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The Flemish Agency for Care and Health is organising under the framework of the Belgian Presidency the Regions for Health Network Conference, which wants to examine how regional policy can efficiently eliminate disparities in health by addressing the social determinants of health.

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Central to this are the following questions: Which measures work? Which initiatives do not produce any results (and why)? And how can research outcomes be translated into policy and practice?

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The conference is a two-day event with presentations, workshops, panel discussions and poster sessions. To increase the efficiency of policy measures for eliminating health inequalities, focus will be given to practice-oriented recommendations.

In view of the event, the steering group of the conference on "*Reducing Health Inequalities from a regional perspective - what works, what does not?*" is issuing a call for abstracts for poster content or presentations that will be presented at the conference

Abstracts submitted for a presentation must describe good practices, initiatives or projects at local and/or regional level tackling health inequalities in the context of social determinants of health, under the motto "From theory to practice". Abstracts submitted for oral presentation must deal with one of the following topics.

- Equity from the start (focus on children)
- Social protection throughout life (focus on older people)
- Equitable employment and decent work (focus on disadvantaged groups)
- Equal opportunities (focus on women)
- Universal healthcare (access to healthcare)
- Health inequalities and psychiatry

Abstracts must be sent by e-mail to: internationaal.azg@wvg.vlaanderen.be

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For further information on the conference and call for abstract, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Solvejg Wallyn at solvejg.wallyn@wvg.vlaanderen.be or on +32-2-553 33 74.

24-25 November 2010
Employment Week 2010 - The European Employment Forum
Management Centre Europe in Brussels
<http://www.employmentweek.com/cms.php>



9-10 November 2010
European Conference on Rehabilitation
Copenhagen, Denmark
<http://www.rehabiliteringsforum.dk/index.php?id=61>

23-25 June 2011
IXth ENMESH International Conference
'Mental health care in Europe – Learning from differences'
Ulm, Germany
http://enmesh.eu/index_enmesh_conference_2011.html

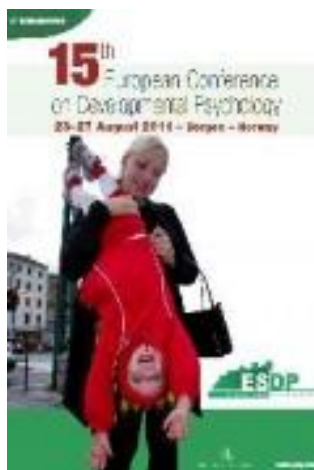
Deadline for submissions is November 30, 2010.

The online abstract submission is now open.

Please read the submission guidelines (<http://www.enmesh.eu/submission.html>) carefully before submitting your work.

The selected abstracts will be published in a special issue of the journal PSYCHIATRISCHE PRAXIS.

23 to 27 August 2011



15th European Conference on Developmental Psychology
Organized by: European Society of Developmental Psychology
Bergen, Norway



Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 31 December 2010

The conference aims at presenting an overview of current European research on human development in all its varieties. The conference format will include keynotes, symposia, thematic sessions and poster sessions.

Website: <http://www.ecdp2011.com>

Contact name: Bente Wold



OPEN CALLS FOR TENDER

Tender for framework service contracts to provide expertise and support for European cooperation in education and training.

Deadline 15.10.2010

The European Commission has issued a tender for framework service contracts to provide expertise and support for European cooperation in education and training.

The overall objective of this call is for support services in the education and training policy activities of the Directorate-General for Education and Culture (EAC).

The services will contribute to an effective and evidence-based development and implementation of the EU policy agenda in education and training, in particular the 'Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training' (ET 2020), the education and training dimensions of the 'Europe 2020' strategy, and policy dialogue and action at the international level, by ensuring consultancy services and studies including expert and logistical support.

