

## Potential of European Union Structural Funds for health gains: an EU project

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## ... Some structure

- ◉ Who we are
- ◉ Working assumptions
- ◉ What we are doing
- ◉ What we are finding



## The team

### CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

- Milieu
- Tamarack

### PARTNERS & SAB

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- Scientific Advisory Board

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## Project information

- Title: Impact of Structural Funds on Health Gain
- Funder: EAHC/DG Sanco
- Objective
  - to support the integration of health considerations into the programming and implementation of EU Cohesion Policy funds; and
  - to identify and link the health gains that come from *non-health* investments.
- Timeline: January 2011 – August 2012
- Info available at: [www.healthgain.eu](http://www.healthgain.eu)



## Working assumptions

- Addressing the wider determinants of health is key to improving health & reducing health inequalities across, and within, Europe's regions
- Public health has little capacity to contribute to wider public policy
- Structural Fund Managing Authorities and Programme Managers do not have active links with, or knowledge of, public health



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A brisk walk in the park keeps Marv in shape between dog shows. His owner, Columbus resident Cathy Stumbo, got up early to give her 3-year-old Doberman his regular workout. They typically log 15 miles in Berliners Park.



## Work package 1

Task 1: literature review and background research

Task 2: case studies of 10 regions

Algarve, Portugal; Andalucia, Spain; Border Midland & Western, Ireland; Bulgaria; West Wales & the Valleys, UK; Pomurje, Slovenia; Languedoc-Rousillon, France; South Netherlands, Netherlands; Crete, Greece; North Great Plain, Hungary

Task 3: final study report



## Europe 2020

### *growth strategy for the coming decade*




- **Smart growth** means improving the EU's performance in:
  - education
  - research/innovation
  - digital society
- **Inclusive growth** means:
  - more and better jobs,
  - skills & training
  - modernising labour markets and welfare systems
  - ensuring the benefits of growth reach all parts of the EU
- **Sustainable growth** means:
  - building a more competitive low-carbon economy
  - protecting the environment
  - new green technologies and production methods
  - efficient smart electricity grids
  - harnessing EU-scale networks to give businesses competitive advantage
  - improving the business environment
  - helping consumers.

