

# HITT-CIS NEWSLETTER

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Dear HITT-CIS E-Newsletter Subscriber,

Welcome to Issue 3 of the HITT-CIS Newsletter. We are happy to inform you about the recent developments on the international project „*Health in Times of Transition: Trends in Population Health and Health Policies in CIS Countries*“.

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## Project presentation at Second Global Symposium on Health System research in Beijing



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Inclusion and Innovation towards  
Universal Health Coverage

The Second Global Symposium was dedicated to the evaluation of progress, sharing insights and the recalibration of the agenda of science to accelerate the implementation of universal health coverages. This year participants shared new state-of-the art evidence on universal health coverage and discussed approaches to strengthen the scientific rigor of health system

research including concepts, frameworks, measures and methods.

The Symposium has been attended by Prof. Martin McKee and Dr. Dina Balabanova who prepared and chaired the session “*Ethnic diversity, nation building and their contribution to health and health system strengthening*”. Detailed information about the Symposium are available [here](#).

## HITT-CIS session at the EUPHA conference in Malta

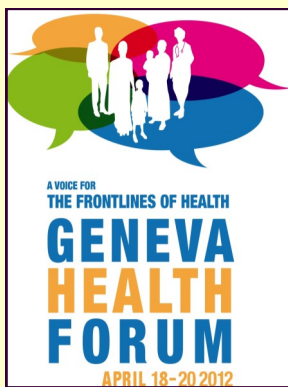
EUPHA is an international, multidisciplinary, scientific organisation bringing together around 14'000 public health experts for professional exchange and collaboration throughout Europe. They encourage a multidisciplinary approach to public health.

The European Public Health Conference aims at contributing to the improvement of public health in Europe by offering means for the exchange of information and additionally it provides a platform for debate to researchers, policy makers, and practitioners in the fields of public health and health services as well as public health training and education in Europe.

To increase the outreach of the project “Health in Times of Transitions” the HITT-CIS team prepared a series of presentations which were introduced by Prof. Martin McKee, Dr. Bayard Roberts, Dr. Dina Balabanova and Adrianna Murphy - at the EUPHA conference in Malta between 8th and 10th November 2012. To download the presentations please click [here](#).



## Project partner presenting at Geneva Health Forum 2012



The Geneva Health Forum is a joint initiative launched in partnership with the major international organizations active in health in Geneva and around the world. It aims at highlighting gaps between policy and practice by tapping on testimonies from frontliners and infusing policy formulation with ground reality.

Project partner Ivdity Chikovani, Curatio International Foundation, Tbilisi, Georgia, was representing the HITT-CIS project and presenting the topic “Use of Multi-Method Rapid Evaluation to Assess Complex Non-Communicable Condition (Diabetes) in Low Income Countries”. Summary of the study is available [here](#).

## HITT-CIS Bulletin Issue 2 published in English, Russian and Kazakh

The second Issue of the HITT-CIS Bulletin was published in the English, Russian and Kazakh languages. It provides information about on-going developments of the project and progress of the research.

It contains articles about Health care reform (page 2) as well as on Socio-economic Influences on Health (page 3) in CIS countries. Additionally it highlights the changes in smoking prevalence in eight countries of the former Soviet Union between 2001-2010 (page 5) and offers insights into Rapid Appraisals undertaken within the HITT-CIS project (page 4).

For more detailed information you are welcome to download the digital version of Issue 2 from the HITT-CIS homepage in [English](#), [Russian](#) and [Kazakh](#).



## HITT-CIS at the 22nd World Congress of Political Science Conference

From 8-12 July 2012 Aizhan Shabdenova, CIOM, Kazakhstan took part in the [World Congress of the International Political Science Association](#) in Madrid. The theme of the conference was “Reshaping of power and shifting boundaries”. The delegates came from over 70 countries around the world including university students, researchers, university professors and doctoral candidates. The bi-annual event was the paramount international gathering for political scientists working in academia, research and consulting who presented their research over five days and in 600+ panels.

The presentation of results of the HITT-CIS project prepared for this event can be downloaded [here](#).

## About the HITT-CIS project

The HITT-CIS Project; “Health in Times of Transition: Trends in Population Health and Health Policies in CIS Countries” is a large-scale international research effort, primarily supported by the Seventh Framework Program of the European Union (FP7-Health). The project is dedicated to the detailed analysis of the state of health, health care and lifestyle in nine countries of the former Soviet Union and embraces three main sub-regions of “Post-Soviet space”: Eastern Europe (Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine), Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan).

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