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Thursday Plenary

Local politics for health

Against a background of increasing populism and a post-truth era across Europe and beyond, the challenge to the EHFG on its twentieth anniversary is to build bridges between the different policy areas, guided by the European values of universality, access to good quality care, equity and solidarity. This rings true whether it concerns work at a European level or at a local government level.

While efforts to foster inter-sectoral cooperation on health have been successful at times, real challenges remain. This year's "Thursday Plenary" will aim to dig deeper into policy-making at the local level - taking the technocratic concept of Health in All Policies to the political level of local policy implementation – local politics for health.

The 2016 Healthy Cities Consensus stated that "Health is created at the local level, in the settings of everyday life." As populations increasingly move to urban conglomerations, the future shape of our health will be largely determined at a local level, and decision-makers from towns, cities and regions therefore have a growing role to play in determining the health of the populations they govern. With this in mind, we invite you to participate in a session with local policy-makers from across Europe, to hear how they view, implement and shape health in all policies and politics at a city level.

- What are the challenges of urban health policy-making?
- What opportunities are unique to policy-making at a more devolved level?
- Is it easier to mainstream a health in all policies approach at a local level?

We will ask the mayors to consider the past, sound out the present, and test their future plans.

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