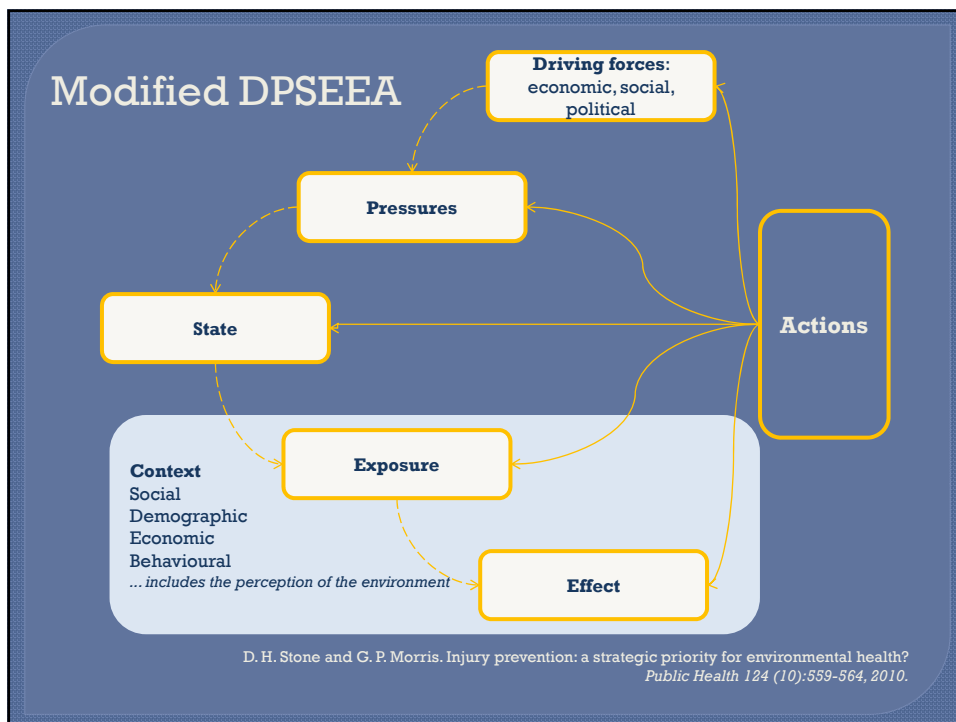


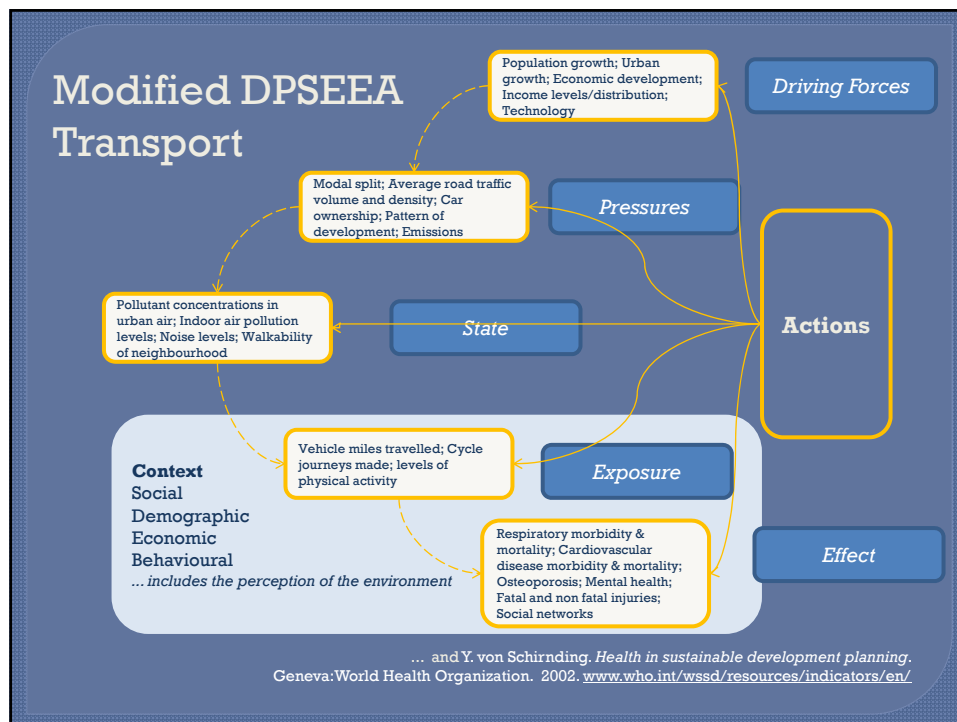
## Work package 2

<b>Task 2:</b> ID & review existing toolkits	Task 3: Develop the interactive toolkit
<b>Task 1:</b> Develop toolkit content	For Structural Fund programme managers & health stakeholders: downloadable briefing notes; causal pathways, indicators & actions
	Presented according to SF priority themes
	Tasks 4-7: testing, revision, validation & finalization

interactive, web-based tool/guide  
enabling improved identification of health gain from SF investment





## Work package 3

- Task 1: Prepare and carry out four capacity building workshops
- Task 2: Prepare dissemination strategy for project outputs
- Task 3: Develop a public website as an on-line information service

## Emerging conclusions

### COHESION POLICY AND HEALTH ...

- Role of health authorities may be negligible if no direct funding for health infrastructure
- Two-way process – improving health is good for employment – improving employment is good for health
- EU language can be rigid and hard to bend to needs of regions
- Tension between heavy-investment (transport, environment infrastructure) and social investment projects?

### WHAT WOULD MAKE THE GUIDE USEFUL ...

- Guide should be simple to use
- Language should comply with Structural Funds programming language & link to EU2020
- Suggest questions to be addressed to consultees
- Guide could 'make people think' ... and/or be used in monitoring & evaluation



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## International Association for Impact Assessment

- Conference
- Porto, Portugal
- Energy Future ... *including focus on cities*
- Late May 2012
- Information on [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org)

