



GLOBAL HEALTH EUROPE  
A Platform for European Engagement in Global Health

# Strengthening European involvement in Global Health

Official Launch of Global Health Europe and the European  
Global Health Policy Glossary

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# Background

- The recognition of the need for policy coherence, strategic direction and a value base in relation to global health:  
EHF Gastein 2005
- *“European perspectives on Global Health - A policy glossary”* 2006 by the European Partnership on Global Health EPGH – EFC
- Launch in Brussels and Geneva



# Global Health

Global health refers to those health issues which transcend national boundaries and governments and call for actions to influence the global forces that determine the health of people. It requires new forms governance at national and international level which seek to include a wide range of actors.

European Perspectives on Global Health  
A Policy Glossary 2006



# Global health

means taking responsibility for the determinants of health in new ways. There is a growing understanding that health is part of other policies that try to manage globalisation : trade policy, security policy and foreign affairs

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# Policy Glossary

Europe must :

1. Make global health a policy priority
2. Include global health in all fields of European policy
3. Assert a European approach to global health governance
4. Establish a European dialogue and partnership on global health
5. Act now for global health



# A European approach to global health

must be based on three fundamental values to protect and improve health as a:

1. human right
2. key dimension of human security and development
3. global public good



## Policy Glossary

- The need for a long term European Global Health Strategy which reflects European health values - universality, access to good-quality care, equity and solidarity – and provides direction for good global health governance and increases policy coherence between European countries in global health



# Background

- 2008 Taskforce established
- 2008 European Health Strategy
- 2009 Global Health Europe: a hosted project at Graduate Institute



- 30 organisations agreed in January 2008 at a meeting in Geneva, Switzerland to embark on an initiative for a European Council on Global Health.
- *“Europe should exercise stronger leadership in global health, as it had done for environment, and mobilise the diversity of European members to contribute to global-health goals.”*



# Goal of Global Health Europe

- Global Health Europe aims to strengthen the European voice in global health governance and be a powerful advocate for a sustainable political and financial European commitment to global health. The main goal of the initiative is to *influence policy and improve practice on global health based on evidence and analysis.*

# Global Health Action Sphere

Human rights  
Justice  
Collective rights  
Global welfare

Collective Security  
Rule of law  
Global public goods

Development  
Commitments  
for health

Governing  
Interdependence

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# The interface

- Global Health Europe *will focus its work in particular at the interface of public health, foreign policy, development and science and technology.*
- It is based on a commitment to fairness and equity, multi-lateralism, broad partnerships and a health in all policies approach.



# Value-added of Global Health Europe

- To think strategically and provide a ‘global’ dimension to European debates on health and a European dimension to debates on development and interdependence
- To act as convenor and provide a platform for interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral approaches to global health policies beyond the interest of individual stakeholders



## PROVIDE A PLATFORM:

- GHE will act as convenor and provide a common European platform for interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral approaches to global health policies, in particular it will bring together actors from public health, foreign policy, development and science and research —



## PARTNER:

- GHE will partner with organisations with similar goals on three levels: national, European and global - conduct a regular dialogue with the European Commission on global health matters via the European Health Strategy - build relations with WHO, in particular its Brussels office – and other European Organisations and Fora for health, foreign relations, development and science in the global health debate.
- GHE will explore the possibility of a larger alliance of similar councils from other regions of the world.



## ADVOCATE:

- The EGHC will advocate for European long term strategic investment in the health of the poorest, for the inclusion of health in other EU policies and it will aim to engage the European presidencies in global health.
- Swedish Presidency 2009 – 4th December Stockholm Nobel Forum



# Funding

- GHE receives funding from different sources:
- UK government's contribution to the European Council and its support is part of the newly established UK Government Strategy 2008 – 2013 “Health is Global”.
- Swiss FOPH, European Foundation Center, Gulbenkian Foundation, Global Forum for Health Research



# The European Global Health Policy Glossary

- An updated and expanded edition
- Nearly 100 entries: short articles introducing main concepts
- A tool for dialogue and consensus building—a starting point for discussion
- *A living text* - LAUNCHED TODAY



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