Towards a joint European research programme on health systems

Over the last decade, European health systems have faced growing common challenges: ageing related issues and continuous financial pressures call for innovative solutions on how to organise health care in an equitable and efficient manner.

To address this situation there is an urgent need to bring in innovation and research evidence, in order to identify and implement more effective and sustainable ways to organize, manage, finance, and deliver high quality care to European citizens.

ABOUT TO-REACH

The goal of TO-REACH is to prepare a joint European research programme aimed at producing research evidence supporting health care services and systems to become more resilient, effective, equitable, accessible, sustainable and comprehensive (in Europe, and abroad).

TO-REACH is a Coordination and Support Action funded by Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 1, which started in December 2016 and is coordinated by the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy.

TO-REACH will pursue three main objectives:

- to produce a Strategic Research Agenda which will identify common priority areas across Europe for a future joint research programme on health services and systems;
- to broaden the coalition of committed Member States and funding bodies;
- to develop a structured system of information exchange between public health research funders and other relevant bodies.

identifying new solutions able to respond to rising challenges

understanding and predicting whether such solutions can be implemented and transferred effectively in other settings.

agenda for health services and systems research

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OUR CONSORTIUM

The TO-REACH Consortium brings together 28 partners, from 15 EU Member States and 5 non-EU countries.

Partners can be clustered around three main types:

- **19 Governmental and Funding Bodies;**
- **6 National Research Organisations;**
- **3 European level Bodies**

**Governmental and Funding Bodies**

- the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (the Italian National Institute of Health), coordinator;
- Ministero della Salute, Italy;
- Agenas, national Agency for regional health services, Italy;
- ZonMw (Netherlands Organisation for Health Research & Development), the Netherlands;
- Austrian Public Health Institute (GÖG), Austria
- Academy of Finland, Finland;
- IReSP/ITMO santé publique, France;
- Health Research Board, Ireland;
- Latvian Council of Science, Latvia;
- Research Council of Norway, Norway;

**National Research Organisations**

- NIVEL, Netherlands institute for health services research, the Netherlands;
- National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL), Finland;
- University of Riga (RSU), Latvia;
- University of Malta (UoM), Malta;
- Babeș-Bolyai University (UBBCU), Romania;
- Catholic University of Sacred Heart (UCSC), Italy.

**European level Bodies**

- European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies;
- European Health Management Association (EHMA);
- European Public Health Association (EUPHA).

GET INVOLVED

Governmental and funding bodies are cordially invited to become involved in the CSA of TO-REACH, among others through the opportunity to join its External Policy Advisory Council. This can help in staying informed and providing inputs for the Strategic Research Agenda.