



# AVERROES PROJECT

Improving access to health care  
for asylum seekers  
and undocumented migrants  
in the European Union





# PROJECT OVERVIEW (I)

- **Means: Through expertise and sensitization**, the Averroes project aims at improving access to health care for asylum seekers and undocumented migrants in the European Union
- **Project duration:**  
3 years (starting in April 2008)
- **Beneficiaries:**  
Asylum seekers and undocumented migrants in the European Union
- **Financing:**  
European Commission grant (through PHEA – Public Health Executive Agency) for 56,6% of the project's budget



# AVERROES PROJECT (2)

- ***Where ?***

In 19 member States of the EU

- ***The Averroes network ?***

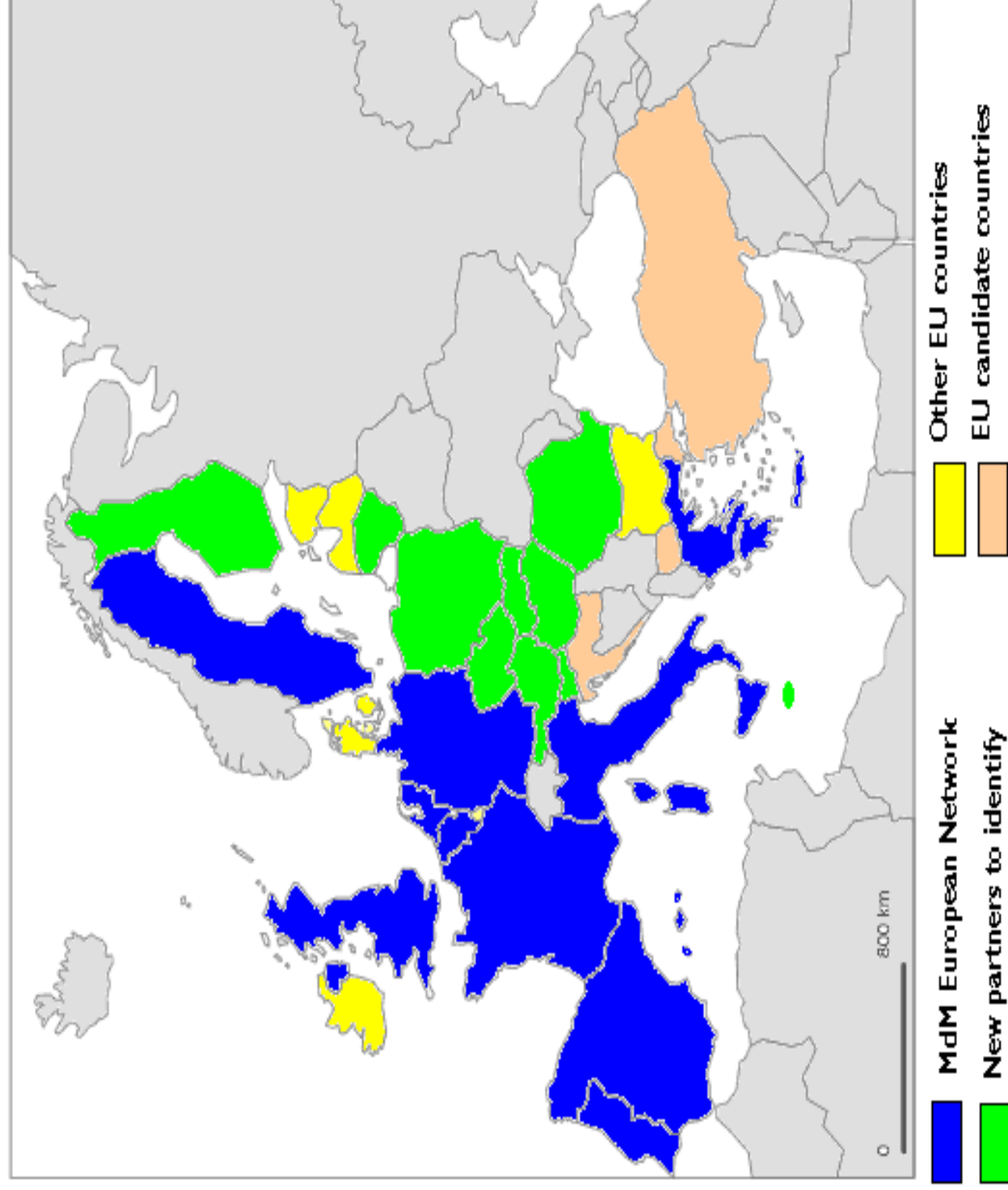
**MdM European network, represented in 11 EU**

