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International & European Institutions

Health inequities lead to early death in many persons with disabilities
World Health Organization (WHO)

A new report by the World Health Organization shows evidence of a higher risk of premature death and illness among many persons with disabilities compared to others in the society.

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European Pillar of Social Rights five years on: from principles to concrete action for a strong social Europe
European Commission

Since the proclamation of the EPSR the Commission has put forward more than 130 initiatives to implement the Pillar in the Member States and deliver a social Europe that is fair, inclusive and full of opportunities.

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International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
World Health Organization (WHO)

Ending violence against women is possible, but only if we act together, now. WHO plays a key role in bringing attention to and responding to violence against women as a public health, gender equality and human rights issue.

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North Macedonia's medical and other prison staff trained on mental healthcare provision

Council of Europe

Prisons in North Macedonia have serious shortage of medical personnel and mental healthcare professionals, making it even more important to have the present ones well trained.

Children of African descent are not considered children at all, say UN experts

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The unresolved legacies of trade and trafficking of enslaved Africans and colonialism, post-colonial apartheid and segregation, continues to harm children of African descent in all areas of life, UN experts said.

WHO/Europe accelerates efforts to advance health equity in North Macedonia with data and research

WHO Europe

In an effort to advance health equity in North Macedonia, WHO/Europe recently conducted an assessment to identify equity gaps and find ways to promote people’s access to quality and equitable health services.

Youth demand participation and change at first-ever Mental Health Week in Athens

WHO Europe

Mental Health Week is a joint initiative of WHO/Europe, through its Quality of Care Office in Athens, and the Government of Greece to raise awareness.

WHO Europe scales up interventions to respond to gender-based violence amid ongoing refugee crisis in Republic of Moldova

WHO Europe

Women and girls fleeing Ukraine lack access to quality GBV services, reproductive and sexual health care and psychosocial support, affecting marginalised groups in particular.

Research Developments

Announcing the Health Equity Network, Launching January 2023

Institute of Health Equity

The Health Equity Network will provide an opportunity for organisations, both public and private sector, community and voluntary groups and individuals to share their work on health equity and to engage across the country with others with the same interests.

Health information: are you getting your message across?

Nursing Times

A National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Collection summarises the findings of research, exploring what can be done to ensure health information is clear and how we can help people understand health information.
Opinion: Asylum inquiry calls for a fairer, more humane, and health centred asylum system

British Medical Journal

This opinion piece summarises some of the main results of the Independent Commission of Inquiry into Asylum Provision in Scotland. It points out that the asylum system currently is not equipped to serve the healthcare needs of asylum seekers.

Unveiling Inequality - Experiences of LGBTI+ Travellers & Roma

Exchange House Ireland

A peer-researched study on inequalities faced by LGBTI+ Roma and Travellers in Ireland, expanding on discrimination, physical and mental abuse and mental health.

The Place of Roma Women and Girls in Hungary’s Social Integration Strategies

German Marschall Fund

While the health situation of the Roma is still worse than that of the non-Roma population, Roma women fare better than Roma men. It is striking that there is no specific measure planned to improve the health conditions of the Roma population.

In the Media

Roma access to health care key for integration in the EU

The Brussels Times

The ERGO Network released a report on Roma access to healthcare and long-term care. This article describes some of its contents which were also expanded on in a launch event in November with the first panel moderated by EPHA.

Lessons on inequality from COVID-19

Euractiv

As the EU’s COVI committee continues its discussions on lessons to be learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic, lawmakers are investigating how the past two years have impacted the most economically vulnerable in Europe.
Under-Vaccinated Kids: Where are Europe's "Lost Children"?

Any large population is the sum of multiple, diverse sub-populations. While national vaccination rates may appear healthy, vaccine uptake is not uniform across a region or country. For example, 99% of children in some towns are vaccinated through early childhood healthcare, but another town might have just 80%.

Absence of medical care for the elderly caught between the frontlines

Three months into the war, people's medical and mental health needs are still high. Many communities have been left with damaged health facilities, while many residents have been left with psychological wounds caused by months of fear, loss, isolation and proximity to violence.

Upcoming Event

The Lancet's Series Launch: Racism, xenophobia, discrimination and health.

"Race & Health is excited to announce our new Lancet Series on racism, xenophobia, discrimination and health. To launch this Series, published in The Lancet's special issue: Advancing racial and ethnic equity in science, medicine, and global health, we are hosting an event. Join us as we discuss the pervasive nature of racism, xenophobia, and discrimination on health inequities globally, and what we can do to improve the lives of minoritised people."