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HEALTHY CITIES AND URBAN GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME**

HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUB-NETWORK

PARIS, 14TH NOVEMBER 2005

MEETING REPORT

In Attendance:

City	Participant
Belfast	Ruth Fleming
Bologna	Michela Fantini
Bologna	Emanuela Pipitone
Brighton & Hove	Lydie Lawrence
Geneva	Jean Simos
Helingsborg	Elisabeth Bengtsson
Helingsborg	Kerstin Mansson
Ljubljana	Dunja Obersnel Kveder
Turku	Heini Parkkunen

Chair

Claire Higgins, Institute of Public Health in Ireland representing the lead city of Belfast

Expert Advisor

Erica Ison

Introduction

The HIA sub-network meeting took place after the 'train the trainers' event as the majority of members attended this event.

1. WHO – HIA Sub-network commitment to action

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting and advised that it was a prime opportunity to review the actions outlined in the sub-network action plan that were set at the first Sub network meeting in June 2005 in Belfast.

2. HIA Sub-network Action Plan

Members were asked to provide a brief up-date on progress to date.

City	Bologna
Translation of Toolkit	According with UDINE, the toolkit will be ready for the first part of 2006 .
Case study progression	Planning to make a HIA process on local traffic plan.
Other areas of progression	HIA has been included as one of the main topic of Local Health and Social Conference (a political committee joined by the local municipalities); Starting next week a cultural training session to introduce HIA in the local actions of municipalities.
Training (planned or delivered)	A technical training session on HIA is planned for next spring for technicians of local municipalities and healthy cities network.

City	Helsingborg
Translation of Toolkit	In progress. The National Association of Local Authorities have tentatively agreed to translate the toolkit together with the National Public Health Institute
Case study progression	Several city departments have agreed to pilot the HIA tool during spring 2006specifically developed for Helsingborg, based on the WHO HIA toolkit.
Other areas of progression	HIA is on the agenda for the next National Network meeting.
Training (planned or delivered)	Training is planned for all stakeholders involved in the pilot case studies.

City	Ljubljana
Translation of Toolkit	The Toolkit has been translated
Case study progression	In the process of identification of a case study for HIA
Other areas of progression	No
Training (planned or delivered)	2 persons from Ljubljana healthy cities participated in Belfast meeting and in training in Paris. No training has been planned for the city so far.

City	Yalova
Translation of Toolkit	The toolkit has been translated
Case study progression	Nothing yet.
Other areas of progression	
Training (planned or delivered)	

City	Bursa
Translation of Toolkit	Not answered
Case study progression	Hope to do a HIA in 2006
Other areas of progression	Not answered
Training (planned or delivered)	Currently organising HIA training

City	Belfast
Translation of Toolkit	Not appropriate
Case study progression	Belfast has undertaken a number of HIA's during 2005 which can be used/presented as case studies.
Other areas of progression	Belfast has also employed an officer full time to work on HIA. Her role will be to undertake a number of HIA over the next 2 years and to provide HIA training to a range of professional and community organisations.
Training (planned or delivered)	Belfast has delivered training in the past on HIA and will continue to do so during 2006. Specific HIA Training programmes will be agreed early January 2006.

City	Brighton & Hove
Translation of Toolkit	N/A
Case study progression	Agreement as per the "Delivering Phase IV Core Themes: Local Action template 2005 – 2006" to conduct HIAs on policy development: HIA of Local Development Framework (LDF) and HIA of local Transport Plan. By Dec 06

	<p>HIA on two major planning Developments (inc residential & business developments) have been agreed and the above work is about to begin.</p> <p>Completed HIA work on the extension of smoke-free public spaces in Brighton & Hove is available. This work was presented at the Villes-Santé Francophone Network in January 2005. This work has also informed similar HIA work in Geneva.</p> <p>Completed HIA on Local Staff Transport Plan is available.</p>
Other areas of progression	<p>Participation in Villes-Santé Francophone network and presentation of HIA work in Brighton & Hove in November 05 at the annual network meeting in Délemont, Switzerland.</p> <p>Participation in the HIA Train the Trainer days in Paris in November 05.</p> <p>HIA integrated into HUP work.</p>
Training (planned or delivered)	<p>A series of Masterclasses in HIA, EIA and Healthy Urban Planning (Dec 05 – March 06) for urban planners, transport planners, environmental teams, sustainability teams, public health specialists etc...</p>

City	GENEVA
Translation of Toolkit	The translation in French will be made by the WHO Collaborating Centre of Rennes (S2D), once the toolkit officially adopted. Geneva will contribute to this translation.
Case study progression	<p>The HIA of the smoking ban in restaurants is almost finished, the final report will be available before Christmas.</p> <p>The MICA project, regarding urban planning, gave us the opportunity to integrate HIA and SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment).</p>
Other areas of progression	<p>The legal framework for HIA should be soon a reality, as the local Parliament should vote the Health Act in January 2006.</p> <p>A coordination group between the cantons of Geneva, Tessin, Jura was set up this Autumn to exchange know-how and experience, and to improve the dissemination of information about HIA.</p>
Training (planned or delivered)	The coordination group will make recommendations about the training strategy to adopt in each of the participant cantons.

