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Dear Colleagues,

In the past weeks, several EuroHealthNet members and partners of the Joint Action on Health Equity (JAHEE) have indicated that they would be interested in working together to analyse the health equity impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. What are the consequences for health equity in the short- and long term? How does this compare with the pre-pandemic situation? What are countries doing in response to the crisis? Are health and social inequalities properly addressed?

We are reaching out to you, to explore whether you would be interested to collaborate on such an analysis in the context of the European Semester, support us to answer these questions, and discuss to what extent the European Semester has the potential to limit the widening of social and health inequalities.

The European Semester is the main mechanism for economic and social policy coordination put forward by the EU on an annual basis. Through this process, the European Commission and Member States agree on the reforms to be taken in the year to come to tackle the biggest challenges that each country is facing. The analysis of the main outcomes of the European Semester offers the opportunity to assess how EU and countries are responding to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to look at future actions that will be recommended for the next year. This analysis will be done through a health equity lens.

For more information and details on the activities and timeline, please read the attached plan of action.

We would like to conclude this exercise with the publication and launch of a report and a webinar in the autumn.

If you are keen to take part and/or if you have any further questions, please contact our Policy Officer, (10)(2e) at (10)(2e)@eurohealthnet.eu. During the General Council meeting on the 4th of June, we will also have the opportunity to discuss this piece of work.

We hope you or one of your colleagues would like to work with us on this analysis, [please sign up here by 29th of May](#).

Yours sincerely,

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