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## CONFERENCES

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### September 20-21, 2012 EFPA Expert Conference : PSYCHOLOGY FOR HEALTH Contributions to Policy Making Brussels, Belgium



More information at <http://congres.efpa.eu/>

Thanks to the broad scope of psychological research and their close collaboration with other professionals in schools, businesses, communities, and health care institutions, psychologists are in a unique position to contribute to the improvement of physical and mental health in Europe.

The aim of this conference is to highlight findings from psychological research and to demonstrate how psychologists can add to the work of other experts in safeguarding and promoting the health of European citizens. A particular emphasis is put on the role that psychology can play in developing healthy life styles, the early discovery of health risks, and various forms of prevention.

This conference will bring together experts from various areas of psychology, offering different but complementary perspectives on promoting health and reducing illness, with the purpose of sharing insights and experiences with policy makers and formulating policy statements as well as recommendations for future policies at the European and national level.

We expect 250 participants, including key actors from European institutions and EU Member States, the health sector, and NGOs, particularly those involved in the EU's Health Programme.

The conference is part of the "Psychology for Europe" initiative (2011) by which the European Federation of Psychologists Associations aims to raise the visibility and impact of psychology as a broad and potent field of science and professional activity that can bring substantial benefit to Europe, socially and economically.

### Areas of expertise that will be covered

1. Health promotion via behaviour change: life style, addiction and health
2. Life-long learning and health: what school psychologists can do
3. Enhancing the prevention and early treatment of mental ill-health: depression and suicide
4. Employment, working conditions and stress: from research to practice
5. Managing serious illness: focus on patients and care-givers
6. Health inequality in times of crisis: alleviating the impact of unemployment and poverty
7. Health improvement through physical activity: lessons from sport psychology

8. Psychological contributions to healthy ageing and longevity

The programme will also provide room to address other health issues, such as the behavioural

**July 1-4, 2012**

**Colloque International de Psychologie Sociale En Langue Française  
Oporto, Portugal**

<http://www.adrips.org/colloques/porto/Porto/Accueil.html>

**July 7, 2012**

**Conference on Geographic Profiling  
Oporto, Portugal**

[www.psicologia.pt](http://www.psicologia.pt)

**July 19-20, 2012**

**XIV North of Portugal/Galicia International Congress on Work and Training  
Oporto, Portugal**

<http://www.iefp.pt/noticias/Paginas/XIVCongressoInternacionalFormacaoTrabalho.aspx>



**October 24-26, 2012**

**Eurochild 9th Annual Conference  
Sofia, Bulgaria**

With the theme of "Promoting the rights of children in alternative care across Europe". Conference registration will be open from mid-June 2012.

More info:

[http://www.eurochild.org/en/events/details/index.html?tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=3898&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=287&cHash=a4314a9d3a4f53e6838263773d46ccf2](http://www.eurochild.org/en/events/details/index.html?tx_ttnews[tt_news]=3898&tx_ttnews[backPid]=287&cHash=a4314a9d3a4f53e6838263773d46ccf2)

**November 8-10, 2012**

**5th Annual European Public Health Conference 2012 – All Inclusive Public Health  
Portomaso, St. Julian's, Malta**

[http://eupha.org/site/upcoming\\_conference.php](http://eupha.org/site/upcoming_conference.php)

**Results of the 22nd Annual Conference of EUSHA- European Association of Institutions in Higher Education, 10-11th May 2012, Riga:**

<http://www.eurashe.eu/conferences-and-events/eurashe-annual-conferences/22-annual-conference-riga/>

**February 12-13, 2013**

**XVIII Internacional Symposium Advances in Psychiatry  
Madrid, Spain**

[http://www.unioviado.es/psiquiatria/congresos/programas/2012/PSIQ-Cuatritico\(indv\).pdf](http://www.unioviado.es/psiquiatria/congresos/programas/2012/PSIQ-Cuatritico(indv).pdf)

**July 8-13, 2014**

**28th International Congress of Applied Psychology  
Paris, France**

<http://www.icap2014.com/>



## PUBLICATIONS

### **Action Plan for the EU health workforce adopted as part of the Commission**

Communication for a job rich recovery in Europe

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health\\_consumer/dyna/enews/enews.cfm?al\\_id=1247](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/dyna/enews/enews.cfm?al_id=1247)

### **New special Eurobarometer on smoking habits in the EU**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/docs/eurobaro\\_attitudes\\_towards\\_tobacco\\_2012\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/docs/eurobaro_attitudes_towards_tobacco_2012_en.pdf)

### **Eurobarometer Quality study on Patient Involvement in the EU**

Publishes results of a survey about opinions, challenges and opportunities on what patients and doctors think about patient involvement.

