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MIGHEALTHNET

Information network on good practice in health care for migrants and minorities

Copenhagen, 20 May 2008 – To successfully address the health needs of migrants and minorities and to safeguard public health in an increasingly multicultural European population the promotion of ‘good practices’ and the exchange of information and expertise on migrant and minority health both within and between countries is vital.

The MIGHEALTHNET project aims to help health care providers meet the challenge of providing adequate care to vulnerable groups, such as migrant and minority populations. Specifically, the 2-year long program aims to stimulate the development of ‘good practices’ by providing professionals, policy makers, researchers, educators, representatives of migrant and minority groups with easy access to a dynamically evolving body of knowledge and a virtual network of expertise.

The MIGHEALTHNET project has therefore created and now “opens” to the public interactive databases (wikis) in 17 European countries. The Danish wiki is available at www.mighealth.net/dk and contains information on migrant and minority populations, the state of health of migrants and minorities and their access and accessibility to health care services. ‘Good practices’ developed to address the health care needs of migrants and minorities, as well as information on organizations dealing with migrant and minority health, are also presented.

The MIGHEALTHNET project runs under the DG SANCO 2003-2008 Public Health Program and is coordinated by the Medical School of Athens. The consortium of partners comprises academic and research institutions from 12 European countries, while researchers from another 5 European countries also participate. During the lifetime of the project, it is hoped to extend it to even more countries. The project is being co-funded by the European Commission (DG for Health & Consumer Protection) and has received a grant from the Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation.

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