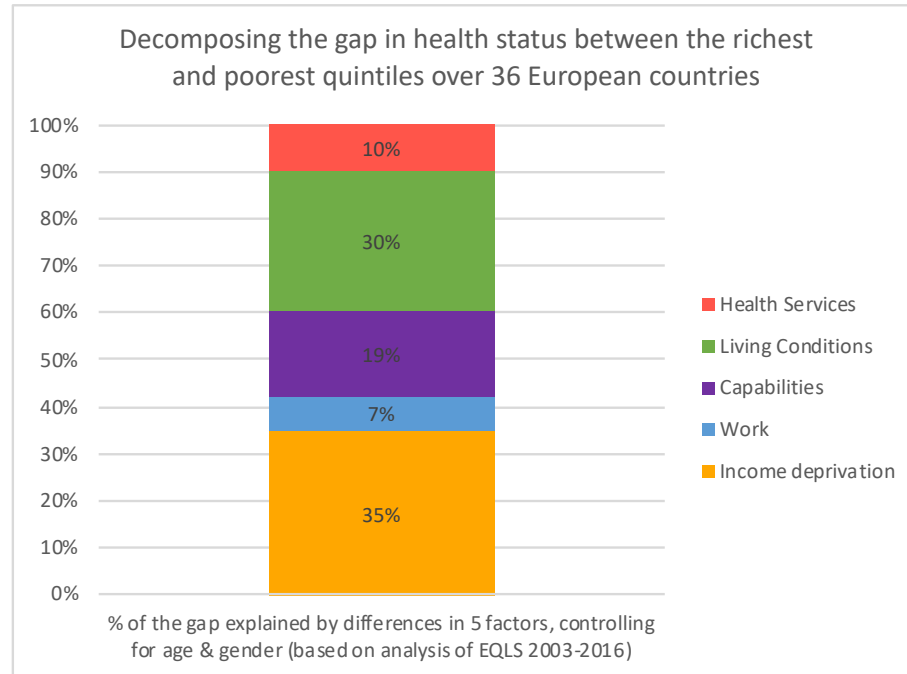


LOOKING AHEAD- INITIATIVES PUSHING FOR CHANGE

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What's behind current health inequities in European countries