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/healthcare/docs/eurobaro\\_patient\\_involvement\\_2012\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/healthcare/docs/eurobaro_patient_involvement_2012_en.pdf)

### **Report on E-Health - Health data – Towards a transformation of the healthcare landscape**

Published by the e-Health Task Force established one year ago to advise the EU Commission on how to unlock the potential of e-health for safer, better and more efficient healthcare in Europe.

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/health/docs/policy/taskforce/redesigning\\_health-eu-for2020-ehf-report2012.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/health/docs/policy/taskforce/redesigning_health-eu-for2020-ehf-report2012.pdf)

### **The report from the Conference organised by the European Commission on “Reducing Early-School leaving: Efficient and Effective Policies in Europe”**

has been published as well as the workshops' main messages. Participants to the conference highlighted the need for strong political commitment and a greater involvement of children and young people but also parents and local communities, as well as a better support for teachers and other learning facilitators.

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/school-education/doc/esl/report\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/school-education/doc/esl/report_en.pdf)

### **WHO world health statistics report 2012 published**

[http://www.who.int/gho/publications/world\\_health\\_statistics/EN\\_WHS2012\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.who.int/gho/publications/world_health_statistics/EN_WHS2012_Brochure.pdf)

### **Non communicable diseases prevention and control in the South-eastern Europe**

WHO provides an overview of the existing tools for implementing action and highlights the developments in the fields of tobacco and nutrition in south-eastern Europe – an analysis of intersectoral collaboration.

[http://www.euro.who.int/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/164457/e96502.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/164457/e96502.pdf)

### **WHO published new report on Social Determinants of health and well-being among young people – Results from the HSBC Study 2009/10**

[http://www.euro.who.int/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/163857/Social-determinants-of-health-and-well-being-among-young-people.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/163857/Social-determinants-of-health-and-well-being-among-young-people.pdf)



**EU funded FP7 project FAHRE – Food and Health Research in Europe publishes its proposals for strengthening food and health research in Europe.**

Individual countries reports mapping food and health research in 32 European countries are available at <http://www.spi.pt/fahre/>

The synthesis report is available at :  
[http://www2.spi.pt/fahre/reports/FAHRE\\_Mapping\\_Synthesis.pdf](http://www2.spi.pt/fahre/reports/FAHRE_Mapping_Synthesis.pdf)

The final project report is available at  
<http://eurohealthnet.eu/sites/eurohealthnet.eu/files/publications/FAHRE%20Final%20Report.pdf>

**SAVE THE CHILDREN's report 2012 published on the State of World Mothers Health**

<http://www.savethechildrenweb.org/SOWM2012Interactive/SOWM2012/index.html#/13/zoomed>

**Key findings:**

- children in an alarming number of countries are not getting adequate nutrition on their first 1000 days;
- child malnutrition is widespread and it is limiting the future success of many countries;
- economic growth is not enough to fight malnutrition;
- cost-effective early interventions and evidence are available and ready to use;
- health workers are key to success;
- in the industrialized world, the United States have the least favourable environment for mothers who want to breastfeed;

**Recommendations**

- invest in evidence-based, low-cost solutions;
- invest in health workers especially in primary care settings to reach the most vulnerable mothers and children;
- focus on girls' education;
- increase government support for proven solutions;
- improve laws, policies and actions that support families, communities and promote breastfeeding.

**The European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies published the quarterly Eurohealth booklet “New Eurohealth: Health systems and the financial crisis “,**

which provides case studies on health system responses to the financial crisis from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece and Ireland.

Other articles include: the patient perspective on the Professional Qualifications Directive; the evolution of obesity in Spain; the performance of chronic care system in Denmark; competition in the Dutch health insurance system; pharmaceutical market reforms in Portugal.

[http://www.euro.who.int/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/162959/Eurohealth\\_Vol-18\\_No-1\\_web.pdf](http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/162959/Eurohealth_Vol-18_No-1_web.pdf)

**EuroHealthNet, together with the University of Brighton and other partners, has published the Gradient Evaluation Framework (GEF) , GRADIENT – A tool to evaluate policy actions for health equity of children and their families”**

which provides a practical support for the evaluation of policy actions for their potential to achieve health equity of children and their families. How can public policies effectively reduce health inequalities among children? GEF is a European action-oriented policy tool that provides a framework for the evaluation and implementation of policy-actions at each stage of the policy cycle.

