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Lessons learnt to move forward Health in All Policies approach: Experiences from the Basque Country

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Content of the presentation

- ▶ Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach
- ▶ HiAP status in Basque Government
- ▶ Health's decision-support tools
 - ▶ Health Impact Assessment
 - ▶ Health Lens Analysis
- ▶ HIA experiences in the Basque Country: Local level
- ▶ HIA and HLA experiences in the Basque Country: Regional level
- ▶ How to make further progress in HiAP implementation in the Basque Country?



Health in All Policies

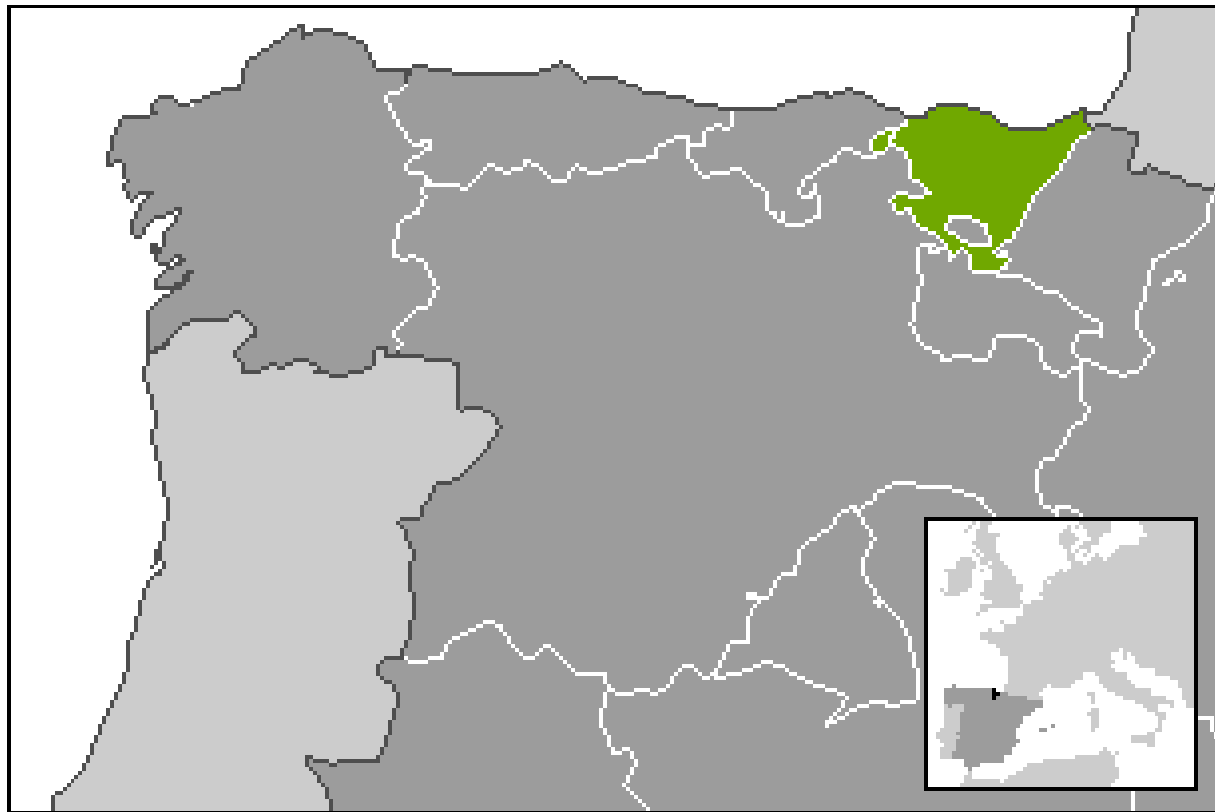
"an approach to public policies across sectors that systematically takes into account the health and health systems implications of decisions, seeks synergies, and avoids harmful health impacts, in order to improve population health and health equity"



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Health's decision-support tools

- ▶ The use of tools offers a **structured approach to incorporate evidence into policy making**, however some tools, as economic evaluations, have ethical and methodological assumptions which **can conflict with values relevant for public health**
- ▶ **Health's decision-support tools**, as Health Impact Assessment, Health Matrix, Healthy Development Measurement Tool, Healthy Development Checklist, Health Background Study Framework, Health Economic Assessment Tool, and Health Lens Analysis, **aim to facilitate the consideration of health concerns in decisions made by other sectors**



