



# The ENGENDER Project (no 2008 1306)

*“Inventory of Good Practices for Promoting Gender Equity in Health”*

## INTRODUCTION

*A project funded by the European Commission, Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) and undertaken as work for European network on policies and interventions to tackle gender based inequities in health.*



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# Overall ENGENDER objective



To contribute to:  
the identification and dissemination  
of information and knowledge,  
regarding policies, programmes,  
methods and institutional arrangements,  
within the European region,  
judged to effectively promote  
gender equity in health.

# Key ENGENDER concepts



**Gender:** a socially constructed relationship that divides power & resources, norms & behaviours between women and men

**Gender Equity in Health:** the fair distribution of health and longevity between women and men; this requires gender equality in general and consideration of their specific needs

**Good Practice:** any policy, reform, program, measure, project, study, campaign, law, research article, etc., from sectors such as health, finance, labour market, education, social & family affairs, justice, transport, etc.

# ENGENDER partnership



## **Project Coordinator:**

Karolinska Institute, Sweden

## **Associate Partners:**

National Institute for Health Development, Hungary

National Institute of Public Health, Slovenia

Maastricht University, the Netherlands

Centre for Health Economics, Latvia

European Institute of Women's Health, Ireland

National Institute of Public Health, Sweden

European Men's Health Forum, Belgium

National Institute of Public Health, Czech Republic

Regione Del Veneto, Italy

**Experts:** Collaborating partners & Network members

# Specific ENGENDER objectives



- 1) To develop an online inventory (Database) on Good Practices in Europe that fosters Gender Equity in Health
- 2) To create a European network of experts with diverse geographical and professional backgrounds for exchanging information on Good Practices
- 3) To produce topic-specific Policy Briefings on “why” and “how” to tackle Gender Inequities in Health based on analyses of Database entries

# ENGENDER Policy Areas



The six Policy Areas identified by the Women and Gender Equity Knowledge Network (2007) – adapted to the European context – were used to identify Good Practices & structure Policy Briefings:

- 1) Structural gender inequalities
- 2) Gender stereotypes
- 3) Gendered exposures and vulnerabilities
- 4) Gendered politics of health systems
- 5) Gender imbalances in health research
- 6) Gender mainstreaming

# ENGENDER Target Audience



Groups likely to seek for, and be helped by, knowledge on how to act for *gender equity in health* – a more fair distribution of health and longevity between the sexes:

- Policymakers and their advisors at Local, Regional, National and European levels
- Researchers with specific interest in public health, gender and social policy
- NGOs undertaking relevant implementation, evaluation and advocacy
- International agencies such as UN, WHO, OECD, ILO