**member States:** France, Spain, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Germany, United-Kingdom, the Netherlands, Italy, Sweden and Cyprus

**Partners identified or to be identified during the project through exploratory missions in:** Malta, Poland, Hungary, Austria, Finland, Czech Republic, Romania, and Slovenia



## The Averroes Network





# PROJECT BACKGROUND (I)

## **CONSTATATIONS:**

- Migrants facing huge difficulties in accessing health care in the EU
- Insufficient protection against deportation for seriously ill foreigners
- EU enlargement and situation of the new member States (example: situation of migrants in Malta and issues raised by MdM mission in Malta)



# PROJECT BACKGROUND (2)

## **STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:**

- MdM active amongst migrant population in 11 EU member States
- MdM already constituted in a European network with:
  - | European Observatory on access to health care
  - | common political charter for migrants' access to health care

## **CONTRIBUTION TO THE EU PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMME:**

- The project aims at improving information and knowledge for the development of public health – through data collection on migrants' access to healthcare
- The project contributes to reducing health inequalities – through mobilisation and sensitisation on migrants' difficulties in accessing health care in the EU



# GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Improving access to health care  
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# SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To promote exchange of knowledge and expertise on migrants' health in 19 EU member states
2. To improve knowledge about the EU and member states' policies and legislations concerning health and migration
3. To improve knowledge of practices concerning asylum seekers' and undocumented migrants' access to healthcare
4. To promote the improvement of asylum seekers and undocumented migrants' access to healthcare in the EU





# METHODOLOGY (I)

**Specific objective 1: To promote exchange of knowledge and expertise on migrants' health in 19 EU member states**

**Implementation:**

- Working in an NGO **network** sharing a common project and charter
- **Integrating new NGO partners** from 6 EU member States
- **Organising support missions** twice a year for the network NGOs
- **Organising Workshops** bringing together all network members
- Conducting **common surveys**
- Creating and animating the project's **website**

**Specific objective 2: To improve knowledge about the EU and member states' policies and legislations concerning health and migration**

**Implementation:**

- Collecting data on national policies and legislations** through the NGOs members of the network
- Collecting data on European policies and legislations**
- Publishing a report** on the member States policies and legislations concerning health and migration



# METHODOLOGY (2)

## **Specific objective 3 : To improve knowledge of practices concerning asylum seekers' and undocumented migrants' access to healthcare**

### **Implementation:**

- Strengthening the work of **MdM European Observatory on Access to Health Care**, and integrating new partners into this observatory
- Collecting quantitative and qualitative data** in 19 member states of the EU
- Publishing MdM European Observatory survey** on the access to healthcare of undocumented migrants and asylum seekers in year 3

