



# The Federation of European Academies of Medicine and pandemic related activities

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# The Federation of European Academies of Medicine

- Belgian legal entity since 1995 based in Brussels
- **23 national Academies** in Europe: Academies of Medicine, Medical Sections of Academies of Sciences, Academies of Pharmacy and Veterinary Academies
- **Fellows from FEAM Academies:** thousands of the best researchers and scholars from across Europe and the whole biomedical spectrum
- **Independent** (commercial, political, ideological) and **evidence-based** science policy advice, with a European dimension, on human and animal medicine, biomedical research, education and health priorities
- Academies' Fellows also serve as individual expert – able to engage in a **national/European agenda**



# Distinctive strengths of FEAM

- Providing **excellent and independent scientific advice** to policy-makers on European biomedical issues
- Capacity to inform the **EU decision policy making process both** at European and national level through its Member Academies
- **Multidisciplinary cooperation** with other European and global academy networks – via EU-funded SAPEA project and bilateral projects
- **Cross-sectoral cooperation** with other European biomedical stakeholders via its European Biomedical Policy Forum

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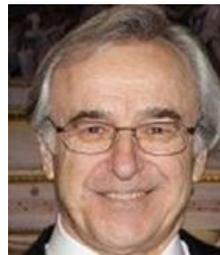
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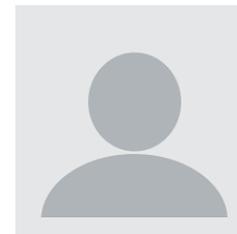
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## PERISCOPE

PAN-EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 AND FUTURE PANDEMICS AND EPIDEMICS

## FEAM'S ROLE



# WP2. Mapping and assessing impacts on health inequalities

Map, assess and compare impacts of COVID-19 and policy measures on health inequalities (including short- and long-term)

## Methodology

- Literature review
- Identification of data, gaps, and inconsistencies
- Integrate data from WP1 with further desk research to obtain a set of basic data to be included in the COVID-Atlas
- Guidance from a multi-disciplinary scientific committee

**-> Draft Interim Report on Health Inequalities (October 2021)  
& Workshop (September 2021)**



# WP2 Health Inequalities partners

France



Homeless populations, the ECHO study

United Kingdom



Race and ethnicity, Covid and Care Research Group

Sweden



Mental health inequalities, the elderly

Belgium



Migrants and refugees, the ApartTogether study



Mental health inequalities & policy interventions & vocabulary scanning



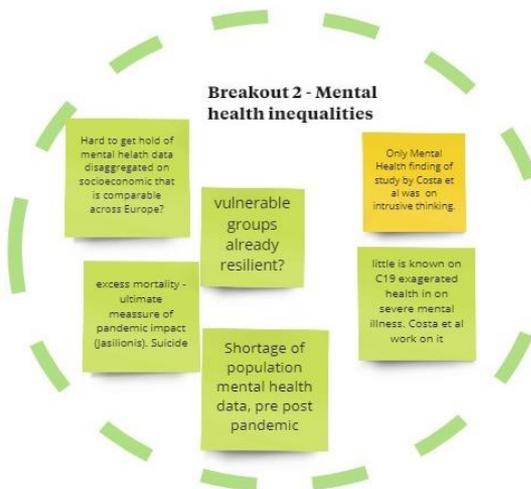
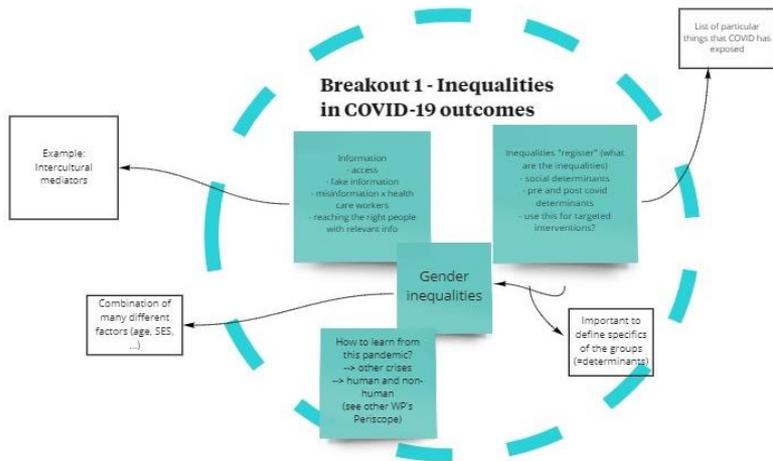
Rapid literature review, coordination



