

Assisting Migrants and Communities: Analysis of Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities (AMAC)



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- EC Public Health Programme 2006: Health Determinants Strand
- Budget: EUR 333.333 (60% EC funded)
- Start date: February 2008
- Duration: 18 months
- Target area: EU Member States, EFTA and Candidate Countries
- Implemented by: IOM Brussels

AMAC Partnerships (I)

Government partners:

- Ministry of Health, Italy
- Ministry of Health, Malta
- Ministry of Health, Portugal
- Ministry of Health, Spain

AMAC Partnerships (II)

Collaborating Partners:

- Centre for Ethnicity and Health, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, United Kingdom
- Centre Françoise Minkowska, Paris, France
- Center for Science, Society and Citizenship (CSSC), Rome, Italy
- Erasmus University, Health Care Evaluation Department, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- European Research Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
- Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for the Sociology of Health and Medicine at the Institute for Sociology, University of Vienna, Austria

Project Goal

- Building upon recent European initiatives addressing health and migration, AMAC aims to consolidate their results and promote multi-stakeholder engagement in the dialogue on health inequalities linked to migration



Project Objectives

1. Follow-up and build on recent European initiatives in migration health
2. Create a forum for discussions among experts on health and migration and enable them to exchange their expertise, discuss concrete cases, identify best practices and draft policy recommendations
3. Enable EU Member States to learn from each others' practices and foster dialog among academic institutions, **multiple stakeholders** in governments (**health, interior, social affairs**), the European Commission, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations
4. Disseminate widely the background papers, workshop results and consultation conclusions to key stakeholders for migration and health issues

Project Components

1. **Review report** of the policy environment following the high-level migration-health related conferences and consultations of 2007
2. **Synergies** established between partners' current European-level projects on health inequalities as relate to migration health
3. **Seven background papers** prepared based on the priority areas identified at the first expert meeting
4. **Three workshops** organized to review background papers, best practices and areas for further research, and formulate policy recommendations
5. **Final EU-level consultation** to engage multidisciplinary stakeholders, present the workshop results, develop action points for integrating the recommendations into national and EU-level migration health-related strategies
6. **Report** on the results of the workshops (including background papers) and final consultation developed and widely distributed

Proposed Project Timeline

- Advisory Group Meeting (February 2008)
- Expert Team Meeting (March/May 2008)
- Workshop #1 (October 2008)
- Workshop #2 (December 2008)
- Workshop #3 (February 2009)
- Final EU-level consultation (May 2009)
- Final project report and background papers disseminated (January/February 2009)
- Background papers available online for public consultation following each workshop

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Comments? Questions?