

*Infant / Preschool Health Care - Health and health care policy in infants and young children*  
*Introductory lecture:*

## **HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS: WHAT SHOULD EUSUHM MEMBERS (NOT) DO?**

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Health and human rights should be an issue for all EUSUMH members, However, although the international convention for the rights of the child (ICRC) is one of the most ratified conventions worldwide there are still children in western countries who lack health care, education and other basic rights such as housing, clean water and food. Some of them are lacking these basic rights because their parents are undocumented migrants. Within Europe approaches differ enormously, although all governments ratified the ICRC. In this presentation we will highlight the differences in approach between EU countries. Both best practices concerning "the right to health and other underlying determinants as well as the worst case scenario's will be elaborated. As will become clear there is a need for disaggregated data in this field. Several (international) NGO's are collecting (disaggregated) data.

Such data are necessary to hold the government responsible. Data collection and much more is one of the roles of public health specialists (PHS) at local, regional, national and international policy level. In this presentation the role of PHS and NGO's will be illustrated in official reporting for the government, as well as in shadow reports for (inter)national Non-Governmental Organizations.

After this presentation PHS will be aware of their responsibility to fulfil the rights for children in their country, as well as which action(s) should to be taken by their government to the full realisation of children's' rights (i.e. their plight to respect. protect and fulfil all human rights).