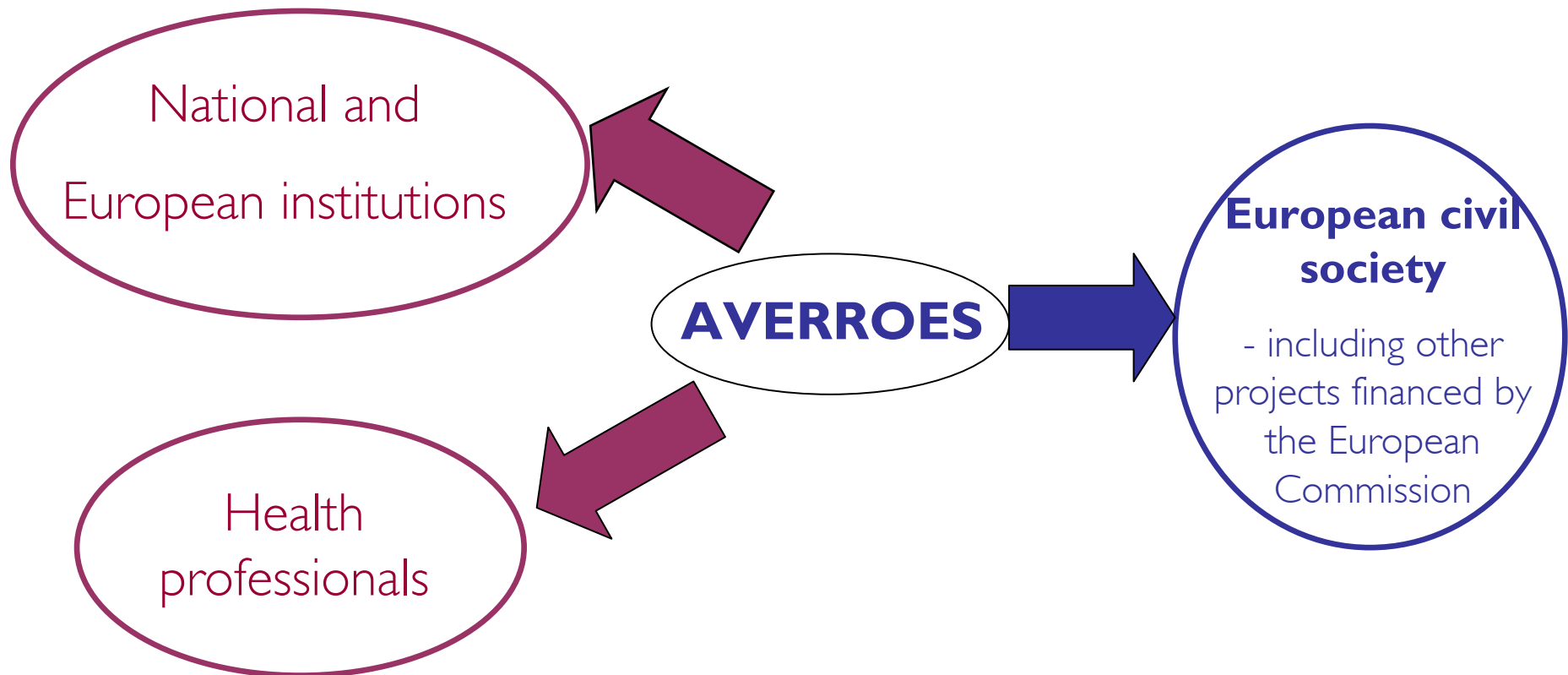
## **Specific objective 4: To promote the improvement of asylum seekers and undocumented migrants' access to healthcare in the EU**

### **Implementation:**

- Organising a conference in each of the member states** of the network, bringing together decision makers and experts in the field of health and migration
- At European level, organising 2 conferences** (project year 2 and 3) bringing together experts and representatives of EU institutions.
- Disseminating** the projects results through **the publications and the project's websites**



# ACTORS CONCERNED





# HUMAN RESSOURCES

## Averroes project coordination team

**Paris**

Averroes  
Coordinator

European  
Observatory  
Coordination

Project  
Administrator

**Brussels**

Advocacy /  
Mobilisation  
officer

**Madrid**

Averroes  
Deputy  
Coordinator

+ **Salaried and voluntary resources** made available by the network member NGOs : involved in the project but not remunerated by the project



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