participants and 3 high-level keynote speakers. They discussed the main challenges in promoting health equity in different regions of the world over the past decade as well as the implications on inequalities of COVID-19. The meeting was opened by **Prof Silvio Brusaferrero**, who introduced the JAHEE its core values. The panel discussion that followed was moderated by **Raffaella Bucciardini**. **Dr Lia Tadesse, Minister of Health in Ethiopia**, provided an overview of the main challenges in providing equal access to health and other basic services to people in Ethiopia. She also covered the main actions undertaken to strengthen the health and social sectors, especially in the most remote and marginalised areas. **Prof. Sir Michael Marmot**, President of JAHEE's policy advisory board, presented data showing the unbalanced impact of external shocks on societies, such as COVID19, exposing already existing inequalities and exaggerating them. Prof. Marmot also showed the benefits that expenditures in the public health sector have on life expectancy, highlighting the need to increase policies on inequalities, especially in view of the recovery from the pandemic, to foster good health outcomes for all. **Prof. Orielle Solar**, Regional Coordinator at the Pan American Health Organization, explained how Latin America already has some of the most persistent health inequalities rates in the world due to the structure of its societies, volatile labour markets, and lack of social infrastructure. Prof. Solar also showed the detrimental impacts of the pandemic on a wide range of social determinants of health and the measures taken to withstand them. The meeting presentations were followed by a Questions & Answers session with the audience. The recording of the WLD is available at <https://www.wcph2020ondemand.com>. A report will be produced in the upcoming weeks.

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### JAHEE WP5 organised a workshop during the Congress.

The seminar hosted over 70 participants and thus provided a great opportunity for WP5 and the participating partner countries to share information on the work conducted in the project. The title of the workshop was 'Advancing health inequality monitoring in Europe – challenges, opportunities and actions'. Slovenian, Italian and Spanish partners took part. The ambition was to share knowledge on the experiences from JAHEE WP5 and give examples of concrete actions and initiatives taken across Europe to strengthen the national health inequality monitoring processes in Europe.

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