



Welcome to the First RegHealth-RI Newsletter

The European Regions' Network for Health Research and Innovation (RegHealth-RI) is a two year European project which started in November 2014.

RegHealth-RI aims to bridge the gap in Research and Innovation (R&I) across European regions, focusing on the health area, by investigating new measures to reduce differences in R&I performance, to identify the drivers of these differences, and building synergies between Structural Funds and Horizon 2020.



Start of the RegHealth-RI Project

The Kick-off Meeting of RegHealth-RI took place in November 2014 at the European Union's Committee of the Regions in Brussels. The meeting gathered the members of the project Consortium, the Advisory Board, the Project Officer of the European Commission, and invited external experts.

The purpose of the meeting was firstly to introduce the project to all participants, and most importantly to define and set out the main tasks and short-term actions to be developed by the Consortium.



RegHealth-RI Participates in Wire 2015

The RegHealth-RI project was represented during the conference "Week of Innovative Regions in Europe 2015" ([WIRE 2015](#)) by project coordinator, Dr. Joaquin Guinea. During a poster session, Dr Guinea presented the project, giving an overview of the main objectives, the description of the work, the networking activities planned and the expected outcomes, such as synergies between Structural Funds and Horizon 2020.



First RegHealth-RI Workshop Organised in Madrid

The first Workshop of the RegHealth-RI project was held in Madrid on 18-19 June 2015. Actors representing organisations from different EU countries, regions and sectors (including policy, business, industry, research, academia and regional agencies) discussed the following issues:

- (i) Analysis of the present situation regarding health research and innovation in EU countries/regions;
- (ii) Initial ideas on how to bridge the divide across countries/regions;
- (iii) Looking for synergies between distinct funding instruments.

The presentations from the workshop are available [here](#).



Launch of the RHInG-Net Network

During the Madrid Workshop, the Regions for Health Innovation and Growth (RHInG-Net) Network was officially launched. Advances were also made on

opportunity to join the upcoming RegHealth-RI workshops and Final Conference? Then you should join RHInG-Net! All you have to do is to fill in the Membership Form [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Project Events

26-27 November, 2nd RegHealth-RI Workshop

In November, University of Trieste will host the second RegHealth-RI Workshop. The workshop has the preliminary title "New Approaches for Bridging the Divide in Health Research and Innovation in the EU Regions". More information will be posted on the RegHealth-RI website shortly.

Related Events

12-15 October, Open Days

During the [13th European Week of Regions and Cities \(Open Days\)](#), stakeholders working on regional development will gather in Brussels for workshops focusing on modernising Europe, regions open for business and places and spaces.



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