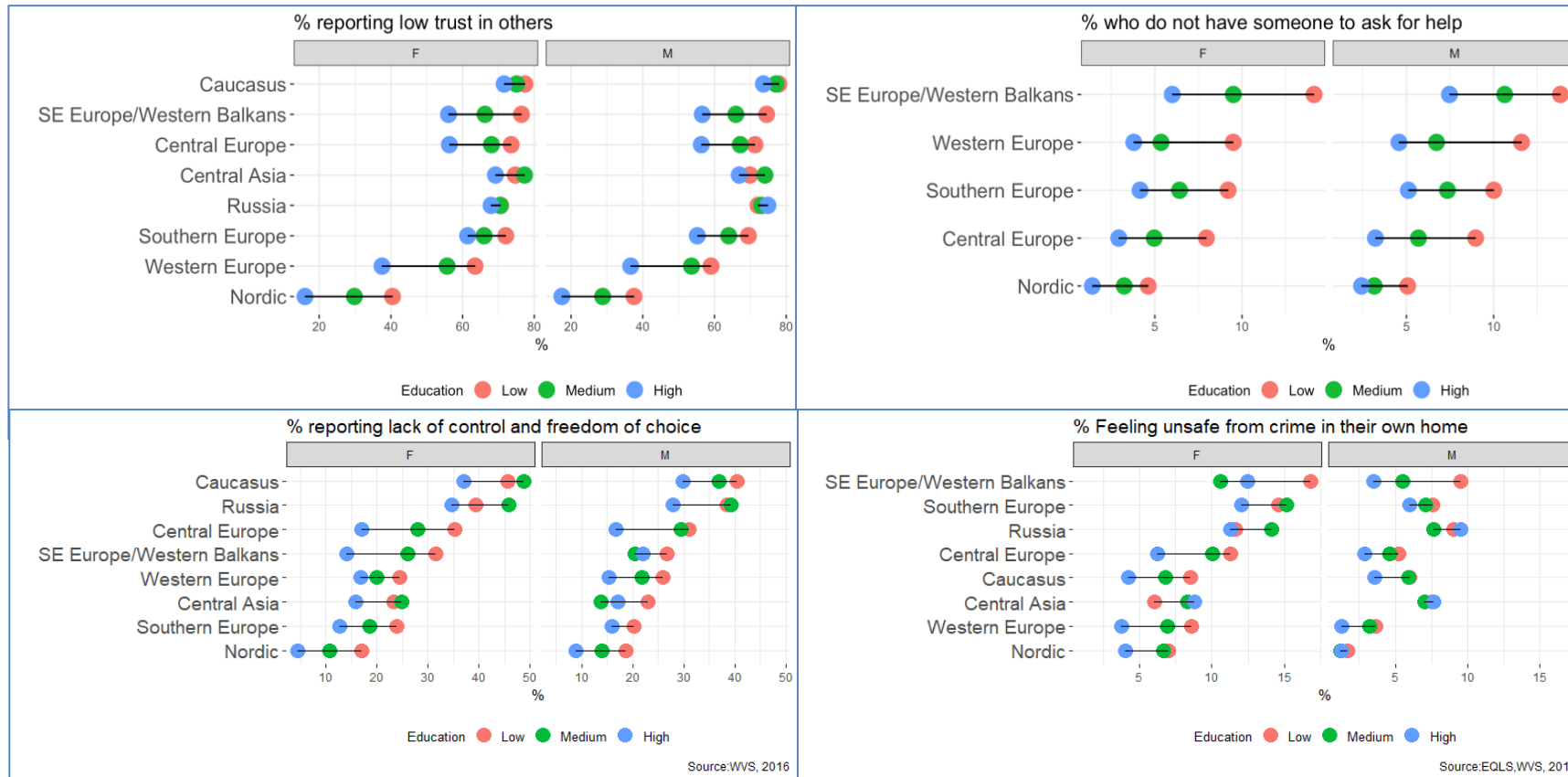
1. Income insecurity *'not being able to make ends meet'*
2. Poor quality housing and neighbourhood environment
3. Higher levels of social exclusion in more disadvantaged groups
4. Inequity in access to health care
5. Lack of work and poor working conditions



Source: WHO EURO HESRI
Forthcoming 2019

- **impoverishment caused by out-of-pocket health spending** affects up to 15% of households in countries of the European Region
- **Income & employment insecurity and worries over making-ends-meet explain 42% of the inequity gaps in mental health** within European countries

Creating the conditions for equally healthy lives for All



Sense of belonging and place, along with insecure neighbourhoods and housing tenure explain 49% of the gap in poor health between top and bottom income quintiles within countries

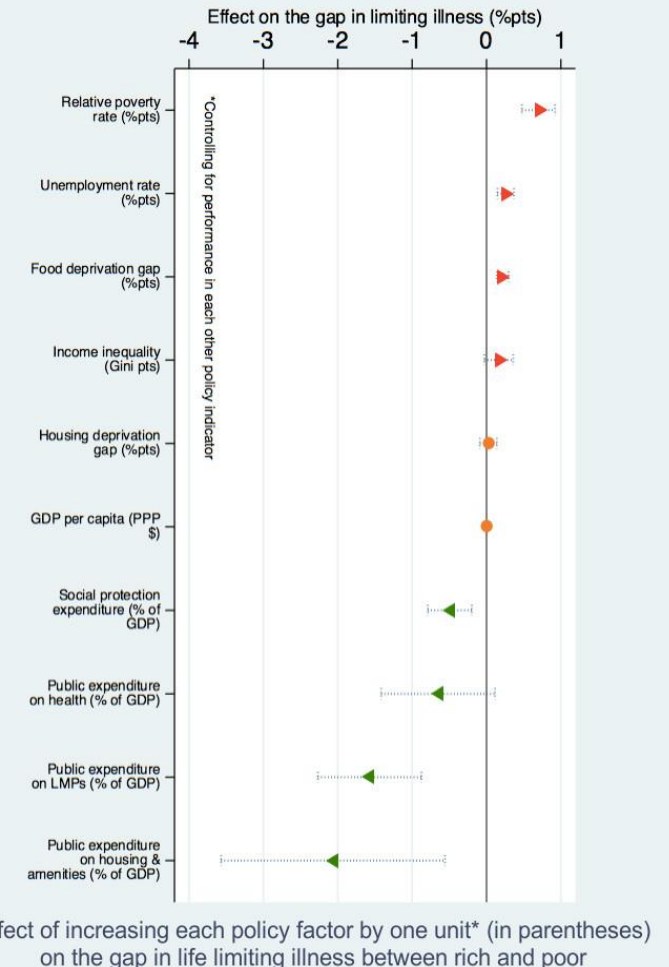
Building safe and resilient communities needs to be at the heart of strategies for accelerating progress towards health and prosperity for all

