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## **The aim for and possible realization of Migrant Health Data Task-Force in rural regions**

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# WHO Strategic Action Plan on Migration Health

## RC66, Copenhagen, 13 September 2016

- **establishing a framework for collaborative action; advocating for the right to health of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;**
- **addressing the social determinants of health;**
- **achieving public health preparedness and ensuring an effective response;**
- **strengthening health systems and their resilience; preventing communicable diseases;**
- **preventing and reducing the risks posed by noncommunicable diseases;**
- **ensuring ethical and effective health screening and assessment; and**
- **improving health information and communication.**



# **Scope and purpose of the Consensus Conference**

**WHO – University of Pécs Medical School**  
**7-8 October 2019**

**The main goal of this event was to bring together leading experts in migrant health with the aim of working out the basic principles of a highly coherent and consistent European Migrant Health Database, as an essential tool for the ‘evidence based’ planning and development of public health and health care systems that are prepared and capable to address the new challenges.**



## ...and what about migrants in rural regions?

According to UN DESA, in the year of 2019, about 272 million people were estimated to be international migrants. Out of them UNHCR recorded 20.4 million as refugees and 3.5 million as asylum seekers.

According to ILO nearly **60% of them, an estimated 164 million are migrant workers and a significant share of them are living in rural regions.**





## **Conference statement on improving health information systems for migration health (1)**

### ***Participants with consensus recommended:***

- **Measures to facilitate harmonisation of definitions, variables, indicators and categories to ensure cross-border comparability of data and addressing the gaps in data collection in order to ensure compatibility and completeness of data;**
- **Improving international cooperation and governance of data management in order to share and transfer data if there is a justifiable need to share data;**
- **Encouraging inclusion of migration-related variables in routine data collection; encouraging data linkage where this is possible and practically feasible;**



**.....and what about migrants  
in rural regions?  
.....and that time nobody was  
forecasting COVID-19  
pandemic...**

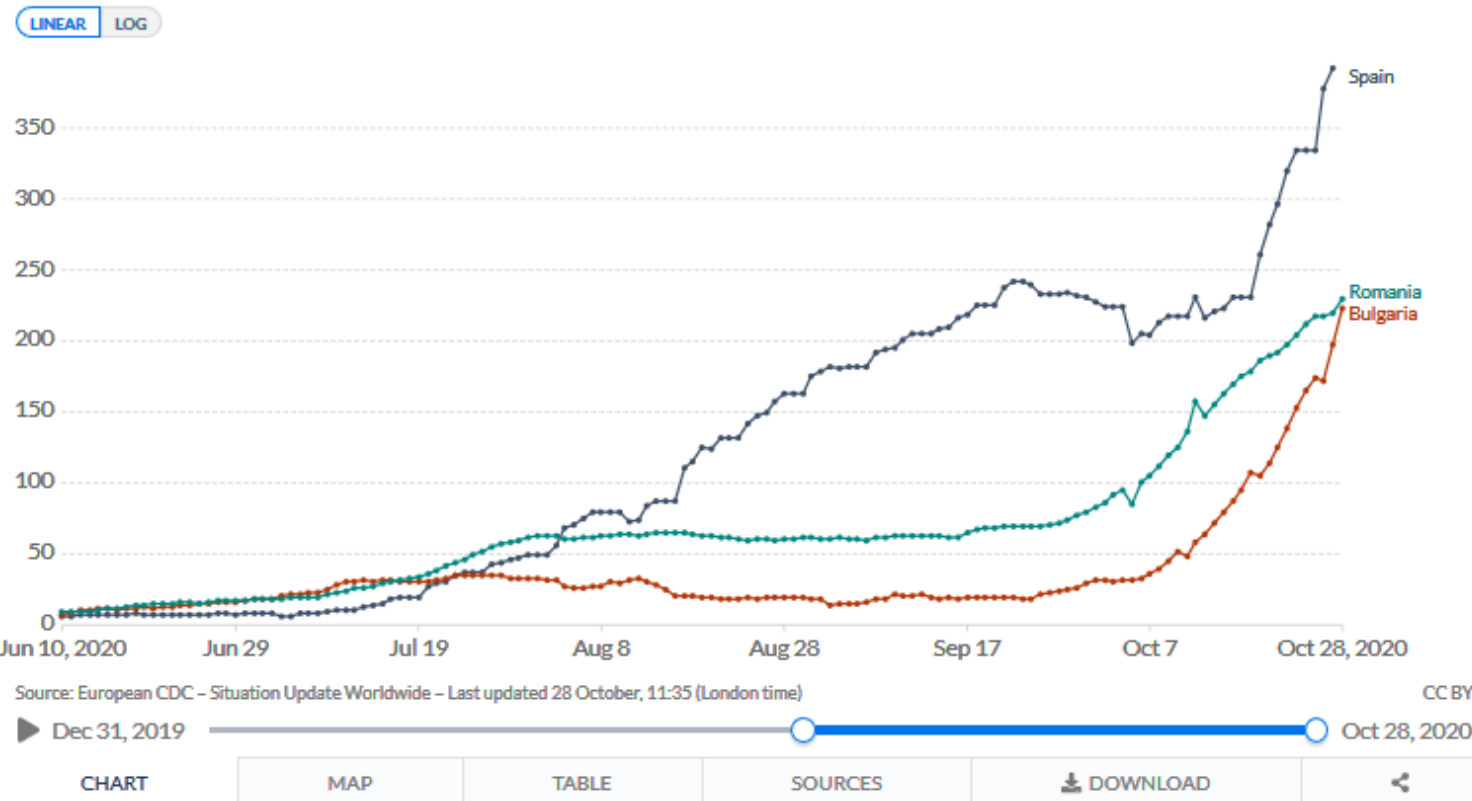
# Ratio of migrants?

