

Putting equity at the heart of measures to address climate change

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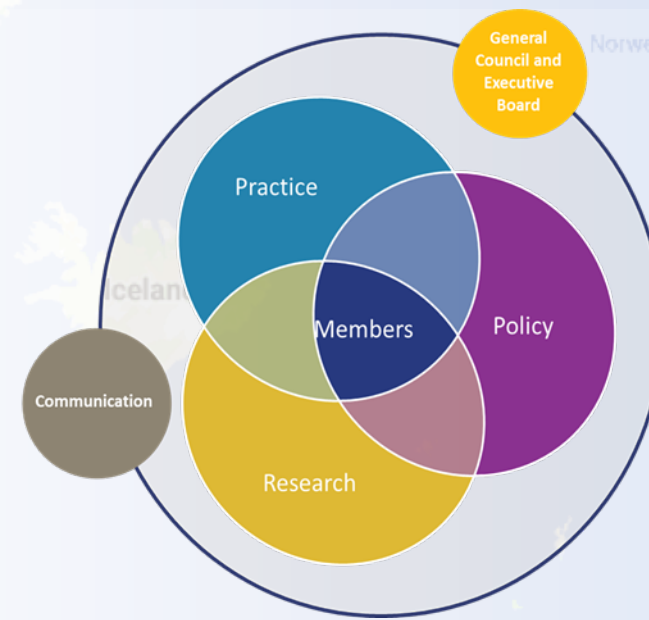
- Who we are & our work on health inequalities
- EU level policies on Climate Change
- What can NIPH's do?

Who we are

The European Partnership for Health,
Equity and Wellbeing

61 members in 26 European countries

We aim to reduce health inequalities in
Europe
& improve health and wellbeing for all







Changing the way in which we live, move and consume, to help restore the environment and promote health, and equity ('triple-win')



LIVING:
Green space
& energy
efficient
housing



MOVING:
Active travel
&
Active lives



CONSUMING:
Food
production,
consumption &
waste



Sustainability an issue for the elite?

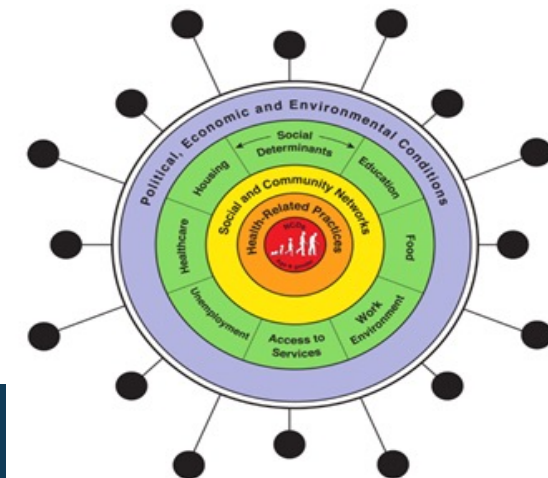
- People who are less well-off generally have a lower carbon footprint but suffer more from the consequences of environmental degradation, including climate change
 - The cost of many measures that benefit the environment and health are much higher, proportionately, for those on lower incomes
 - While financial incentives to encourage people to adopt more sustainable lifestyles are designed to benefit the already well-off.
- Crucial to address the underlying structural causes of social and health inequalities (right to income, housing, health, education), that **enable all** people to live healthy and sustainable lives.



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Salad
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Green space
Breda NL
efficiency UK



Local Farmers
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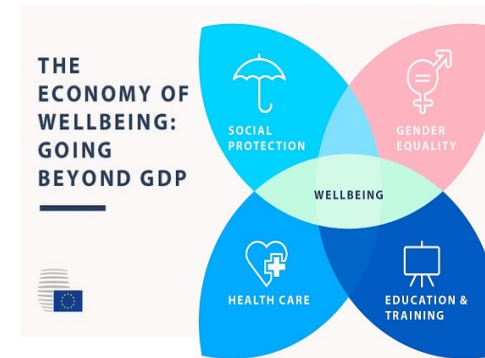
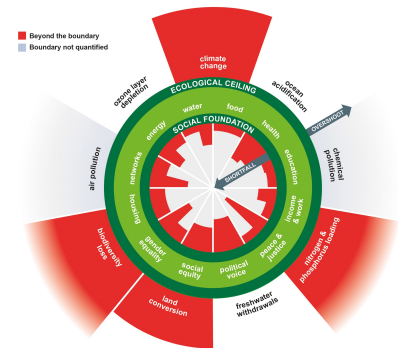
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Cycling App,
Prague

