



AER Social Policy & Public Health Committee
Conference on Health Inequalities and Plenary Session
Brussels, 7th - 8th October 2010
Outline Programme
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Meeting Venue: Espace International Wallonie-Bruxelles (EIWB1), Horta Room Place Sainctelette 2, BE - 1080 Brussels

Thursday 7th October (09:00-17:00)

Conference on Health inequalities:
It's all about accessibility!
Working languages: English, French, Spanish

Introduction to Health Inequalities

9:00 Opening and Welcome

Constantin Ostaficiuc, AER Committee 2 President and President of Timis County Council (RO)
Representative of Wallonie (B)

9:15 Health inequalities and the European Health Divide

Denny Vågerö, Professor of medical sociology, Director of the Centre for Health Equity Studies

10:00 – 12:00 Understanding the impact of health inequalities and the responses proposed

Panel of experts: Erio Ziglio, Head of the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development in Venice
Clive Needle, Director, EuroHealthNet

Moderated discussion, Discussion with the panel of experts and questions from the audience (including coffee break)

12:00 Measuring Health Inequalities in Regions of Europe

André Ochoa, Coordinator of the I2SARE Project, (Aquitaine-F)

12:30 A message from the Youth

Doris Leichtfried, AER Youth Committee on Health and Social Affairs (Salzburg-A)
Olov Oskarsson, President of the AER Youth Regional Network (Jämtland-S)

Lunch Break

**Afternoon Session (14:00 – 17:00, including coffee break)
Regional Responses to Health Inequalities**

How to avoid medical desertification in rural areas?

Solange Ménival, Vice-President of the regional Council in charge of health issues (Aquitaine-F)

Gender Mainstreaming in Healthcare: the Experience of Norrbotten

Monica Carlsson, County Commissioner for gender equality, Chairperson of the AER Standing Committee on Equal Opportunities (Norrbotten-S)

Coffee Break

Accessible health services for people with disabilities

Vladimir Kotic, Regional Minister for health, socio-sanitary integration and social policy (Friuli Venezia Giulia-I)

Mainstreaming health for greater equity

Jolanda van Vliet, Director of the Centre for Public Health Sciences, (Östergötland-S)

Conclusions and close of meeting

Discussion with the regional experts and the audience and summary of the solutions proposed to help reducing health inequalities

Friday 8th October 2010 (09:00 – 13:00)

**AER Social Policy and Public Health Committee (2)
Plenary session**

Working languages: English, French, Spanish

9:00 Opening

Constantin Ostaficiuc, President of Timis County-RO and President of the AER Social Policy and Public Health Committee

I. Adoption of the draft agenda

Doc I for adoption – Draft Agenda

II. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting

Adoption of the minutes of the Committee 2 meeting in Barcelona (Catalunya-E), 12th May 2010

Doc II for adoption – Minutes of the Barcelona meeting

Current EU Developments

III. 9:15 Cross-border healthcare Directive – state of play and implications for the regions

Update on the current state of play in the negotiation process
Adoption of the AER position on the revised draft directive

Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Secretary General of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)

Doc III for information – Current state of play – Directive on cross-border healthcare

Update from the AER Committee 2 networks

IV. 9:35 E-he@lth

Update on the network's activities

Agneta Granström, Chairperson of the network (Norrbotten-S)

Doc IV.1 for information – Draft Strategy of the e-he@lth network

Doc IV.2 for information – AAL network of regions

Doc IV.3 for information – Invitation to the Joint Symposium "eHealth in Europe's Regions: Acting for Citizens' Health"

V. 9:50 Equal Europe for People with Disabilities

Update on the network's activities

Metin Genç, Chairperson of the Network (Istanbul-TR)

Committee Business

VI. 10:00 Follow-up of the Alcohol Conference Conclusions – What have you done in your region?

Member regions will be asked to report on the actions they have taken in their regions to reduce alcohol-related harm and to what extent they have implemented the conference conclusions.

Doc VI for information – Conclusions of the AER Alcohol Conference- 11 May 2010

10:10 – 10:30 Coffee break

VII. 10:30 Committee 2 Activity Report

Constantin Ostaficiuc, Committee President (Timis, RO) and Christina Wahrolin, Committee Vice-President (Värmland, S)

Update from the Committee President on recent activities:

- ▶ Meeting of Committee 2 Presidium with DG SANCO (tbc)
- ▶ Contribution to the CoR consultation on the role of the regions in implementing the EU Health Strategy
- ▶ AER contribution to the CoR Technical Platform for Cooperation on Health: Meeting on 11 June 2010 – Structural Funds for Health; Meeting on 25 October 2010 – Implementing the Health Strategy
- ▶ Raising the Committee's profile among external stakeholders

Doc VII.1 for information – Committee 2 Activity Report

Doc VII.2 for information – AER contribution to the Committee of the Regions Opinion on the role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of the Health Strategy 2008-2013

Doc VII.3 for information – Committee 2 Budget

VIII. 11:00 Emergency Planning Network

Following the decision of the last plenary, Committee 2 will evaluate this network and determine whether its work should continue.

Doc VIII for information – Evaluation of the EPN
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IX. 11:10 Committee Elections

The Committee members are asked to select one candidate for the post of President and one for the post of Committee Vice-President of AER Committee 2. These proposals will then be transmitted to the AER Bureau, which will elect the Committee President. AER Secretariat will chair the elections. Each candidate will be given 5 minutes to present themselves and their vision for the Committee's future work.

Doc IX.1 for information – Election procedure

Doc IX.2 for information – List of candidates

Doc IX.3 for information – Candidatures – supporting documents
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X. 11:45 Adoption of the Committee 2 Work Programme 2011 and Priorities 2011-2012

Background to the debate: overview of EU policy initiatives that will have an impact on the Committee's working areas
Speaker to be confirmed

Presentation of the proposed priorities and work programme
Constantin Ostaficiuc, Committee 2 President (Timis, RO)

Presentation of the priorities of the Youth Committee on Health and Social Affairs
Doris Leichtfried, AER Youth Committee on Health and Social Affairs (Salzburg-A)
Olov Oskarsson, President of the AER Youth Regional Network (Jämtland-S)

Proposal for cooperation on Culture for health with Committee 3
Sten-Erik Nilsson, Sub-Committee Culture, AER Committee 3 (Gävleborg-S)

Doc X.1 for adoption – Committee 2 Political Priorities 2011-2012 and Work Programme 2011
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Doc X.2 for information – Questionnaire on Committee 2 Priorities

Doc X.3 for information – Summary of members' responses to the questionnaire
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Doc X.4 for information – Youth Regional Network's contribution to Committee 2 Political Priorities

XI. 12:30 General AER Information

The AER Secretariat will provide information on the AER General Assembly and other events and priorities.

Doc XI.1 for information – Draft Agenda of AER General Assembly 2010
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Doc XI.2 for information – Timetable of relevant external events
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XII. 12:45 Date and Venue of the next meeting

AER Committee meetings are kindly hosted by our member regions. If you are interested in hosting an upcoming Committee 2 meeting, please contact the AER Secretariat (c.bulot@aer.eu)

XIII. Any other business

13.00 13:00 Close of meeting