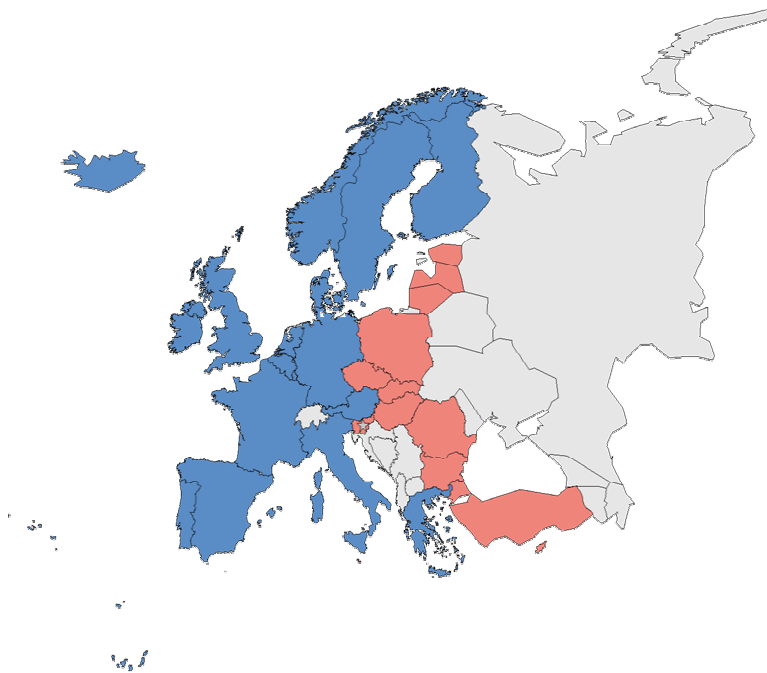




## Mental Health Economics European Network - Phase II -

### MHEEN Phase I (2002-2004) Participating Countries

Austria  
Belgium  
Denmark  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Italy  
Luxembourg  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Portugal  
Spain  
Sweden  
United Kingdom



### MHEEN Phase II (2005-2007) Joining Countries

Bulgaria  
Cyprus  
Czech  
Republic  
Estonia  
Hungary  
Latvia  
Lichtenstein  
Lithuania  
Malta  
Poland  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Turkey

### THE MHEEN GROUP

The **Mental Health Economics European Network (MHEEN)**, supported by the European Commission - DG Health and Consumer Protection, was established in 2002.

Now co-ordinated at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences by Martin Knapp, David McDaid and Helena Medeiros, with additional support from the Brussels-based NGO *Mental Health Europe*, its broad objective was initially to establish a base for mental health economics information and subsequent work in 17 countries. Collating data on the organisation and funding of mental health services, as well as analysis of the impact of poor mental health on employment and the capacity to conduct economic evaluation were among the initial tasks of the network.

MHEEN has now been extended to cover 32 countries, including all the new EU Member States. The second phase of analysis will be completed in 2007.

