

# Health Inequalities Indicators in Regions of Europe

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The European project I2SARE (Health Inequalities Indicators in the Regions of Europe) was established to produce a health profile for each region of the European Union, to create a typology of those regions of Europe and a typology of sub regional territories in a selection of countries and regions

I2SARE's main objective is to assist European, national, regional and local decision makers in developing their health policies, through a better understanding of the health status of the population and of health inequalities at regional and sub regional level.

New tools will give European, regional and local decision makers a concise overview of the health situation in each region.

I2SARE also aims to raise the profile of sub national institutions working on Health Information, to encourage exchanges and to develop networking activities between them.

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## The importance of regional and sub regional levels

The ISARE project which has been coordinated by the Fnors (French observatories) for the 10 past years has demonstrated the importance of health indicators at the regional level. Using the lessons from the ISARE projects, I2SARE aims to study inequalities in the regions of Europe.

To assist European, national, regional and local decision makers in developing their health policy, through a better understanding of the health status of the population and of health inequalities at regional and sub regional level, I2SARE is developing tools.

### A Health Profile for each regions

Data will be collected for each of the countries of the European Union and in the candidate countries (Croatia, FYR Macedonia and Turkey ) to produce the necessary indicators for the project. The collected data will be presented on the I2SARE website.

Health profiles will be produced in each region of all the countries of the European Union (27 member states and the candidate countries) using the updated data (providing sufficient high quality data has been received). Qualitative comments will be produced for each of the health profiles.

## Regional and infra regional typology

The typology will be established at two levels. A regional level covering all the regions of the 27 member states of the European Union and the candidate countries. Secondly, the infra regional level in 10 selected countries or regions.

The establishment of the **typologies** will provide a classification system which will enable more meaningful comparisons between region across Europe.

The typologies will highlight similarities between regions of different countries and could encourage local decision makers to establish contact with regions with similar profiles and to work together for the improvement of health in their regions by promoting joint learning.

The development of a typology at a more local level (infra-regional level) could also help decision makers **to adapt the health policies within the regions** in order to be more effective in the reduction of health inequities.

A typology is being developed to allow similar regions to work together and to compare their data.

## Expected results

- An updated database of health indicators at regional level for all the regions of all the countries of the EU, and of the candidate countries
- Almost 300 health profiles giving a summary of the health indicators in each region with comparisons with the rest of the EU,
- A typology based on health related indicators of the 300 health regions in Europe.
- A typology based on health related indicators of sub regional level in 10 countries or regions,
- A conference for the dissemination and presentation of results.



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