[http://www.equityevidence.eu/GRADIENT/EN/about\\_gradient/gef/](http://www.equityevidence.eu/GRADIENT/EN/about_gradient/gef/)

**EuroHealthNet and its research partners have been working since 2009 on studies of factors and mechanisms to tackle gaps in knowledge and action on child, adolescent and family health inequalities within social gradients in Europe.**

Now as the project, co- funded by the EU FP7 Programme, reaches its conclusion, a new book “Tackling the Gradient Book and Evaluation Tool” has been published summarizing findings [http://www.equityevidence.eu/GRADIENT/EN/about\\_gradient/the\\_gradient\\_book/](http://www.equityevidence.eu/GRADIENT/EN/about_gradient/the_gradient_book/)



**UNICEF report on Roma women and early childhood development.**

[http://www.unicef.org/ceecis/Women\\_Motherhood-07-21-2011-final-WEB%281%29.pdf](http://www.unicef.org/ceecis/Women_Motherhood-07-21-2011-final-WEB%281%29.pdf)

**CEDEFOP releases a new research report on Sectoral perspectives on the benefits of vocational education and training**

[http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/Files/5522\\_en.pdf](http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/Files/5522_en.pdf)

## CALLS

### CALL FOR PROJECTS

**Call for proposals EAC / S01 / 2012 Pilot project for the development of sector skills alliances  
Deadline: 16 August 2012**

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/s0112\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/s0112_en.htm)

The current call for proposals provides and direct support for testing Sector Skills Alliances to draw lessons for future implementation.

**Call for proposals 2012 Preparatory Action: European Partnership on Sports (Open call EAC/S06/2012) - Deadline 31. July 2012**

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory\\_actions/eac-s06-2012\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/eac-s06-2012_en.htm)

This call serves to implement the Preparatory Action "European Partnership on Sports". The main objective of this Preparatory Action is to prepare future EU actions in this field, on the basis of the Sport Chapter of the proposed Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport for 2014-2020 'Erasmus for All'. This call for proposals will support transnational projects put

forward by public bodies or not-for-profit organisations in order to identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport, in the following areas:

- (1) The fight against match-fixing,
- (2) The promotion of physical activity supporting active ageing,
- (3) Awareness-raising about effective ways of promoting sport at municipal level,
- (4) Trans-frontier joint grassroots sport competitions in neighbouring regions and Member States.

**Call for proposals EAC / S03 / 2012 - Pilot project for the development of knowledge partnerships deadline 28th June 2012**

This call and the selected projects will also contribute to the preparations for the implementation of the forthcoming Erasmus for All programme with a view to a much greater scope for Knowledge Alliancespartnerships in future.

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/s0312\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/s0312_en.htm)

**Call for proposals EDULINK II - ACP-EU cooperation programme in higher education aims at fostering management and academic and regional integration in the field of higher education through institutional networking, in the framework of the ACP-EU cooperation. Deadline 30.July 2012**

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=15&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=132023>

**Call for proposals EACEA/15/2012 under 4.3.youth support systems- support to youth workers mobility deadline 3 September 2012**

The purpose of this call for proposals is to support youth workers' mobility and exchanges with a view to promoting the acquisition of new skills and competences in order to enrich their profile as professionals in the youth field.

By promoting long-term transnational learning experiences for youth workers, this new action will also aim at strengthening the capacities of the structures involved in the project, which will benefit from the experience and new perspective brought by a youth worker from a different background. In doing so, this call will enhance networking among youth structures in Europe and will contribute to the policy priority to support, recognise and professionalize youth work as a cross-cutting policy tool in Europe.

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2012/call\\_action\\_4\\_3\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2012/call_action_4_3_en.php)

**Youth in Action -permanent calls for proposals 2012**

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2012/applications\\_permanent\\_call\\_2012\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2012/applications_permanent_call_2012_en.php),  
**deadline calendar here:** [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/calendar\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/programme/calendar_en.php)

## CALL FOR TENDER RESEARCH

**Marie Curie Intra European Fellowships for career development IEF, Call identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IEF, Support for training and career development of researchers, Deadline: 16 August 2012**

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people;efp7\\_SESSION\\_ID=sjc2PJQSkf0RBJQjvHLrv502zZDWwdb2QwT9Sn62p5GHBj1zz1v!1325665982?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IEF](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people;efp7_SESSION_ID=sjc2PJQSkf0RBJQjvHLrv502zZDWwdb2QwT9Sn62p5GHBj1zz1v!1325665982?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IEF)

**Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) Call identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IIF Deadline 16. August 2012**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IIF>

**Marie Curie International Outgoing fellowships IOF Call Identifier FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IOF Deadline 16. August 2012**

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IOF&utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IOF&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

## MISCELLANEOUS

**In May the European Council on Education, Youth, Culture and Sport held its spring meeting.**

The minutes are available at

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/130177.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/educ/130177.pdf)

**“Erasmus for all”:- the new EU programmes for education, training, youth and sport is under discussion now**

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-for-all/>

The Council agreed a partial general approach on the proposal for a regulation establishing the "Erasmus for All" programme for the period 2014-2020 for which the Commission proposes a significant increase in funding compared with the current budget. The agreement however excludes any provisions with budgetary implications, pending further developments on the negotiations currently under way on the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/reform/>.