| <b>MHEEN PARTNER</b>        | <b>ORGANISATION</b>  | <b>POSITION</b>     |
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| <b>United Kingdom</b>       | London School of Economics and Political Science - Health & Social Care London                                     | Project Leader      |
| <b>Mental Health Europe</b> | Mental Health Europe aisbl<br>European Network of NGOs<br>Based in Brussels, Belgium                               | Project Coordinator |
| <b>Austria</b>              | Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Health Technology Assessment<br>Wien   | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Belgium</b>              | University Hospitals – KU Leuven<br>Department of Mental Health Care<br>Leuven                                     | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Bulgaria</b>             | Department of Social and Consultation Psychiatry, Alexandrovska Hospital 1<br>Sofia                                | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Czech Republic</b>       | Charles University<br>Faculty of Social Sciences<br>Department of Public and Social Policy<br>Prague               | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Denmark</b>              | Ministry of Interior and Health<br>Division for Health Analysis, Statistics and Economy                            | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Estonia</b>              | University of Tartu<br>Public Health Department  | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Finland</b>              | Tampere School of Public Health<br>Medisiinarinkatu 3<br>Fin-33014 University of Tampere                           | Associated Partner  |
| <b>France</b>               | Assistance Publique - Hôpitaux de Paris<br>Hôpital Fernand Widal   | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Germany</b>              | University of Ulm<br>Department of Psychiatry II<br>Günzburg   | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Greece</b>               | Regional General Hospital "G.Gennimatas"<br>Mental Health Centre<br>Attica   | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Hungary</b>              | Dr J. Simon (Hungarian mental health economist), based at Oxford University  | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Iceland</b>              | Administration of Occupational Safety and Health<br>Reykjavik  | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Ireland</b>              | Department of Economics,<br>National University of Ireland<br>Galway   | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Italy</b>                | Department of Medicine and Public Health -<br>Section of Psychiatry<br>Ospedale Policlinico "G.B. Rossi"<br>Verona | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Latvia</b>               | London School of Economics and Political Science - Health & Social Care<br>London                                  |                     |
| <b>Lithuania</b>            | MTVC - Training, Research and Development<br>Centre<br>Vilnius   | Associated Partner  |
| <b>Luxembourg</b>           | London School of Economics and Political Science - Health & Social Care<br>London                                  |                     |
| <b>Malta</b>                | Ministry of Health Malta<br>Valetta  | Associated Partner  |

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| <b>Netherlands</b>   | University of Maastricht<br>Department of Health Organisation, Policy and Economics  | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Norway</b>  | SINTEF Unimed, Health Services Research Trondheim  | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Poland</b>  | Mental Health Center<br>Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology Warsaw   | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Portugal</b>  | Instituto Superior Técnico<br>Departamento de Engenharia e Gestão Lisboa   | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Romania</b>   | "Babes-Bolyai" University - Cluj-Napoca<br>Faculty of Political and Administrative Science<br>Department of Public Administration  | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Slovakia</b>  | Psychiatric Hospital Michalovce<br>Association for Mental Health "Integra"   | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Slovenia</b>  | Institute of Public Health<br>Ljubljana  | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Spain</b>   | Asociacion Cientifica PSICOST,<br>Jerez de la Frontera   | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Sweden</b>  | Stockholm Health Economics   | Associated Partner            |
| <b>Switzerland</b>   | University of Zurich   | Non EU funded network partner |
| <b>Turkey</b>  | Hacettepe University<br>School of Health Administration<br>Ankara  | Associated Partner            |
| <b>ESMS - European Service Mapping Schedule Network</b>        | University College London (UK)<br><br>Centro Studi e Ricerche in Psichiatria – Azienda Sanitaria Locale n. 4 Turin (Italy)<br><br>Academia Medyczna Im Piastow Slaskich Wroclawiu Am Wroclaw (Poland)<br><br>Asociacion Cientifica PSICOST (Spain)<br><br>Institute of Public Health of The Republic of Slovenia<br><br>SINTEF Unimed, Health Services Research (Norway)<br><br>Technische Universitat Dresden (Germany) | Associated Partners           |
| <b>ENWHP - European Network for Workplace Health Promotion</b> | Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Dortmund (Germany)   | Collaborating Partner         |
| <b>IMHPA – Implementing Mental Health Promotion Action</b>     | Catalonian Department of Health  | Collaborating Partner         |
| <b>WHO Regional Office for Europe</b>                          | WHO Regional Office for Europe<br>Copenhagen   | Observer                      |

## BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

**What is undoubtedly clear is that in many countries in Europe mental health care continues to be under-funded, despite the high prevalence, substantial contribution to the global burden of disability, and the growing body of cost effectiveness evidence.** There is also a trend of increasing absenteeism and early retirement due to mental illness (and particularly depression) across Europe for both men and women.

Funding mechanisms and the organisation of care or support arrangements may be inflexible, leaving service planners unable to respond to differences in individual needs or community circumstances. One clear trend was a shifting of services from the health to the social care sector where rules on entitlement to and availability of services may differ. In part this is unsurprising given the increased emphasis on community-based care in Western Europe.

