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### DisQo Stakeholder Network

# Fund research on racism's health impacts, says European group

#### **Nature**

Article going in depth on the joint statement that resulted from the EPHA-led Thematic network 'DisQo - anti-discrimination and health equity", calling for more action on racism and discrimination in EU policy



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### **International & European Institutions**

## Health for All: Transforming economies to deliver what matters

### **World Health Organization**

This final report on Health for All provides recommendations for policy approaches to tackle health challenges in the new economic narrative. As the title implies, the focus is to shift to a new political economy that ensures health for all

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### Brazil hosts the announcement of the Global Council on Inequality, AIDS and Pandemics

#### **UNAids**

Social and economic inequalities within countries and between them are exacerbating and prolonging pandemics and amplifying their impact amongst the poorest and the most vulnerable. The work of the Global Council will harness essential evidence for policymakers and elevate political attention to the need for action to end inequalities that fuel AIDS and other pandemics.

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What worked? What didn't? What's next?: 2023 progress report on the global action plan for healthy lives and well-being for all

### **World Health Organization**

A new progress report has been released by the 13 signatory agencies of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All (SDG3 GAP). It reflects on the past 4 years of progress towards health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Global progress in tackling maternal and newborn deaths stalls since 2015

#### **World Health Organization**

A recent UN report shows that progress in maternal and newborn death has stalled since 2015. Part of the reason is a lack of investment and focus on socioeconomic determinants and groups in vulnerable populations

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### **Research Developments**

# Envisioning environmental equity: climate change, health, and racial justice

#### The Lancet

Climate change has a broad range of health impacts and tackling climate change could be the greatest opportunity for improving global health this century. Racism kills, and climate change kills. This paper explores the causes of these issues.

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Towards anti-racist policies and strategies to reduce poor health outcomes in racialised communities

#### The Lancet

Launch of Commission on Racism, Structural Discrimination, and Global Health, which will continue research on the effects of racism and structural discrimination on global health

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Social exclusion in people with diabetes: cross-sectional and longitudinal results from the German Ageing Survey (DEAS)

This research article analyses the link between social exclusion and diabetes. Its main findings that are that diabetes is not a drive of social exclusion, but does often co-occur because of health-related and psychosocial variables

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Substantial racial inequalities despite frequent health care contact found in treatment for opioid use disorder

#### Harvard T.V. Chan School of Public Health

Opioid overdoses are rising faster in the Black population than in any other racial group: In 2021, they surpassed overdose rates in the White population for the first time in decades. And rates of overdose in the Hispanic population have recently risen by 40%," said lead author Michael Barnett



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### In the Media



# Health technologies must address inequalities to be effective, experts say

#### **Euractiv**

This article covers an event attended by EPHA's Raymond Gemen, discussing how health technology could reduce or exacerbate health inequalities. The discussion focuses on how the EU could play a role in developing health technology in an inclusive manner

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### '(In)accessible contraception

### **Euractiv**

Despite the availability of various family planning tools, worldwide 121 million unintended pregnancies occur every year, or 331,000 per day on average, revealing striking disparities in contraceptive provision and accessibility.

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# Promoting and protecting health amidst the rising cost-of-living crisis

#### **EuroHealthNet**

In the light of the cost-of-living crisis, EuroHealthNet released a policy précis to outline how this crisis can exacerbate health inequalities. It does this by covering many different topics such as care, energy poverty, mental health and child health



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# Karin: The inspiring journey of the triumph of a disabled minority woman

Karin' is a moving documentary about the life of a disabled sportswoman from Turkey's Armenian community. The film showcases Karin's inspiring journey as a minority woman facing challenges both at work and at home and highlights her determination to overcome them.



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### **Other News**



### The People Behind the Numbers: Sunny's Story of Housing First

### **European Public Health Alliance**

As part of the People Behind the Numbers video series, EPHA In collaboration with FEANTSA shares the powerful story of Sunny, whose experiences show the reality behind the need for housing – for our mental health, physical health, and recovery – followed by policy actions by FEANTSA's Policy Officer, Simona Barbu.

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# **REYN** draws attention to Roma children at the European Parliament

Romani Early Years Network (International Step by Step Association)

Event report written in the context of the Roma Week 2023 where the Romani Early Years Network cooperated with EPHA, Eurochild and the Minority Initiative



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### **EDF** asks **EU** Commissioner Vălean to enhance protections of passengers with disabilities

### **European Disability Forum**

The European Disability Forum has called attention to the fact that people with disabilities often face discrimination when travelling, such as denial of boarding. They call upon the European Commission to take strong measures to ensure that people with disabilitiescan travel with dignity and free from fear for our wellbeing and that of our expensive assistive equipment

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# Furthering the use of health equity data: Roma in segregated clusters in Hungary

### **European Public Health Alliance**

Guest article for the EPHA Newsletter by the Department of Public Health and Epidemiology of the University of Debrecen. It focuses on a unique health data collection method in segregated communities in Hungary and how it could contribute to the European Health Data Space

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