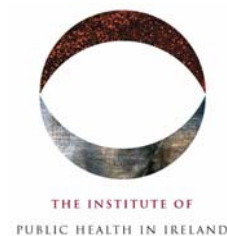




# European Networks for Health

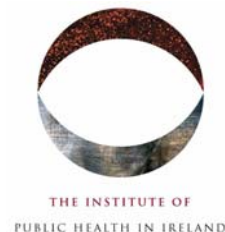
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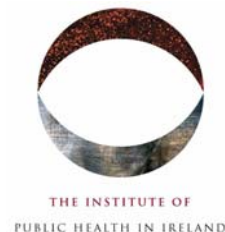
## What is EuroHealthNet?

- Network of health promotion and public health agencies across Europe
- Mission: To improve the health of European citizens by striving for a healthier Europe between and within countries
- Coordinating work of 31 national and regional agencies in 26 European countries
- Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Health and Children is the Irish partner



## What does EuroHealthNet do?

- Monitor relevant policy developments at EU level and in member countries
- Disseminate, share and transfer information and expertise
- Coordinate projects between members and with the European Commission
- Maintain an effective dialogue with EU institutions and other international organisations





## EuroHealthnet projects

- Member organisations of EuroHealthNet are involved in public health and health promotion related projects coordinated by EuroHealthNet and co-funded by the European Commission
- The Institute of Public Health in Ireland is a project partner on two of these projects entitled 'Closing the Gap: Strategies for Action to tackle health inequalities' and 'DETERMINE'
- Information about other EuroHealthNet projects is available at [www.eurohealthnet.eu](http://www.eurohealthnet.eu)





# ‘Closing the Gap’: Strategies for Action to tackle Health inequalities

- Facilitates and encourages exchange of good practice between European partners on the reduction of health inequalities
- Brings together national public health and health promotion organisations from 22 European countries.
- Co-ordinated by EuroHealthNet and the Federal Centre of Health Education in Germany (BZgA) and co-funded by the European Commission.





## ‘Closing the Gap’ Good Practice Directory

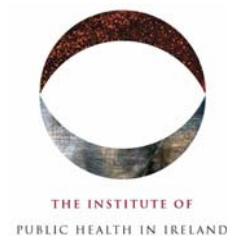
- Provides access to a range of interventions which illustrate what is being done across Europe to tackle health inequalities.
- Entries selected by participating countries on the basis of a set of good practice criteria
- Useful tool when planning local projects and undertaking research in the field of health inequalities.
- Identification of good practices is on-going. 78 projects from 15 countries are currently available at:

[www.health-inequalities.eu](http://www.health-inequalities.eu)



## **Irish Good Practice projects**

- North side Community Health Initiative (NICHE)
- Springboard Family Support
- The Food and Health Project
- Cairde
- The Warming up Project



## Benefits of the network from IPH perspective

- Encourages and facilitates learning from European partners on effective measures, policies and interventions tackling health inequalities
- Encourages joint working on the reduction of health inequalities in Europe via the network of 24 European public health and health promotion agency partners
- Provides access to a network of European experts in the field of health inequalities

