

WHO HIA Subnetwork
Supporting Cities to implement HIA

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Role of WHO HIA Subnetwork

- The HIA Sub-network, guided by WHO, will steer the technical and strategic agenda for the delivery of Phase IV HIA objectives. This includes:

Introducing Health Impact Assessment concepts and ideas in the city: target audiences and materials to use

Understanding the policy environment within which HIA processes could be introduced

Understanding the preconditions for the application of HIA

Developing capacity for HIA

Identifying Healthy Impact priority areas for application, experimentation and further development

Cross-cutting links and applications with the other core themes

Setting quality standards for HIA

Linking/integrating HIA with other assessment processes

WHO Healthy Cities HIA Subnetwork

- **Belfast lead city - IPHI & BHC office**
- **8 cities**
- **Limited capacity across Europe**
- **Starting points/Entry points**
- **EIA/SEA**
- **Human Impact Assessment/Social Impact Assessment**
- **HIA Training – Beginners/ Practice Development Workshops**
- **Case Studies**

Case Studies

- Geneva
- Helsinborg
- Belfast
- Bologna



WHO HIA Subnetwork Tool Development

- Step by Step Guide
- HIA Case Study Template
- HIA Training
- Process Evaluation

Challenges for HIA Sub network

- **HIA new methodology across Europe**
- **Few WHO cities with HIA experience**
- **Ability of cities to participate in HIA training/SN Meeting**
- **Language**
- **Capacity/Ability of SN cities to support WHO Network cities**

Challenges for WHO Cities

Understanding of health determinants

Understanding of HIA

Capacity to apply HIA

Political support for HIA

Translation of WHO HIA Toolkit

Number of Impact Assessments & legislative base for HIA

Resources for HIA Training/Doing HIAs



Achievements

Sharing experience in:

- Doing HIAs
- Exploring models of HIA
- Further developing HIA work in cities

Developing additional tools & guidance

Training in HIA for all cities

- Beginners
- Advanced

Input from Expert Adviser



Resources

World Health Organisation

<http://www.who.int/hia/en/>

Investing for Health March 2002

www.dhsspsni.gov.uk

Our Healthier Nation

www.ohn.gov.uk

Institute of Public Health

www.publichealth.ie/hia

Impact (International Health Impact Consortium)

www.ihia.org.uk

Belfast Healthy Cities

www.belfasthealthycities.com