## Workshop on COVID-19 health inequalities, 29 Sept 2021

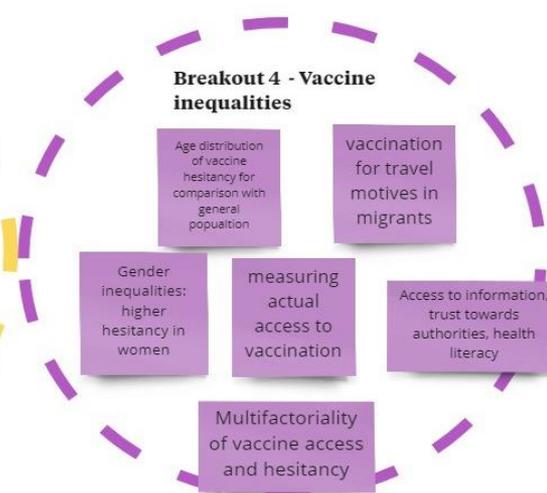
- 53 participants which received a draft interim report one week ahead
- First half – Keynote speeches (Prof. Giuseppe Costa & interim report collaborators)
- Second half – small groups discussion ([agenda](#))
- Dissemination materials: post-workshop survey, [Summary report](#), [Recording](#)

# Workshop on COVID-19 Health inequalities



MIRO Board of the 4 breakout sessions to identify:

- Gaps/inconsistencies
- Possible avenues for further research



MIRO Board accessible here:  
[https://miro.com/app/board/o9J\\_lv7luQc=](https://miro.com/app/board/o9J_lv7luQc=/)

# Interim report on health inequalities with emphasis on vulnerable groups

Sections	Messages
1. Baseline HI in Europe before COVID-19	Italy, UK, France, Belgium, Sweden
2. Rapid literature review on COVID-19 impacts according to socioeconomic status (income, education, occupational)	Few studies from countries in mainland Europe / national vs regional level / Lack of common ethnicity lexis within Europe / Lack of consistent approach for data gathering
3. Unequal health impacts of COVID-19 & policy measures on vulnerable groups	COVID-19 health impacts, Mental health, healthcare access, vaccine inequalities
4. Mitigating health inequalities through policy interventions	Tailored messaging & community engagement / temporary suspension data sharing with authorities / income security as a public health concern / alternative & inclusive communication methods / SES data collection across ethnic & vulnerable groups
5. Further questions and research agenda	Ageism, impact on children, need for harmonized and comparable data, provision and accessibility of health information, suicide vs excess mortality

# WP11. Training and education

- FEAM leads this WP
- The contents of training modules will be based on findings of previous WPs
- Focus on addressing the evolving educational needs of healthcare professionals in response to organisational and technological changes brought by COVID-19
- Methodology:
  - Partners will support the development of contents
  - Stakeholders will support the validation and implementation of teaching modules in online platforms as appropriate
  - Scientific committee to provide guidance



# WP11 – Training and Education (July 2022)

Task *	Training Description
11.1	Training to prepare social workers and other key groups for future pandemics (UGent)
11.2	Training on the One Health approach, cross-sectoral collaboration during pademics (FEAM)
11.3	Training targeting social workers and community groups on preventing and dealing with conspiracy theories in light of vaccine hesitancy (LSE)
11.4	Training for health authorities and policy makers to facilitate the deployment of best practices (POLIMI)
11.5	MOOC in technologies for healthcare management to help mitigate of the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (GUF)
11.6	Training on Continuous learning in medicine (UPAVIA)
11.7	Implement online training modules (POLIMI)

## WP11 partners

The Netherlands



Italy



Germany



Sweden



United Kingdom



Spain



Belgium





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# WP 1. Mapping and assessing socio-economic impacts

## Map and assess indirect health impacts

- Focus on patients with chronic patients and multi-morbidities
- **Methodology**
  - Literature review
  - Discussion with PERISCOPE partners
  - Desk research + surveys to patients with chronic diseases (European Patients' Forum & Mental Health Europe)
  - Small working group of interested experts



# WP7. Best and next practices: towards innovative public policies for resilience and sustainability

- Under the leadership of CEPS, FEAM will contribute to:
  - Research and reports related to best practices for resilience and sustainability



## **WP8. Holistic Policy Guidance for Resilience and Sustainability**

- Under the leadership of CEPS, FEAM will contribute to:
  - Draft policy guidelines for health authorities (also based on findings of previous WPs)



## **WP9. Towards optimal multi-level governance to enhance resilience, preparedness and sustainability**

- Under the leadership of LSE and CEPS, FEAM will contribute to:
  - Publications
  - A conference on Europe's pandemic preparedness, response and resilience in global coordination platform