City	Turku & Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association
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Translation of Toolkit	<p>There has been discussion & plans to translate relevant parts from the background paper and the whole part 3 (brochure) in Finnish by the Finnish National Healthy city Network co-ordinator (STAKES), no time schedule has been agreed.</p> <p>The Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association has funded the translation of all the PHASE material (1-5) in Russian language with the assistance of the Russian National Healthy Cities co-ordinator (Yulia Abrosimova). The translation is available from Yulia.</p>
Case study progression	<p>One HIA process is going in the city related to an urban regeneration area. This is done in collaboration with sustainable development students, city planning department and healthy cities. The results from this are planned to be reported as a case study, maybe also one of the previous cases as well.</p>
Other areas of progression	<p>HIA development will mainly be realised in urban planning cases. Practical cases have lead into growing interest on HIA and can be part of presenting it to political- and other decision making level.</p> <p>The Baltic Region Healthy Cities Association will organise an international HIA-seminar 11-12.5.2006 targeted to Healthy Cities and universities/institutes and giving the cities the possibility to complete and finalise their case studies. More information available in January.</p>
Training (planned or delivered)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Autumn 2005, training for the sustainable development students provided by healthy cities and city planning dept. was organised. An other group at Spring or Autumn 2006 2. Presentation of HIA for the management groups of the city, early 2006 3. Training of the methods (gis, map-info etc.) which can be used in HIA provided by city planning for personnel in different departments, start in Autumn 2005, continue 2006

Members noted that a screening tool has been developed by Hugh Barton for planners which would assist the HIA sub-network to link to the HUP sub-network. It is members understanding that the toolkit has not been presented to WHO and it was agreed that this would be required prior to considering the linkages with the HUP sub-network.

All members reviewed the actions contained within the report and agreed that there were no further areas of work to be added.

Action:

- Erica Ison to write to Hugh Barton to request a copy of the HIA screening toolkit to review and feedback to the group at the next meeting.
- Links to HUP and HA to appear as agenda item for the next HIA SN meeting.

3. Feedback Session

1. HIA Toolkit for Cities (PHASE)

Erica Ison provided a brief background to the reports and outlined the current status. Members highlighted that it was essential that documents were approved by WHO prior to translating into the appropriate language.

- Noted that toolkit no.3 (how can it support decision-making) and toolkit no.4 (Trnava case study) were in the final format ready for translation.
- Toolkit no.1 (background paper), toolkit no.2 (training module) and toolkit no.5 (Bologna case study) were not yet in the final stages.

2. 10 Easy Steps to HIA

Members agreed that the document would be very useful and provided the following feedback:

- The title did not reflect the content and should be renamed to reflect the 'practice into reality' aspects of the document.
- The document would have to be redesigned for ease of use.

3. Resource and Evidence Website Guide

The paper was presented to members. It is designed to provide a background on HIA in other countries and a list of evidence sources for carrying out research. Members were asked to send details of other relevant sources of information to Claire Higgins to ensure it was a comprehensive document for all Healthy Cities.

Action:

- Members agreed that the PHASE documents should be reviewed and sent to WHO for final approval by January 2006 and final versions distributed for guidance to all member cities by February.
- Members to send feedback on the 10 easy steps document to Erica by end December 2005 and present final document to the next HIA sub-network meeting.
- Members to send additional resource details to Claire Higgins by end December 2005 and final document to be presented to the next sub-network meeting.

4. Case Study

Members were reminded that all Cities were required to present a HIA case study by June 2006. It was noted that Cities would be at different stages of development and could use a case study that had been carried out from the beginning of Phase IV. It was agreed to develop a template to ensure all cities would be reporting details of the case study in similar formats and this would be developed and presented at the next sub-network meeting.

Action:

- Case study template to appear as agenda item at next sub-network meeting

5. Date and Location of next meeting

Members noted the proposed dates for the next meeting which is due to be held in either February or March. Bologna and Turku expressed an interest in hosting the next meeting, however members noted that resources within member cities were limited which had implications for attending meetings.

Helsinborg expressed an interest in hosting the sub-network meeting late 2006 or 2007.

Action:

- The next training event for beginners will take place in Lodz, Poland 13 and 14 March 2006.
- The next training event for trainers will take place in Turku, Finland on 10 May 2006.
- The next HIA SN meeting will take place on 9 May in Turku, Finland.