Health Impact Assessment

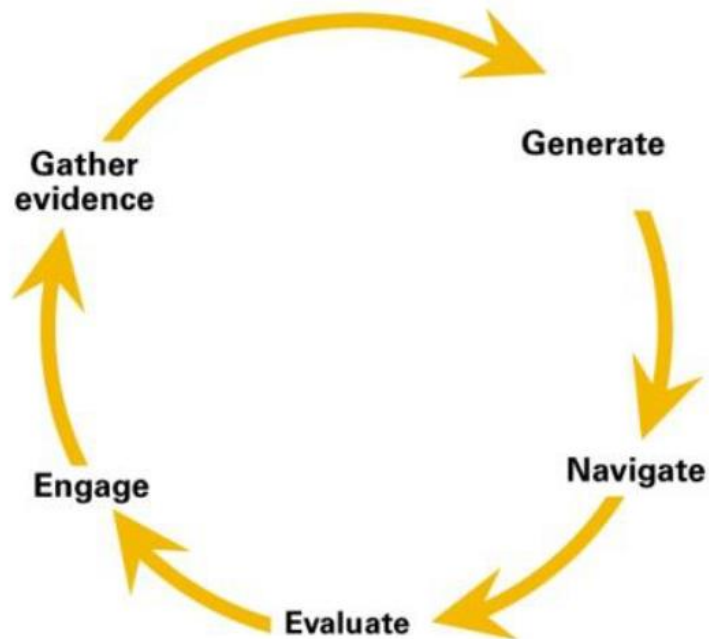
- 01 Screening**
Determine whether HIA is appropriate and required
- 02 Scoping**
Set out the parameters of the HIA
- 03 Identification**
Develop a community/population profile and collect information to identify potential impacts
- 04 Assessment**
Synthesise and critically assess the information in order to prioritise health impacts
- 05 Decision making & recommendations**
Make decisions to reach a set of final recommendations for acting on the HIA's findings
- 06 Evaluation & follow-up**
Evaluate the processes involved in the HIA and its impact, and follow up the HIA through monitoring and a health impact management plan

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is a tool that systematically assesses the potential effects of a policy, plan, program or project on population health, identifying actions to manage those effects



Health Lens Analysis

Health Lens analysis



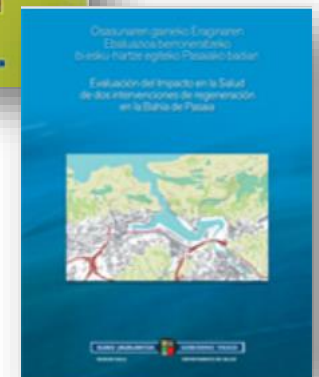
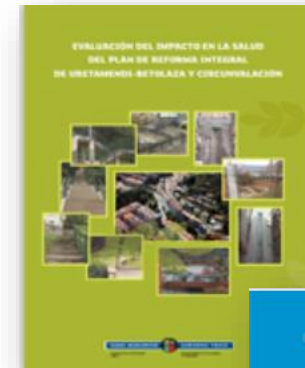
Health Lens Analysis (HLA) is a tool or methodology developed by the South Australian Government to embed health in decision-making, reviewing policies and programs in terms of its positive or negative health impacts.



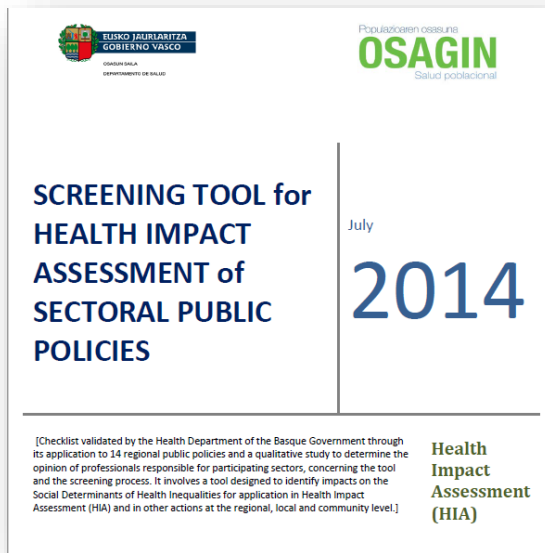
HIA experiences in the Basque Country: Local level

▶ Health Impact Assessment at local level

- ▶ HIA to assess a local regeneration intervention to improve accessibility and urban infrastructures in peripheral neighborhoods in the city of **Bilbao** (2006).
- ▶ HIA to assess the construction of underground stretch of rail line in the city of **Vitoria-Gasteiz** (2008)
- ▶ HIA to assess a regeneration Master Plan in the **Bay of Pasaia** (2012 - 2013)



HIA and HLA experiences in the Basque Country: Regional level



- ▶ **Health Lens Analysis and Health Impact Assessment at regional level**
 - ▶ **HIA screening process** of regional policies (2009)
 - ▶ **HIA** performed on the **Third Basque Plan for social inclusion** (2011-2015)
 - ▶ **HLA** adapted from South Australia was used to analyse the **Fourth Environmental Framework Program 2020** and the **Employment Plan 2014-2016**



How to make further progress in HiAP implementation?

- ▶ **HIA and HLA** have been used to **facilitate the integration of health and health equity** concerns into the **decision-making processes**
- ▶ The HiAP approach has relied, almost exclusively, on individual agency and informal networks build through the use of HIA and HLA, but these tools have a **limited capacity to move forward HiAP by its own**
- ▶ The main **barriers to HiAP implementation** cannot be addressed with decision-support tools

To move forward HiAP implementation, HIA and HLA should be considered as a part of a **broader institutional multilevel strategy**



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