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Press Release

EAP – EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF PAEDIATRICS investigates on “Child Health Inequalities among Migrant Children in the European Region” with a survey over its entire research network.

*“Paediatric health care services are a scene where migrants’ children
and families’ problems and needs are visible”.*

EAPRASnet : The EAP research network’s latest survey on “Child Health Inequalities among Migrant Children in the European Region”

EAPRASnet -EAP Research in Ambulatory Settings Network is an active network of 2000 registered paediatricians from Europe and Mediterranean. Their mission is to improve quality of general paediatrics and primary care practice by conducting international collaborative practice based research. Five major surveys have been launched over the past few years, and resulted in the publication of several papers.

EAPRASnet’s latest survey - online from Sept 15th to Oct 27th - addresses an issue strongly correlated with an ongoing challenge: The equal access to health care among migrant Children in the EU. Given the high migratory flow in some countries, many paediatricians among EAP’s members have gained experience dealing with health problems of migrant children.

The main objectives of the survey are:

- **to identify barriers for equal access /utilization health care services for migrant children and families** (legal/entitlement, economic, cultural/ linguistic);
- **to profile prevalent child health conditions/needs among migrants’ children** (physical, mental, developmental);
- **to identify health services’ organizational/training difficulties that impact on migrants’ children appropriate health care.**

The questionnaire at the core of the survey, developed in collaboration with EAP Advocacy Group and other international paediatric organizations **received almost 500 responses, thus illustrating high interest for a not clinical topic. First results should be available within a few weeks.**

The Lancet publishes EAP's answer and beliefs on the migrants

In its edition dated November 14th The Lancet publishes EAP's answer to its editorial dated September 12th entitled "Adapting to migration as a planetary force.

EAP representatives state their belief that it is necessary to create a platform for countries to discuss and share issues impacting on pediatric services across Europe for migrant families in order to provide medical and psychological support services for children, to protect them and call on member states to assure the urgent need for immigrant children to gain access to social services such as school, in order to prevent thousands of them from becoming victims of violence, abuse and exploitation.

High profile meeting of EAP's 32 National Delegates and Presidents on November 29th in Brussels

The full team of delegates, observers and members of the European Academy of Paediatrics will meet in Brussels on November 29th on the occasion of EAP's General Assembly.

The main goals will be to further strengthen the relationship with the Subspecialty Pediatric societies and the National Paediatric Societies across Europe as well as to kick-off EAP action to provide solid advice and in-depth expertise to EU decision-makers and other EU policy actors on critical issues such as children health in the migrants and vaccination.

About EAP – European Academy of Paediatrics

The European Academy of Paediatrics is the UEMS – European Union Medical Specialists Paediatric Section – and represents, in this capacity, the official political voice for both families, children and paediatricians throughout Europe. Our mission is to promote health for all children and young people in Europe, advocate and lobby for children and families rights throughout Europe.

EAP members come from 32 European Economic Area countries. They are represented by delegates from their national paediatric societies and professional organisations. In addition, associate European members and observers, delegates representing National Paediatric Societies and European subspecialty Paediatric Societies are part of the EAP as well as over 400 international individual members.

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- Survey questionnaire “Child health inequalities among migrants in the EU”
- Publication Lancet Nov 14th
- Corporate presentation release – Oct 19th