



APHO and Europe

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Outline

- ❖ *So I know Europe exists....but how do I find out about it?*
- ❖ *Where can you get data about the regions of Europe?*
- ❖ *Do I have to re-invent the wheel – Where is other work being done on this?*
- ❖ *What is it that we, and you, can do to get involved.*

NUTs

- ❖ The European Union has a system of classifying similar geographies known as Nomenclature of Units of Territorial Statistics - NUTs
- ❖ The regions are classified into levels depending upon size, administrative homogeneity and governmental purpose.

NUTs – What this means for the Ireland?





More NUTs

- ❖ At NUTs 1 level – German *Lander*, French Region. NUTs 2 – French *Department*, Denmark
- ❖ Do not expect the system to be logical
- ❖ [European Atlas of Geographies](#)



Ahh...the Data

- ❖ *Pan-European data is not an easy thing to get*
- ❖ *It is an obvious statement, but not everyone collects things in the same way we do in the UK and Ireland*
- ❖ *There is a dearth of information at regional level for health determinants and inequalities*
- ❖ *Not complete data series for some countries at regional level for things such as mortality.*



The EU dimension....

- ❖ *Eurostat collects data to support the work of the European union*
- ❖ *Most of the data is of an economic nature to support the work of encouraging competition.*
- ❖ *Regional data is provided by 'gentleman's agreement'...which means it's not always provided.*
- ❖ *Accession states are the best at providing the data....particularly the Baltic States and Malta....Belgium not so good*



The EU dimension...II

- ❖ *The EUROSTAT database is not easy to use*
- ❖ *We have put some of the data as a resource in Nesstar*
- ❖ *What do you think it shows about the East Midlands?*
- ❖ *Draft calculation tool - Calculation tool*



The EU dimension...III

- ❖ *Tried to look at life expectancy...at present no directly comparable LE tables*
- ❖ *Some questions about the data?*
- ❖ *Again it shows men do better than women when compared with regions of Europe*
- ❖ *Draft calculation tool - [Calculation tool](#)*



What am I doing?

- ❖ *Providing APHO members with an infrastructure to continue engagement with Europe*
- ❖ *Analysis of European Data – Finding where information is and producing some conclusions around some of the data*
- ❖ *Supporting the development of the Regional Health Observatories Network for Europe*



The EU dimension...IV

- ❖ *Working with European partners to get more value out of the data*
- ❖ *Meeting with Eurostat to understand the data better*
- ❖ *Eurostat not the only Source*
- ❖ *Google is our friend.....*



Developing APHO's infrastructure

- ❖ *There is lots of work going on around interaction with Europe within the APHO community.*
- ❖ *Examples include looking at domestic violence with Bordeaux (SWPHO), supporting development of regional network with Andalucia and Toscana (EMPHO); developing EU Toolkit (SEPHO)*
- ❖ *No real sight of what is going on across the whole of the community*



Developing APHO's infrastructure - II

- ❖ *UK is to host presidency of the EU from July 2005*
- ❖ *EU matters climbing up the agenda, not just for observatories, but awareness increasing within regional and local health communities*
- ❖ *Observatories should be in a position to help support some of this increased interest with intelligent answers and suggestions*



Developing APHO's infrastructure - III

- ❖ *The proposed budget 2007 – 2012 for Health and Consumer Protection is 1.2 Billion Euros*
- ❖ *This is to provide money for commissioning projects and products*
- ❖ *Health information and providing intelligence on health to EU Citizens is one of the 6 main strands of work*
- ❖ *APHO wants to be a position to bid for some of this money*



Developing APHO's infrastructure - IV

- ❖ *One long-term aim is that Observatories will know how, and where, to get comparative health data at European 'Regional' level*
- ❖ *Following this, where appropriate, to include this information in our own reports.*
- ❖ *Observatories will be in a position to identify European partners to collaborate with.*
- ❖ *Reliable source of information on health for stakeholders and people looking from outside*



Developing APHO's infrastructure – Tangibles and practicalities

- ❖ *Developing APHO website for resources on Europe – Not just links to resources but where to get information on health for all European regions.*
- ❖ *Developing APHO policy paper which will go to APHO board in July*
- ❖ *Educational and Evangelical – Providing resources for Observatories and partners to support European work.*
- ❖ *Creation of data tools to work with existing EU data in a useable form*



RHONE

- ❖ *Regional Health Observatories Network for Europe*
- ❖ *Loose alliance of partners originating in the Indicateurs Sante a Regione d'Europa (ISARE) project*
- ❖ *Strong connections with France, Belgium, Hungary and Germany*
- ❖ *Not everywhere has observatories*



RHONE - II

- ❖ *At present need to do this within our own budgets*
- ❖ *Beginning to have work with other observatories, RIVM in Holland and Loegd in Germany*
- ❖ *Eventually lead to exchanges of ideas and personnel*
- ❖ *Need to get stuck in....*



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