## Ratio of migrants in rural regions???

### Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people

Shown is the rolling 7-day average. The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of actual cases; the main reason for that is limited testing.

Our World in Data







## Conference statement on improving health information systems for migration health (2)

***This could be achieved through the following means:***

- Provision of ***technical guidance*** on taxonomy and methodologies of data collection and interpretation that the proceedings of this conference will inform. This should be a scientific publication;
- ***Establishment of a multi-stakeholder scientific task force*** to be concerned with the topic and challenges related to data collection, mapping of existing health information systems and methodologies, contributing to the development of the technical guidance and translation of evidence into policy;
- Training and capacity building on approaches to mainstreaming migration into health information systems;



## Establishment of the multi-stakeholder scientific task force

*On 11.02.2020 an online meeting was organized where participants have adopted the Terms of Reference of the TF and with consensus*

***Prof. Kayvan Bosorghmeher** was elected for its president;*

*The WHO CC at University of Pécs Medical School is hosting its secretariat;*

*Beside individual experts **WHO, IOM, ECDC** and the **European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights** has appointed delegates;*



# Status of the Task-Force

**The Consensus Conference Follow up Task-Force is an**

- ❖ informal,**
- ❖ voluntary,**
- ❖ scientific body,**

**aiming to assist and facilitate the realization of the Statement of the Conference.**



# Scope of the Task-Force (1)

- ***Calling the attention*** about the need
  - for reliable, migrants/migration related health, public health and occupational health data;
  - for the harmonisation of the migrants/migration related health information systems;
  - for the establishment of international cooperation;
  
- ***Design and work out*** unified definitions and technical guidance on taxonomy and methodologies of data collection;



# Scope of the Task-Force (2)

- ***Facilitate and assist*** both: individual researchers' and teams' endowers for the international harmonisation of target group variables and indicators in order to ensure comparability of data;
- **Call the attention** for and initiate of the establishment of European level migrant health database, and provide scientific and technical assistance for its realization.



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# Let's Start and Act!



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