“Strategies for Action to Tackle Health Inequalities in Europe”

Intersectoral examples from the European Union (2004 – 2007)

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21 National Agencies to tackle health inequalities
Activities of ‘European Partners for Equity in Health’:

- Position paper on tackling health inequalities
- Ongoing monitoring of EU policies that impact on the health gap (Regional policy, CAP, Social policy)
- Situation analysis in each of the 21 countries, completed by multi-stakeholder groups and tool kit for different action fields
- Directory of good practices (90) across Europe
- Portal: [www.health-inequalities.eu](http://www.health-inequalities.eu)
1. Example: Education

**Supervision by the youth practitioner (NL)**

- **Aim:** decrease school non-attendance
- **Partners:** municipal youth health service, secondary schools
- **Activities:**
  - Criteria based identification of school absence
  - School mediates to youth practitioner
  - GP identifies ‘real’ absence reasons, mediates to professional services

- fruitful collaboration between the school and youth practitioners
  - youth practitioner can 'judge' about the 'illness' or 'non-illness' of the pupil, while the school contact person cannot
  - youth practitioner can give advise and/or discuss the problems with the pupil and with school.
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