This call is divided into four lots:

- Lot No 1 - Consultancy services/internal part - This lot will provide expertise and logistical support for Commission services managing the development and implementation of the EU policy agenda in education and training, in particular ET 2020 and the education and training dimension of the Europe 2020 strategy.
- Lot No 2 - Consultancy services/external part - This lot will undertake policy reviews and analysis of international trends in education and training and provide policy advice. Reinforce the European Commission's capacity for statistical indicator analysis in support of its international cooperation activities in education and training.
- Lot No 3 - Studies/internal part - The role of this lot is to produce reports which are based on a broad range of substantive scientific and academic expertise and which strengthen the evidence base underpinning European education and training policy.
- Lot No 4 - Studies/external part- This part of the tender is for the provision of substantive scientific and academic expertise strengthening the evidence base underpinning the implementation of the European Commission's international cooperation in education and training.

<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:242002-2010:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0>

http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=EN_CALLS_NEWS&ACTION=D&DOC=3&CAT=NEWS&QUERY=012ad2bbafcc:ddcb:1eb7e644&RCN=32432



OPEN CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Calls in research programs

Health Call 2011: FP7-ERANET-2011-RTD

Deadline of 22 February 2011

e.g.

Research on the brain and related diseases, human development and ageing

SOCIOECONOMIC SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

8.3.2 Societal Trends and Lifestyles/Drug demand and supply reduction

8.3.3 Cultural Interactions in an International Perspective/ Cultural Encounters

ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/calls/cooperation/era/z-ct-201101_en.pdf

EXPERT REQUEST

Call for expressions of interest.

Deadline 27/08/2011

The purpose of this call is to enable the Commission to draw from a list of potential contractors who could be entrusted with contracts in connection with activities of the Directorate for Environment.

Persons who are interested in having their name entered on a list of candidates are invited to submit an application in accordance with the rules set out below.

The list drawn up following this notice will be used solely for contracts whose estimated value is below the thresholds laid down in the relevant public procurement Directives (currently the threshold is EUR 133 000) or for service contracts falling under Annex 1B of the Directive 92/50/EEC whatever their estimated value. The authorising department will draw up a list of candidates who meet the criteria set out at point 6.1 and 6.2 below.

For each specific contract relating to the field described at point 3(a), the authorising department will send the specifications to all the candidates on the list or to some of them, selected on the basis of special pre-selection criteria for the contract concerned.

The applicants that are part of the (2006–2009) list will not automatically be included in the new list 2009–2012. They have to reapply in order to be on the new list.

<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:306406-2008:TEXT:EN:HTML>



MISCELLANEOUS

Xplore Health Survey for Patients Group Professionals

Xplore Health is a European project, coordinated by Barcelona Science Park and funded by the EU, to build and promote an online portal on the latest health research.

The portal will contain multimedia tools for public engagement, and will be linked to activities in science centres, museums, schools and patients groups, that will nurture public engagement with health research and its wider ethical, legal and social aspects, working with young people. The website will go online in September 2010, and modules of the website will be published every three months, each module covering a different subject.

In order to help with the development of the portal, a survey is being carried out. Anyone wishing to take part in this survey should log onto the survey website at :

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHkyTUtGVmFsRkVrbXhUUtEV25uUGc6MA>



Under the title "Work related stress - together we can tackle it" the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has developed a useful online Stress portal.

It is set up to help prevent work related stress in compliance with existing laws: What is work related stress? How can I start dealing with my own personal issues? How can my organisation tackle work related stress - Business case studies? Website on work related stress.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/stress/index.htm>

An **e-learning** module on stress (in French) module titles « Sensibilisation des acteurs de l'entreprise à la prévention des Risques Psycho-Sociaux » has been developed available at CESTPARACT Picardie.

During 60 minutes, this module raises awareness of heads of enterprises, managers, employees and their representatives for the psycho-social risks and the importance of prevention.

http://www.cestp.aract.fr/fileadmin/Fichier/plaquette_en_telechargement/CP_stress_au_travail_nouvel_outil_de_prevention_.pdf

http://www.cestp.aract.fr/fileadmin/Fichier/Publication/risques_psychosociaux.pdf

European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) has launched its new Healthy Workplaces Campaign for 2010/11, promoting safe maintenance across Europe.

