



## Towards a joint European research programme on health systems

Over the last decades, European health systems have faced growing common challenges: ageing related issues and continuous financial pressures call for innovative solutions on how to organise health care in an equitable and efficient manner.

To address this situation there is an urgent need to bring in innovation and research evidence, in order to identify and implement more effective and sustainable ways to organise, manage, finance, and deliver high quality care to all European citizens.

### ABOUT TO-REACH

The goal of TO-REACH is to prepare a joint **European research programme** aimed at producing **research evidence supporting health care services and systems** to become more resilient, effective, equitable, accessible, sustainable and comprehensive (in Europe, and abroad).

TO-REACH is a Coordination and Support Action funded by Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 1, which started in December 2016 and is coordinated by the **Istituto Superiore di Sanità**, Italy.

TO-REACH will pursue **three main objectives**:

- to produce a **Strategic Research Agenda** which will identify common priority areas across Europe for a future joint research programme on health services and systems
- to broaden the **coalition** of committed Member States and funding bodies
- to develop a **structured system of information exchange** between public health research funders and other relevant bodies

**to-reach**  
*agenda for health services  
and systems research*

identifying **new solutions** able to respond to rising challenges

understanding and predicting whether such solutions can be **implemented and transferred effectively** in other settings



## OUR CONSORTIUM

The TO-REACH Consortium brings together **28 partners, from 15 EU Member States and 5 non-EU countries.**

Partners can be clustered around three main types:

- 19 Governmental and/or Funding Bodies;
- 6 National Research Organisations;
- 3 European level Bodies



### Governmental and/or Funding Bodies

- **Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS** - Italian National Institute of Health), coordinator;
- **Austrian Public Health Institute (GÖG)**, Austria;
- **Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)**, Canada;
- **Academy of Finland**, Finland;
- **Institut de Recherche en Santé Publique (IReSP) - ITMO Santé Publique**, France;
- **Health Research Board**, Ireland;
- **Israeli Ministry of Health**, Israel;
- **Agenas**, National Agency for regional health services, Italy;
- **Ministero della Salute**, Italy;
- **Latvian Council of Science**, Latvia;
- **Netherlands Organisation for Health Research & Development (ZonMw)**, the Netherlands;
- **Research Council of Norway**, Norway;
- **Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)** Portugal;
- **National Institute of Public Health (NIJZ)**, Slovenia;
- **Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE)**, Sweden;
- **Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH)**, Switzerland;
- **Health and Care Research Wales**, UK;
- **Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being (PHA HSCNI)**, Northern Ireland, UK;
- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)**, United States.

### National Research Organisations

- **National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)**, Finland;
- **Catholic University of Sacred Heart (UCSC)**, Italy
- **Riga Stradins University (RSU)**, Latvia;
- **University of Malta (UoM)**, Malta;
- **Netherlands Institute for health services research (NIVEL)**, the Netherlands;
- **Babeş-Bolyai University (UBBCU)**, Romania.

### European level Bodies

- **European Health Management Association (EHMA)**;
- **European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies**;
- **European Public Health Association (EUPHA)**.

## GET INVOLVED

Governmental and funding bodies are cordially invited to become involved in TO-REACH, among others through the opportunity to join its External Policy Advisory Council. This can help in staying informed and providing inputs for the Strategic Research Agenda.