The forthcoming WHO European Health Equity Status Report - *a roadmap for action for healthier prosperous lives for all*

- ✓ **Better design and investment in multisectoral policies** addressing social, economic, environmental and commercial determinants **with impact on the places where people are born, live and work.**
- ✓ **Increases in investments in multisectoral policies are associated with a narrowing of the gaps in wellbeing, life-limiting illness and mental health,** over a period of 2–6 years between the poorest and richest quintiles within countries across the Region.

Policy options for narrowing the inequity gap in life limiting illness

The effects of
Increasing investment
in 4 Policy Areas
over a 4-6 year period



The WHO Regional Health Equity Solutions Platform - *healthy prosperous lives for all*

A partnership Initiative led by the WHO European Office for Investment for Health & Development

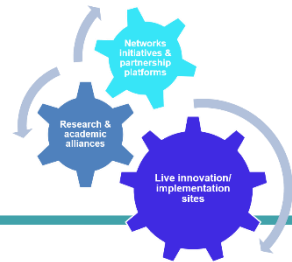
A collaborative space to generate know-how and dynamic so for governments and wider actors in society on how to

- ✓ address key health and equity challenges,
- ✓ invest in a sustainable, fair and smart solutions,
- ✓ bring social values into an inclusive economic growth poli
- ✓ and in this way improve health and wellbeing for all.



Example

THE HS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL 'FOOTPRINT' INITIATIVE



The Challenge . . .

- ❗ **Shift** the thinking away from HS being seen as only a cost, and ensure HS are defined by their *net contribution* to society in terms of economic and social progress.
- ❗ **Prevent** disinvestment in health, and ultimately *strengthening* HS role in national and local decision making.
- ❗ **Show** how HS can be 'drivers' of inclusive and sustainable regions and communities by *addressing the determinants of health and improving the conditions needed for all to live healthier prosperous lives*

Countries: England, Finland, Italy, Macedonia, Romania, Scotland, Slovenia, Sweden.
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The Economic & Social Impacts and Benefits of Health Systems

RETHINKING HOW WE PURCHASE, EMPLOY AND USE OUR LAND AND ASSETS



for sustainable development, inclusive growth and
community health and wealth building for all

- Impacts on wellbeing and life opportunities
- Impacts on economic & social resilience



New research, methodology and country/ regional reports

19 EU countries with available
comparable data

2010 IOT only, only year countries have
complete data.

IOT with 62 singular economic sectors, Eurostat
database.

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France	Germany
Italy	UK
Denmark	Finland
Slovenia	Bulgaria
Croatia	Hungary
Latvia	Slovakia
Greece	Romania
Netherlands	

Calculated



Healthcare
sector



Multipliers

to understand



How changes in demand and
investment in healthcare sector affect
all related sectors of economy

Networks



- ✓ **Regions for Health Network**
41 Regions, 27 countries, 131 million people
- ✓ **Small Countries Initiative**
3 EU, 5 non-EU countries
- ✓ **Nordic & Baltic Health Equity & Social Determinants Collaboration**
8 countries, 33 million people

The Venice Office manages 3 policy-networks with an extensive reach to decision-makers, politicians, and practitioners across the WHO European Region

The networks are key partners in

- ✓ piloting, adaptation and diffusion of the evidence, and best practices in improving health and reducing inequities.

The networks play an important feedback and agenda setting role by

- ✓ bringing to the surface social and economic trends (challenges and opportunities),
- ✓ analysing their future impact on health equity & wellbeing &
- ✓ identifying effective responses for improving health and health equity.

Better health for Europe

more equitable and sustainable



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