Rather than being organised primarily along sectoral lines (schools, higher education, youth projects, etc.), the new programme will focus on three types of key action: learning mobility, cooperation for innovation and good practices, and support for policy reform. Emphasis will also be placed on activities which have a systemic impact and provide clear EU added value, while efforts will be made to streamline management of the programme and administrative procedures.

**Education:** The Council adopted conclusions on the employability of graduates from education and training. Their purpose is to establish a European benchmark for identifying those education and training policies which boost the employability of graduates from general education, vocational education and training and higher education and help to ensure successful transitions from education to work. The Commission recalled that the goal in

this field is to come back to the European headline target of 82% of young graduates in employment by 2020.

It will make an assessment of the employability benchmark in 2014. The Council adopted also conclusions on fostering the creative and innovative potential of young people. They establish a thematic group with the participation of experts from member states and the Commission with the aim of sharing best practices on how to promote the creativity and innovative capacity of young people by identifying competences and skills acquired through non formal and informal learning relevant to employability.

**Sport:** The Council adopted conclusions on combating doping in recreational sport with a view to raising awareness and defining a common framework for this matter, as well as identifying best practices. The conclusions call for:

- the development of educational programmes, information campaigns or other preventive measures regarding doping in recreational sport;
- close cooperation between public authorities, the sports movement and the fitness sector on developing joint projects, guidelines and regulations;
- a framework of effective and appropriate national measures for the investigation and sanctioning of the production, trafficking, distribution and possession of doping substances in recreational sport.



#### **EU Policy on Tobacco control**

[http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/my\\_lifestyle/tobacco/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/my_lifestyle/tobacco/index_en.htm)

Including the new campaign "Ex-Smokers unstoppable"

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/ex\\_smokers\\_are\\_unstoppable/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/ex_smokers_are_unstoppable/index_en.htm)

#### **The Children's Rights Action Group (CRAG) has published a new position paper on "EU budget 2014-2020 Making Children Visible"**

[http://www.eurochild.org/fileadmin/ThematicPriorities/ChildrensRights/CRAG/CRAG\\_position\\_paper\\_MFF\\_Final.pdf](http://www.eurochild.org/fileadmin/ThematicPriorities/ChildrensRights/CRAG/CRAG_position_paper_MFF_Final.pdf)

While the group has welcomed EU commitments towards children's rights it is believed that the European Union must now reflect its commitment by allocating adequate financial means for children in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

<http://ec.europa.eu/budget/reform/>

#### **The European Charter for Health Equality**

[http://www.eph.org/IMG/pdf/European\\_Charter\\_Health\\_Equity\\_December2011\\_update.pdf](http://www.eph.org/IMG/pdf/European_Charter_Health_Equity_December2011_update.pdf)

has been opened for signatures **until the end of 2012**. <http://www.eph.org/a/4368>

Why signing?

- Because the existing systematic differences in health – widespread, unfair and avoidable – impose a growing threat to all people living in Europe and have to be addressed in a concerted manner at all levels and by all relevant stakeholders. Putting right these inequities is a matter of social justice.
- To reaffirm the commitment to the values of well-being, solidarity, social justice, promotion of fundamental human rights and gender equity.
- To call for action from the civil society to all relevant stakeholders and in particular decision makers, relevant governmental and civil society partner organisations, and other regulatory bodies, to protecting and promoting people's health by acting on health inequalities between and within countries in Europe.



- To promote the shared values of solidarity, equity, gender equality, sustainability and participation through mainstreaming health equity in our policies and other actions to ensure due attention is paid to the needs of the poor and other vulnerable groups and to support a societal development that maximises individual and community potential;
- Invest in actions that promote and support health equity, social, gender and environmental determinants of health, and guarantee that such pro-health initiatives are coherent and integrated with effective and measurable evidence-based interventions that are responsive to people" s needs, preferences and expectations;
- Foster and build capacity and cross-country learning and cooperation between all relevant stakeholders in development and implementation of policies that have positive impact on social determinants of health.

### **HEIDI (Health in Europe: Information and Data Interface)**

collects, updates and shares information about health in Europe, i.e. on health status, health determinants, systems and policies. The content is written by EU health experts.  
[https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/heidi/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/heidi/index.php/Main_Page)

### **OBESSU 5Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions°**

launches campaign on Vocational Education and Training "**Claim Your Voice!**"  
<http://www.obessu.org/vet/>

### **Stand up for VET!"**

raising awareness and respect of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Europe.



### **Europemobility Video Contest**

is open to all those who have been studying, training or volunteering abroad. The aim is to promote all types of mobility as an enriching part of the curricula by creating a video that may win an Ipad, 500€ or a trip to Paris.

Videos can be uploaded until 15 September 2012.

<http://www.europemobility.tv/>