In some European countries as much as 20% of all workplace accidents are connected with maintenance and in a number of sectors over half of all accidents are maintenance-related.

You can download the official campaign guide and other campaign materials (presentations, publications and promotional material in 22 languages) and find campaign events that will be happening near you, on the Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2010/11

<http://hw.osha.europa.eu>, and <http://osha.europa.eu/en/campaigns/hw2010/>



Results of the European survey on health and safety management at workplaces of enterprises now available

How are managers facing up to 'new' risks such as work-related stress, violence and harassment? What part do employees play in the implementation of preventative measures at work?

These are the questions that EU-OSHA's new survey of enterprises – ESENER – set out to answer. View the results online, download the reports or simply find out more about this important new project.

Concern about psychosocial risks such as stress, violence and harassment is increasing in European organisations, the first findings of the biggest workplace health and safety survey in Europe show.

The new data was released on 3 June 2010 by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) at the mid-term review conference of the Community Strategy for Health and Safety at Work (2007 - 2012).

Full report at http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/reports/esener1_osh_management/view

Summary report at http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/reports/en_esener1-summary.pdf/view

A critical view on EU lobbying can be consulted at <http://www.corporateeurope.org/>

Draft Regulation on the European Citizens` Initiative

On 31 March 2010, the European Commission released a proposal on the European Citizens` Initiative (ECI).

The ECI is viewed by many as having the great potential to allow European citizens to influence EU legislation. The proposal outlines the procedures to be followed.

New publication on "Climate change mitigation policies and social justice in Europe

Research on potential conflicts and synergies between policy regarding the fight against climate change and social justice in Europe (2010).

An exploration of potential conflicts and synergies" by Dr Pernille Schiellerup, Institute for European Environmental Policy - Dr Tom Bauler and Marco Grancagnolo, Centre d'Etudes du Développement Durable, IGEAT-ULB

This paper explores the potential conflicts and synergies between climate change mitigation policies and social justice issues in Europe. It identifies EU-level policies and measures likely to



play an important role in climate change mitigation over the next three to five years and analyses case studies in selected EU Member States, using a set of indicators to explore their potential implications from a social justice point of view.

The authors consider the potential implications of each measure for social justice – analyzing, for example, their impact on the prices paid by consumers, how the costs and benefits are shared, whether they are likely to create or destroy jobs, what impact, if any, they could have on health - and highlight areas of concern and issues which require further investigation.

http://www.kbs-frb.be/uploadedFiles/KBS-FRB/05_Pictures,_documents_and_external_sites/09_Publications/PUB2009_1951_ClimateChange.pdf

The Written Declaration on EU Workforce for Health (40/2010)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+WDECL+P7-DCL-2010-0040+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>



Tabled by five MEPs - Oana Elena Antonescu MEP (Romania, EPP), Jean Lambert MEP (UK, Greens/EFA), Antonyia Parvanova MEP (Bulgaria, ALDE), Marc Tarabella MEP (Belgium, S&D) and Thomas Ulmer MEP (Germany, EPP) - the Written Declaration bears the number 40/2010 and is open for signatures between 17 May and 17 September 2010.

In order to be adopted, the declaration must bear the signatures of more than half the total number of MEPs, i.e. 369, within three months (until 17 September).

This important document calls on the European Commission and the Governments of the EU Member States to:

- ensure that there is sufficient comparable data for EU wide health workforce planning
- establish effective and sustainable recruitment and retention strategies in the health sector,
- ensure that all health professionals have access to continuing professional development and that professional qualifications meet agreed criteria,
- promote the role of health professionals to identify and implement strategies that facilitate professional and knowledge mobility while recognizing the health professionals' contribution to achieve optimal health outcomes".