Some key learnings

- Apply the Triple Win mindset
- Embrace positive visions and feedback loops
- Ensure everyone can benefit
- Engage people: participation and co-creation
- Educate and **advocate**
- Anchor initiatives in policy priorities



EU's initiatives on Climate Change

Green Deal

- **First of** Von der Leyen Commission's key **6 policy priorities**

EU's blueprint for transformational change, first presented to the Commission in December 2019

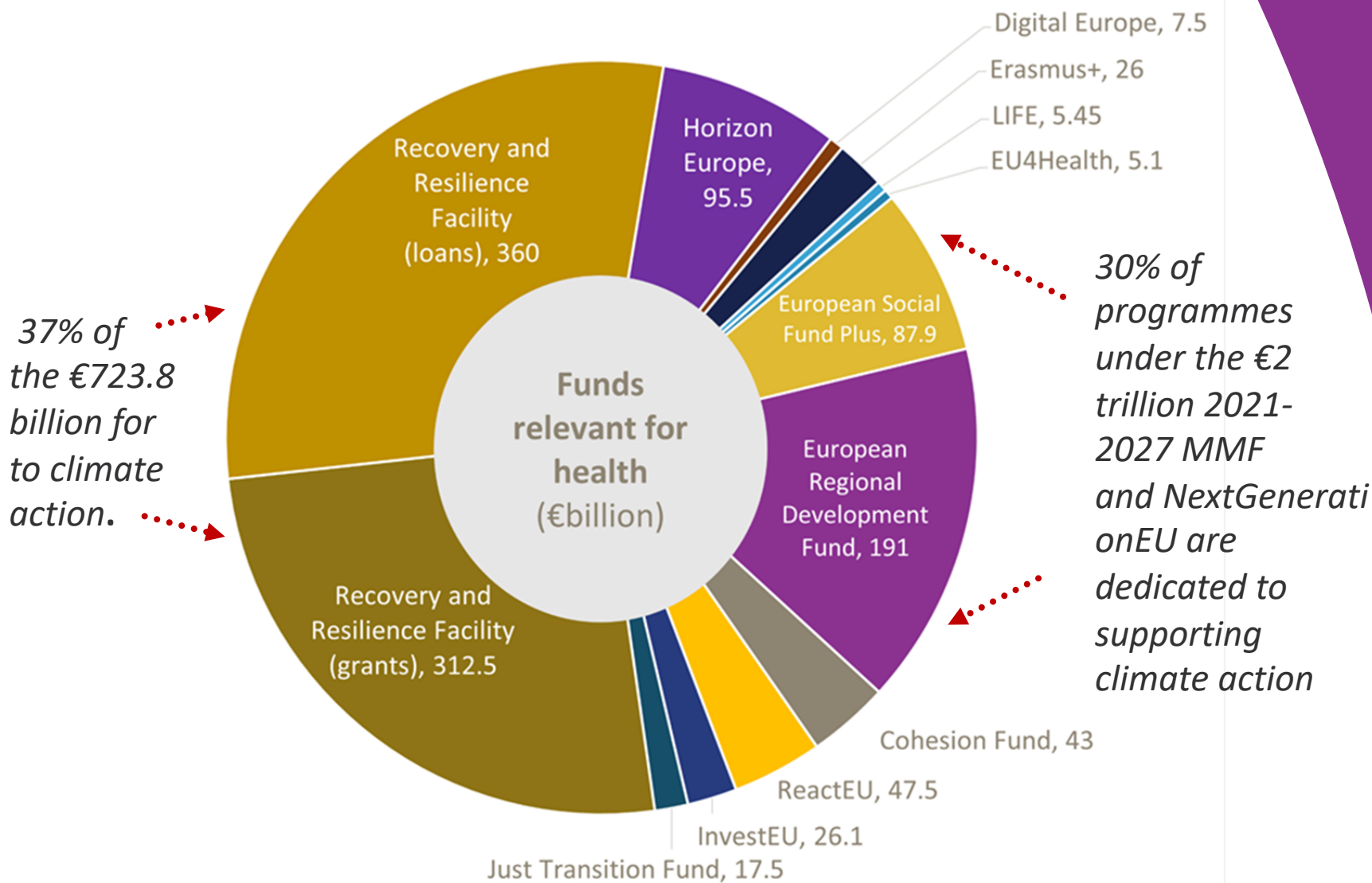
- Sets out the goal of **making Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, and to reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels, resulting in a cleaner environment, more affordable energy, smarter transport, new jobs and an overall better quality of life**