The challenge is to ensure that resources are also transferred from the health sector to support these services, and one key aspect of the ongoing work of MHEEN is to look at how economic incentives can be used to promote change in resource allocation so that it best meets the needs of individuals.

## OBJECTIVES and EXPECTED RESULTS

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| <b>Phase II<br/>Main<br/>objectives</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> To contribute to the promotion and protection of public health in Europe by gathering and analysing information and knowledge on the economics and financing of mental health;</li> <li><b>2.</b> To build on the work of the first phase Network (MHEEN) and produce high quality mental health economics related research to inform the policy process across Europe;</li> <li><b>3.</b> To add value to the Network through links with other expert groups</li> <li><b>4.</b> To assess the cost-effectiveness of mental health promotion and prevention strategies;</li> <li><b>5.</b> To construct and pilot a tool for assessing mental health service utilisation and costs at the local level;</li> <li><b>6.</b> To develop a sustainable network of mental health economics expertise through capacity building and networking to aid decision making at all levels.</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Expected<br/>results</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Published outputs:</i> publications - policy briefs, technical and academic reports relating to information on the economics of mental health in Europe;</li> <li>• Meaningful cross country and intra country comparative data, taking into account differences in system structures and resources;</li> <li>• To look at the role of economic incentives in changing the balance between institutional services and community based health and non-health services and support;</li> <li>• <i>Sustainable capacity building:</i> host seminars/workshops on mental health economic issues and exchange knowledge within and beyond the Network</li> <li>• Provision of information on the cost effectiveness of selected strategies in the workplace and in a early years/school settings;</li> <li>• <i>Tools:</i> validated tools to help collect data on the use and costs of services at small area level, to aid in meaningful intra and cross country comparisons;</li> <li>• <i>Electronic outputs:</i> to further develop a website as a portal for communication, information resources and databases supporting policy makers, service users and other stakeholders across Europe.</li> </ul> |

| PUBLISHED OUTPUTS   |   |
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| <b>Journal of Mental Health</b><br><br><i>Special issue: MHEEN papers</i> | <b>The Mental Health Economics Network: Introduction</b><br><i>Martin Knapp and David McDaid</i>  |
|   | <b>Financing Mental Health Care in Europe</b><br><i>Martin Knapp, David McDaid, Francesco Amaddeo, Athanassios Constantopoulos, Monica Oliveira, Luis Salvador-Carulla, Ingrid Zechmeister and the MHEEN Group</i>  |
|   | <b>Implementing mental health economic evaluation evidence: building a bridge between theory and practice</b><br><i>Silvia Evers, Luis Salvador, Vidar Halsteinli, David McDaid and the MHEEN group</i>   |
|   | <b>Mental health and employment: An overview of patterns and policies across western Europe</b><br><i>Claire Curran, Martin Knapp, David McDaid, Kristinn Tomasson and the MHEEN group</i>  |
|   | <b>Macro-economic indicators and labour force participation of people with schizophrenia</b><br><i>Reinhold Kilian and Thomas Becker</i>  |
|   | <b>Moving beyond the mental health care system: an exploration of the interfaces between health and non-health sectors</b><br><i>David McDaid, Monica Oliveira, Kasia Jurczak, Martin Knapp and the MHEEN Group</i>   |
| <b>Journal of 'Epidemiologia e Psichiatria Sociale'</b>                   | <b>Meeting the challenge of funding and allocating resources to mental health across Europe: developing the Mental Health Economics European Network</b><br><i>David McDaid, Martin Knapp, Claire Curran and the MHEEN Group (2006 Apr- Jun; 15(2):117-22)</i>              |
| FURTHER INFORMATION   |   |
| <b>MHEEN Newsletter</b>   | A bi-monthly project Newsletter will provide key information to non-MHEEN members about the activities and events taking place within the Network.  |
| <b>MHEEN website</b>  | Further information about the MHEEN group or the Network is available on the MHEEN website at <a href="http://www.mheen.org">www.mheen.org</a> . The website provides information relating to the MHEENII partners, project activities as well as news from other networks. |
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