An EPHA briefing document and a template letter to be distributed to members and partner organisations can be found [here](#)

<http://www.gmpublichealthpracticeunit.nhs.uk/2010/06/european-parliaments-written-declaration-402010-on-eu-health-workforce-now-open-for-signatures/>



AGE Platform Europe issues position on mental health among older people

AGE Platform Europe has issued a position paper on the mental health and well-being of older people to contribute to the Spanish presidency conference on "Mental Health and Well-being among Older People".

AGE Platform Europe's position paper highlights actions to be taken at EU and national levels to improve the mental health of older people.

These actions particularly focus on :

- Mental Health promotion
- Mental disorders prevention
- Older people in vulnerable situation
- Informal carers
- Research
- Care and Treatment



AGE Platform position paper at:

http://www.age-platform.eu/images/stories/AGEPositionPaper_MentalHealth_Final_062010.pdf

Council of the European Union adopts rules to prevent injuries to healthcare workers

On 11 May, Ministers of the 27 EU Member States adopted a directive designed to protect healthcare professionals from sharp injuries in the workplace.

The Directive provides for "an integrated approach to assessing and preventing risks", as well as education for and training to inform workers of the risks. The directive can be consulted at

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2009:0577:FIN:EN:PDF>

European Commission publishes Eurobarometer report on patient safety in the European Union

The European Commission published a special Eurobarometer survey on patient safety and quality of care, exploring Europeans' perceptions regarding patient safety and their attitudes toward the quality of healthcare in their country and cross-border.

A poll released to mark World Mental Health Day reveals that during the 12 months preceding the survey, 15% of respondents across EU Member States sought professional help for psychological or emotional problems and 7% took antidepressants, mostly for depression or anxiety.

This Eurobarometer survey on the self perceived Mental Health of European citizens was conducted during February and March 2010 in the 27 Member States of the European Union.



According to the results, there is still stigma attached to mental disorders, with 22% of those surveyed saying they would find it difficult to speak to a person with a "significant mental disorder". This issue and the other results will be discussed during the next thematic conference under the European Pact for Mental Health and Well-being : "Promoting Social Inclusion and Combating Stigma for better Mental Health and Well-being", taking place in Lisbon on 8-9 November

Link to the Eurobarometer report:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/mental_health/eurobarometers/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/archives/ebs/ebs_327_en.pdf

European Commission looks to expand reach and impact of eHealth services

In a Communication published on Wednesday 19 May, the European Commission outlined a Digital Agenda for the EU, with particular reference to eHealth.

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/documents/digital-agenda-communication-en.pdf

WHO Healthy Cities

The Healthy Cities approach values the importance of health and well-being in the decision making and activities of cities. It acts as a framework for strategic planning, activities and assessment of a city.

The principles are based in the Health for all strategy and Local Agenda 21. Based on these, a strong value is given to equity, participatory governance and solidarity, multisectoral cooperation and actions concentrated on the determinants of health (Source: Dahlgren G. and Whitehead M. 1991. Policies and strategies to promote social equity in health. Stockholm, Institute for Futures Studies).

Healthy Cities Programme in Europe has run since 1987 over five year phases. Each phase has paid attention to particular themes. Phase IV (2003-2008) had three core themes: healthy urban planning, health impact assessment and healthy ageing. Physical activity/ active living is a complementary theme of the phase IV.

On the meeting in Zagreb, September 2008, the Healthy Cities agreed on plans and priorities for Phase V (2009-2013) of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. The overarching theme for Phase V is health and health equity in all local policies.

The core themes are: caring and supportive environments, healthy living and health urban environment and design. To be members of the Healthy Cities Network in Phase V cities have to be designated by WHO after submitting the application (at any time but not later than 30 June 2010).

Healthy Cities movement is coordinated by the

WHO Regional Office for Europe <http://www.euro.who.int/en/home>



Healthy Cities and Urban Governance <http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/environmental-health/urban-health>

Related link: <http://www.marebalticum.org/brehca/>

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Now available on: <http://www.iupsys.net/index.php/resources/current-projects/241>



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