

REACH-Network

Refugees and Migrants in Europe - Adolescent and Child Health



EAP Spring Meeting 2024, Porto
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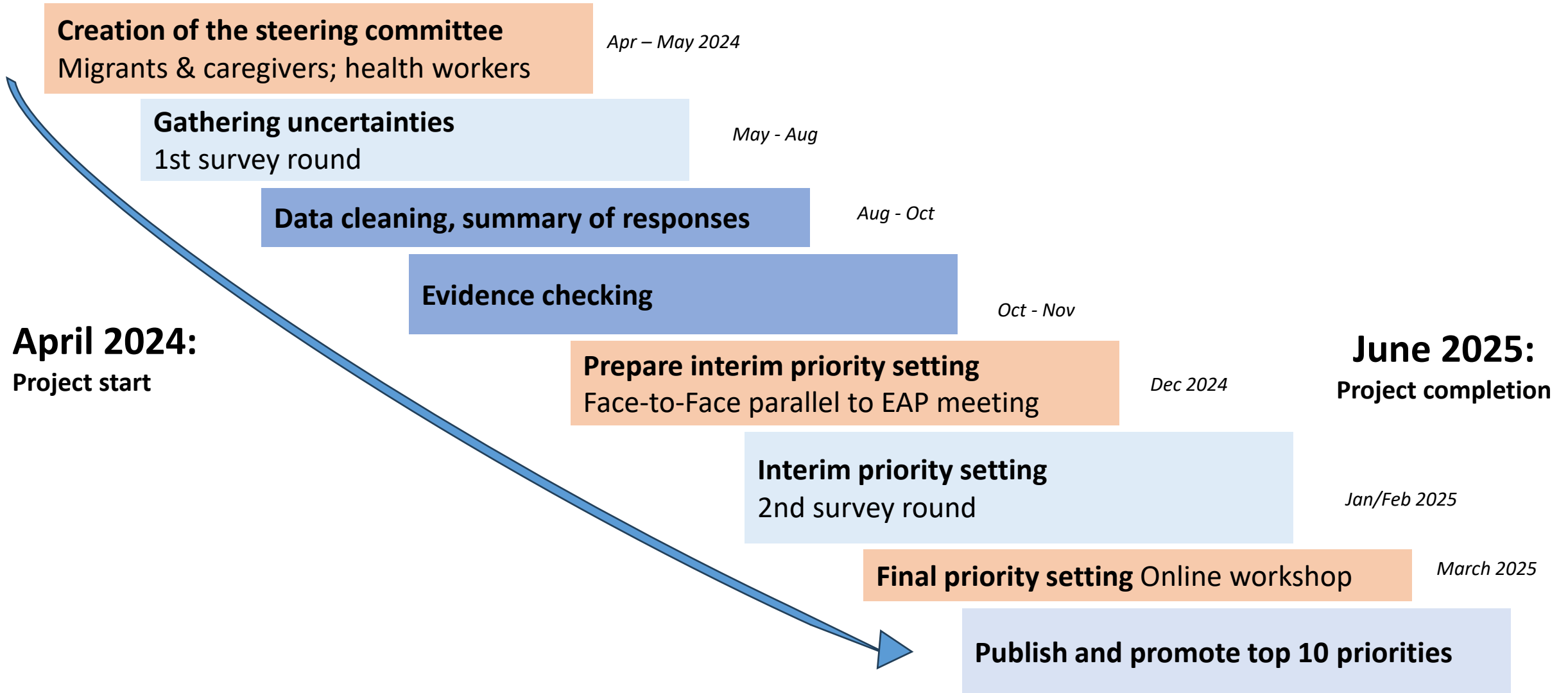
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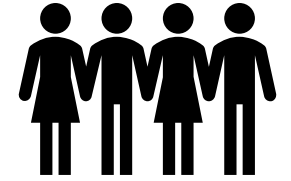
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Participatory research priority setting: Pediatric migrant health in Europe



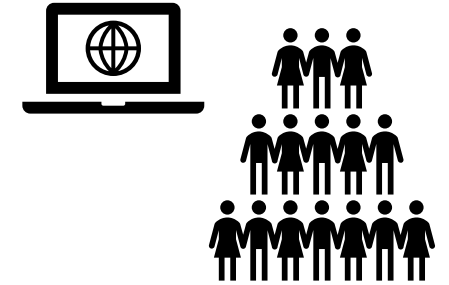
Steering committee



- coordinates and implements the activity of the PSP, taking responsibility for its completion
- 4 people with lived experience (minor migrants/refugees or their caregivers); 4 health/social workers; 4 “double experts”, JLA advisor
- **Monthly online meetings, face-to-face workshop**

Are you an **Eastern European pediatrician**
or double expert (= EU migrant health worker and parent with migration experience)
and willing to become member of PSP?
Contact us!

Uncertainties surveys



- Online survey
- Address wide audience of minor migrants/refugees and their caregivers, as well as health/social workers across Europe
- **1st survey round (May – Aug 24): Gather unanswered research uncertainties**
- **2nd survey round (Dec 24/Jan 25): Choose and rank most important uncertainties**
- Sampling challenges: How to reach migrants who are pushed in most vulnerable positions?

Are you an **EU pediatrician treating migrants or refugees** and willing to help distribute the survey/ help you patients fill out the survey?

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Addressing Migrant Health Needs by enhancing Pediatric Education

Migrant Health Needs:

- WHO recognizes unique nutritional, psychosocial, cultural, and medical demands for migrants.
- EAP emphasizes pediatricians' role in caring for vulnerable groups, including migrant children.

EAP Curriculum Gap:

- Migrant children not currently addressed in EAP Common Trunk Curriculum.

Proposed Initiatives:

- **Incorporate Migrant Health in ETR:** Integrate migrant health topics into the EAP core curriculum Was suggested 2018/19 by Paul Torpiano YEAP Rep for Migrant Health, well received by EAP
- Current status: proposed structure and wording is already Written and ready to go 😊
- **Enhance Pediatric Training:** Include lectures, assessments, and clinical experiences focusing on migrant health needs.
- **Engage Stakeholders:** Collaborate with EBP and REACH project

Action plan

- Include Migrant Health into EAP core curriculum
- Advocate for the inclusion of migrant health in pediatric education to address growing demographic trends and unique healthcare needs via REACH network

Planned position papers & recommendations

- **Publication introducing the REACH group**, the rationale for its foundation and its vision and mission (Veronika Wiemker, Ruud Nijman, Julia Brandenberger)
- **Position paper on medical care for migrant children in Europe** (Albertine Baauw / Ulrich von Both)
- **Comprehensive EU wide recommendation of the top 10 research priorities in pediatric migrant health**

Do you know any (national) associations involved in ped migrant health we should collaborate with? **Let us know!**

Do you want to keep updated about REACH group activities and opportunities to contribute? **Sign up to our mailing list!**

Thoughts, ideas?



Thank you !

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