

HUMA network project,

Lead by Médecins du Monde and implemented since April 2008 (in real since Sept. 2009) and co-funded by DG SANCO, EPIM and MdM itself.

MAIN OUTCOMES AT EU LEVEL

- **A fruitful advocacy towards European Parliament target:** The vote by the European Parliament of a Resolution on 'Reducing health inequalities in the EU' in which it calls on Member States to tackle inequalities in access to health care for undocumented migrants on 8 March 2011. In this resolution, the European Parliament stresses among other that *"equitable access to healthcare is not secured, not only in practice but also in law, for undocumented migrants in many EU countries"* and calls on Member States *"to ensure that the most vulnerable groups, including undocumented migrants, are entitled to and are provided equitable access to healthcare"*. This is non-binding but is a good step forward: what we can obtain at EU level on health for migrants is in any case non-binding. It is the result of years of work by diverse organisations – but in concrete, the MdM advocacy officer – supported by the team and partner organisations (EAPN, EWL, and PICUM) did the most concrete work to obtain his.
- **The participation to diverse consultations of the European Commission and Council of the EU** (like to EC consultation regarding the Communication on health inequalities; a consultation on unaccompanied undocumented children, the Council conclusions on health inequalities;...) contributed to raise the issue of access to healthcare for undocumented migrants and asylum seekers in the EU – although there are no tangible results of our participation to these consultations.
- The HUMA project enabled Médecins du Monde **to raise the issue of access to healthcare** in the main platforms working for the rights of the migrants –like the NGO platform) **and to deepen the partnerships and common work** with other key organisations working with migrants in the EU, at a EU, national and local levels – like EWL, EAPN, PICUM, JRS, Migreurop...
- **The European Declaration of health professionals towards non discriminatory access to healthcare, which was launched by Médecins du Monde in May 2010** had a great success among key health organisations: 141 signed it, representing over 3.000.000 health professionals, among which prominent European associations, such as the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), the European Council of Medical Orders (CEOM) and the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN). Indeed this Declaration **enabled MdM to create a group of key health organisations allies for further advocacy** and for work within the health entities – that MdM could develop in the future months and years.

OUTCOMES AT NATIONAL LEVEL

- **At national level in the 16 countries of the network,** the work of the HUMA project contributed to **raise the issue of access to healthcare for undocumented migrants and asylum seekers, thanks to the dissemination of the publications of the project¹, but also to the advocacy events and meetings that were organised in the frame of the project.**
- For example, the **Swedish²** Government have agreed upon expanding the legislation concerning healthcare for undocumented migrants; this is the result of the great lobby work made for many years by MdM Sweden, with a national platform and on their own (especially in the latest years, with the support of the HUMA network project). Médecins du Monde Sweden follows the process very closely. Similarly, the release of the HUMA report by KISA, the partner in **Cyprus**, has been an occasion to have meetings with the key administrations and to propose a working group between the different administrations to work further on the issue.

¹ **Publications** : Access to healthcare and living conditions of asylum seekers and undocumented migrants in Cyprus, Malta, Poland and Romania, march 2011; Are undocumented migrants and asylum seekers entitled to access health care in the EU? A comparative overview in 16 countries, nov 2010; Law and practice. Access to health care for undocumented migrants and asylum seekers in 10 EU countries, sept 2009; Living conditions, health status and problems in accessing health care for undocumented migrants and their children, sept 2009.

² 09/05/2011 :les échos de MdM Suède ne sont pas très bons. Finalement, il semble que l'accord signé par le gouvernement avec les Verts soit très creux et qu'eux-mêmes pensent qu'il ne va pas se passer grand-chose. MDM Suède a un RV en lien avec cela la semaine prochaine, ils nous en diront plus. Cela suit son cours mais je préfère ne pas en dire plus