EU Green Deal - main elements

- **Climate action:** [Climate law](#) ('Fit for 55'); [Climate Adapt Strategy](#)
- Clean energy
- Sustainable industry
- **Buildings and renovations**
- **Sustainable mobility**
- **Eliminating pollution:** [EU Action Plan: "Towards a Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil"](#) Chemical strategy to protect the environment against hazardous chemicals; revision of measures to address pollution from large industrial installations
- **Farm to Fork Strategy** that aims to address environmental damage caused by food systems and issues of fairness, sustainability and impact on health. It will focus on reducing waste, and transforming the manufacturing, processing, retailing, packaging and transportation of food.
- **Preserving biodiversity:** [EU Biodiversity Strategy](#) for 2030 focuses on nature-based solutions that play an important role in mitigating, and adapting to, climate change.
- **Research and development:** 35% of Horizon Europe's €95.5 billion towards EU climate objectives + EU 'Missions'
- Preventing unfair competition from carbon leakage.



Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF): 2021-2027



[Health in the next MFF fund and recovery programmes APRIL 2021.pdf \(eurohealthnet.eu\)](#)

A 'socially fair' transition (?)

Social Climate Fund: direct funding to member states to address the social impacts that arise from the EC's proposals to extend emissions trading to the building and road transport sectors – by helping citizens (vulnerable households) finance investments in energy efficiency, new heating and cooling systems, and cleaner mobility.

To be financed by the EU budget, using an amount equivalent to 25% of the expected revenues of emissions trading for building and road transport fuels. It will provide €72.2 billion of funding to Member States, for the period 2025-2032 + draw on matching Member State funding = €144.4 billion for a socially fair transition

Innovation and Modernisation Fund also supports 10 lower-income EU Member States in their transition to climate neutrality by helping to modernise their energy systems and improve energy efficiency (BG, CR, CZ, E, HU, LV, LI, PL, RO, SK)

Just Transition Fund; provides grants to Member States having identified the territories expected to be the most negatively impacted by the green transition. Budget of € 19.32 billion, of which € 10.87 billion under NGEU.

European Climate Pact, initiative that encourages regions, local communities, citizens and also businesses and schools to come together and take action on tackling the environment crisis in areas like sustainable transport/buildings or green initiatives.



Recovery and Resilience Plans:
drivers to promote health and wellbeing in the European Union?



New EuroHealthNet publication: are the EU and its members states are seizing the opportunity to apply recovery-oriented funds to ‘build back’, in ways that restore the environment, strengthen health, equity and well-being.

“So, if everything goes well ... we can expect health and health equity outcomes to improve quite a bit, but we (also) see that it can pretty much goes as usual, sort of a ‘no expected changes’ in the distribution of health outcomes”

“If I can say one thing about the dimension of inequalities, there is no flagship area tackling inequality. (...) This surprised me a lot because it is clear the pandemic will increase disparities, bringing along all associated problems.”

What can NIPHs do?

- **Advocate** for a ‘fair’ transition to more sustainable societies of well-being
[Is America Prepared for the Pandemic After COVID-19? - The Atlantic](#)
[How Public Health Took Part in Its Own Downfall - The Atlantic](#)
- Work together to develop **common indicators on climate change and health**
- **Collaborate on common messages to feed into the next WHO Ministerial Conference on Climate Change and Health (2023).**
- Invest in local, ‘eye level’ initiatives that **engage local communities** in the development and implementation of ‘triple-win’ solutions and adaptation and mitigation plans
- Invest in **building the capacities of current and future public health professionals** – trained to work on SDH, ensure co-benefits and put equity at the center



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