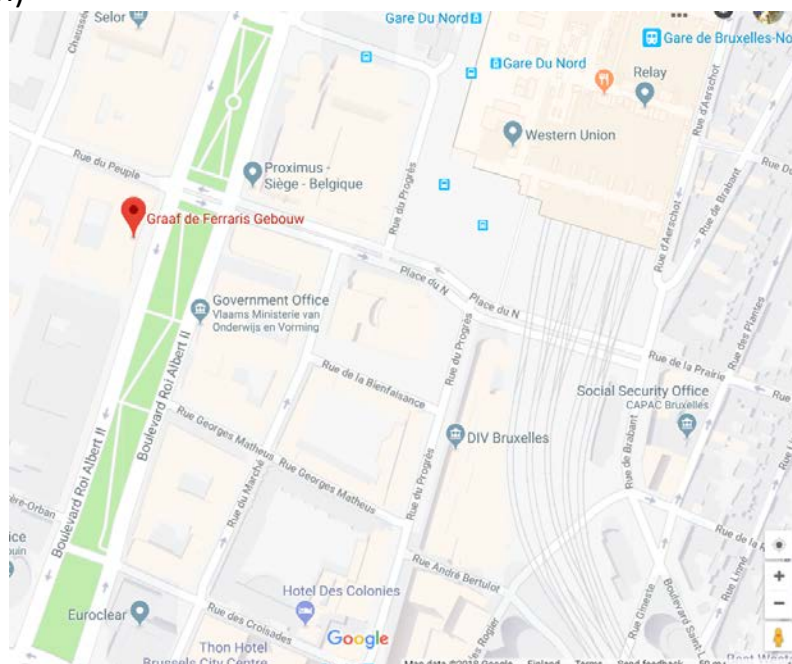


Announcement

Workshop: Linking HBM and health studies. What are possible opportunities and obstacles?

Time: 14-15 June 2018, Brussels, Belgium

Location: Ferraris building, Boulevard Roi Albert II 20, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium (next to North Station)



Human biomonitoring (HBM) and health studies, such as health examination surveys, share many common features pertaining to data collection methodology. Both study types rely on survey-based procedures and present similarities in the sample selection and recruitment, the ethical and data protection requirements, the use of questionnaires, and the collection of biological samples as well as objective health measurements, to a certain extent.

Aim of the workshop: The aim of this workshop is to explore the different ways HBM and health studies could be combined in order to obtain synergies in the use of common infrastructures and personnel, and at the same time, to obtain more information from the study participants using the most cost-effective methods. Experiences from countries that have already conducted combined HBM and health studies will be presented during the workshop. A comparison of the existing HBM and health survey protocols will be made to investigate possible opportunities and obstacles.



Target group: The workshop is dedicated to everyone interested in

- including more health measures to their existing HBM study,
- including more HBM measurements to their health survey, or
- planning a new combined HBM and health survey.

Those who have applied for the HBM4EU Internal Call regarding Additional feasibility studies for combining HBM and health studies should also attend this workshop.

Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/pz4AfUnw5m38Y7Ts1>

Funding of travels and accommodation: Participants themselves have to cover their travel and accommodation costs.

Examples of hotels around the workshop venue:

- Hotel Husa President Part, Bld du Roi Albert II 44, 1000 Bruxelles (<http://www.husapresidentpark.com>)
- Hotel Des Colonies, Rue des Croisades 6, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode (<http://www.hotel-des-colonies.com/>)
- Hotel Crown Plaze, Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Bruxelles (<http://www.ihg.com>)
- Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre, Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Bruxelles (<http://www.thonhotels.com>)
- All hotels at the city centre are close to the venue

Capacity: Maximum 100 participants, if an interest exceeds the limit, priority will be given to the HBM4EU partners.

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Agenda:

Thursday 14 June 2018

| Time | Title | Speaker |
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| 12:00-13:00 | Registration | |
| 13:00-13:15 | Welcome and introduction to the workshop | Hanna Tolonen THL, Finland |
| 13:15-13:30 | Introduction to the HBM4EU project | Marike Kolossa UBA, Germany |
| 13:30-14:00 | Summary of the results from the 'obstacles and opportunities questionnaire' | Sónia Nomaroda INSA, Portugal |
| 14:00-15:00 | Experiences from countries which have already combined HBM and health studies | |
| 14:00-14:20 | Germany | Marike Kolossa (UBA, Germany) and TBC (RKI, Germany) |
| 14:20-14:40 | France | Loïc Rambaud Public Health France |
| 14:40-15:00 | Canada | Annie St-Amand (TBC) Health Canada |
| 15:00-15:20 | Discussion | |
| 15:20-15:50 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 15:50-17:30 | Expectations and reservations from countries without combined HBM and health studies | |
| 15:50-16:10 | Slovenia | Milena Horvat JSI, Slovenia |
| 16:10-16:30 | Belgium | Greet Schoeters VITO, Belgium |
| 16:30-16:50 | Denmark | Allan Linneberg RegionH, Denmark |
| 16:50-17:10 | UK/England | Jennifer Mindel UCL, UK |
| 17:10-17:30 | Discussion | |
| 17:30-17:45 | Summary and conclusions | |
| 17:45-18:45 | <i>Reception</i> | |





Friday 15 June 2018

| Time | Title | Speaker (proposed, TBC) |
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| 9:00-9:10 | Objectives of the day | Hanna Tolonen |
| 9:10-10:50 | Commonalities and differences between HBM and health studies | |
| 9:10-9:30 | Ethics and data protection | Lisbeth Knudsen UCPH, Denmark |
| 9:30-9:50 | Sampling and recruitment | Carla Ancona DEP, Italy |
| 9:50-10:10 | Questionnaires | Ana Virgolino FMUL, Portugal |
| 10:10-10:30 | Collection of biological samples | Anna-Maria Andersson RegionH, Denmark |
| 10:30-10:50 | Objective health measurements | Loïc Rambaud Public Health France |
| 10:30-11:20 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 11:20-12:00 | Available training | |
| 11:20-11:40 | Training on HBM issues | Paul Scheepers RUMC, Netherlands |
| 11:40-12:00 | Training on health measurements | Hanna Tolonen |
| 12:00-12:45 | Round table discussion (speakers of Thursday) | Moderated by Hanna Tolonen |
| 12:45-13:00 | Summing up and closer of the workshop | |

