

## The importance of health to regional development.

Within the European Union there has been growing recognition of the important contribution of health in achieving sustainable regional development. It has been acknowledged that health is a key factor for economical development and social cohesion as it contributes to EU citizens well being, economic wealth and prosperity. This is reflected in the EU's Cohesion Policy and in the 2007-2013 programming period wherein Structural Funds explicitly included health sector investment, with an early emphasis on health infrastructure. At midterm of the current programming period, it is crucial to start defining the role health-related investment will play after 2013 to consolidate an efficient and ambitious Cohesion Policy.

## Regional cooperation on health at EU level.

Local and regional authorities are responsible respectively for health services and healthcare in many Member States and are therefore key actors on health related issues as they are best placed to ensure that services meet local needs. It is therefore a key importance to have them closely involved in shaping and implementing EU strategies in this field. The EU Health Strategy for 2008-2013 objectives could be effectively implemented by involving regions in areas such as health promotion, sustainable health workforce, health inequalities and health investments from the EU Structural Funds. The Committee of the Regions Technical Platform on Health offers an opportunity for local and regional authorities to share their experience and collaborate on their priorities.

## Seeking Structural Funds (SF) for health-related investments.

To get access to and benefit from SF there are clear challenges for the health sector including: expertise about how SF work, difficulties to translate linkages between health objectives and Cohesion policy priorities and objectives, to ensure sustainable operation by complementing infrastructure investment with human resources capacity, to ensure strategic impact of health investments, and to use cross – sectoral policy approach. To increase health investments and maximize health gains in the next programming period, DG SANCO aims to introduce health priorities in the future SF Regulations and to support Member States and regions to include health in the national and regional development plans. If you are interested and involved in using SF for health-related investments, then this event matters. EUREGIO III project will share lessons from several case studies.

# General information

## Online Registration

For registration please visit the Events section of the Health ClusterNet website and fill in the online registration form.  
<http://www.healthclusternet.eu/pages/events/online-registration-brussels-event-11-june-2010/>

## Venue

Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors Building,  
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Launch of the Committee of the Regions' Technical Platform for co-operation on Health

**Structural Funds and Health:  
Learning lessons and next  
steps**

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# Programme

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## Structural Funds and Health: Learning lessons and next steps

**0900**

### Welcome

Isabel DE LA MATA BARRANCO,  
Conseiller principal - Public health  
and risk assessment ,  
**DG SANCO**

Lucio GUSSETTI, Director for  
Consultative Works

### Committee of the Regions

Dr Paolo STOCCO, General  
Director, Local Health Authority N\*  
10, Veneto Region, Italy, Health  
ClusterNet member region

### Regional experiences cont:

#### Efficient modernising of health care in a rural region using Structural Funds

Prof Kurt J.G. SCHMAILZL  
Medizinische Klinik A, Ruppiner  
Kliniken GmbH, Neuruppin,  
Brandenburg, Germany  
Dean of Institut für International  
Health Management, University of  
Pot30m

**1230  
Lunch**



**0945**

**Health investments in the current programming period – challenges and opportunities**  
Jerome BOEHM, DG SANCO



**1330**

### Parallel Workshops:

**1. EUREGIO III: Lessons learned about using Structural Funds for health infrastructure**  
Barrie DOWDESWELL,  
Researcher, ECHAA

**2. Addressing health inequalities through Structural Fund investments in health care and beyond**  
Sue WOOLF, Debbi STANISTREET, The University of Liverpool and and Luisa AVEDANO, 'Building Healthy Communities' - URBACT II thematic network - in collaboration with QeC-ERAN

**1000**

**“Sustainable investment in the health sector – EIB Perspective”**  
Christine BLADES, EIB

**Structural Funds opportunities to tackle health inequalities**  
Andor URMOS, DG REGIO

**ESF opportunities for health investments**  
Dimo ILIEV, DG EMPL

**1100  
Coffee break**

**1500  
Tea break**

**1515**

**Futures thinking**  
**What EUREGIO III is telling us about using Structural Funds for effective and sustainable health gains**  
Prof Jonathan WATSON  
Executive Director, Health ClusterNET

**Directions and level of health investment under Cohesion Policy in the 2014-2020 period – A critical perspective**  
Ourania GEORGOUTSAKOU  
Senior Policy Coordinator,  
Assembly of European Regions



**1130**

### Regional experiences

**Healthcare Infrastructure planning and organizational change: the case of the "Aghii Anarghyri" General and Cancer Hospital, Athens, Greece**

Georgios MARGETIDIS  
Senior Scientific Officer, EAHC  
(formerly CEO of Greek Cancer Centre Project funded under  
FEDER, Attiki Regional Operational Programme)

**Health priorities in the future Programming period 2014-2020: how to address them effectively at EU, member state and regional level**  
Rostislava DIMITROVA, DG SANCO

**1615  
Conference ends**

**Workshops ( by invitation only):**  
**Contribution of EUREGHA on: how to better coordinate local and regional authorities working in the field of health?**  
Luigi BERTINATO, Veneto Region, EUREGHA Vice-Chair

**CoR Technical platform for cooperation on health: Next steps**  
Cédric JANSSENS, CoR NAT commission secretariat

**1700  
Technical Platform ends**