

**GMG Symposium**

*Migration and Youth: Harnessing  
Opportunities for Development*

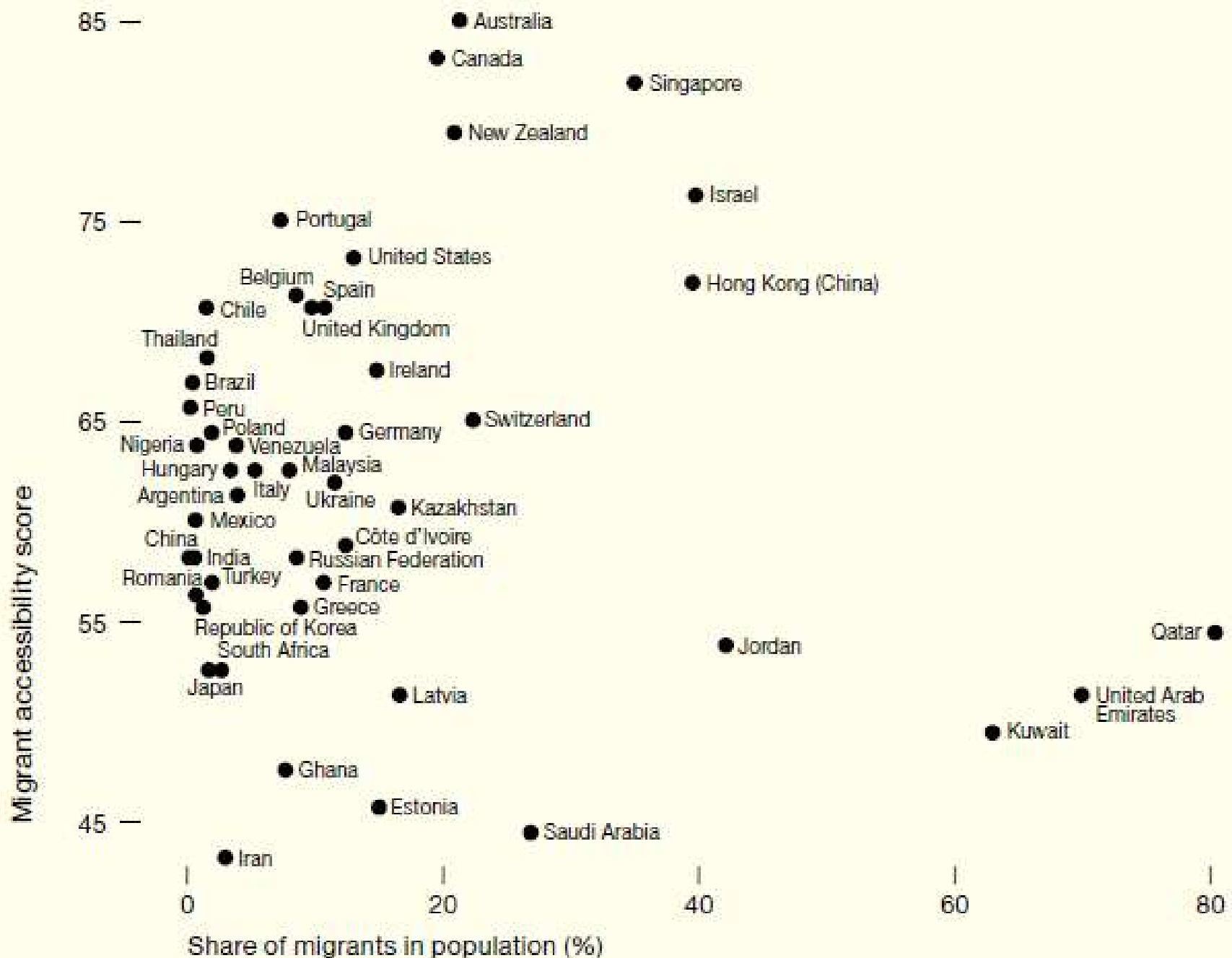
**New York, 18th May 2011**

**David Ingleby, Utrecht University**

**Young migrants and  
their right to health**

**How many rights does a migrant have?**

Panel A: Foreign-born migrants and EIU accessibility score, 2008



# Health equity for migrants

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**States should look after the health of migrants at least as well as they look after the health of their own citizens**

# Protection of health

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1. Entitlement to use health services
2. Matching of services to migrants' needs
3. Policies to reduce health risks

# Health issues concerning young migrants

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- Generally, youth is at an advantage!
- ‘Healthy migrant effect’: health risks of Western life-style



7AM-7PM  
EXCEPT BUSES

NEW VICTORY

NEW VICTORY

BUS

**WARNING - THIS WAY OF LIFE  
CAN DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH !**



# Health issues concerning young migrants

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- Generally, youth is at an advantage!
- ‘Healthy migrant effect’: health risks of Western life-style
- Specific risks affecting particular groups

# Specific risks

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- Sexual and reproductive health
- Mental health

# Irregular migration

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Is this what irregular migrants look like?

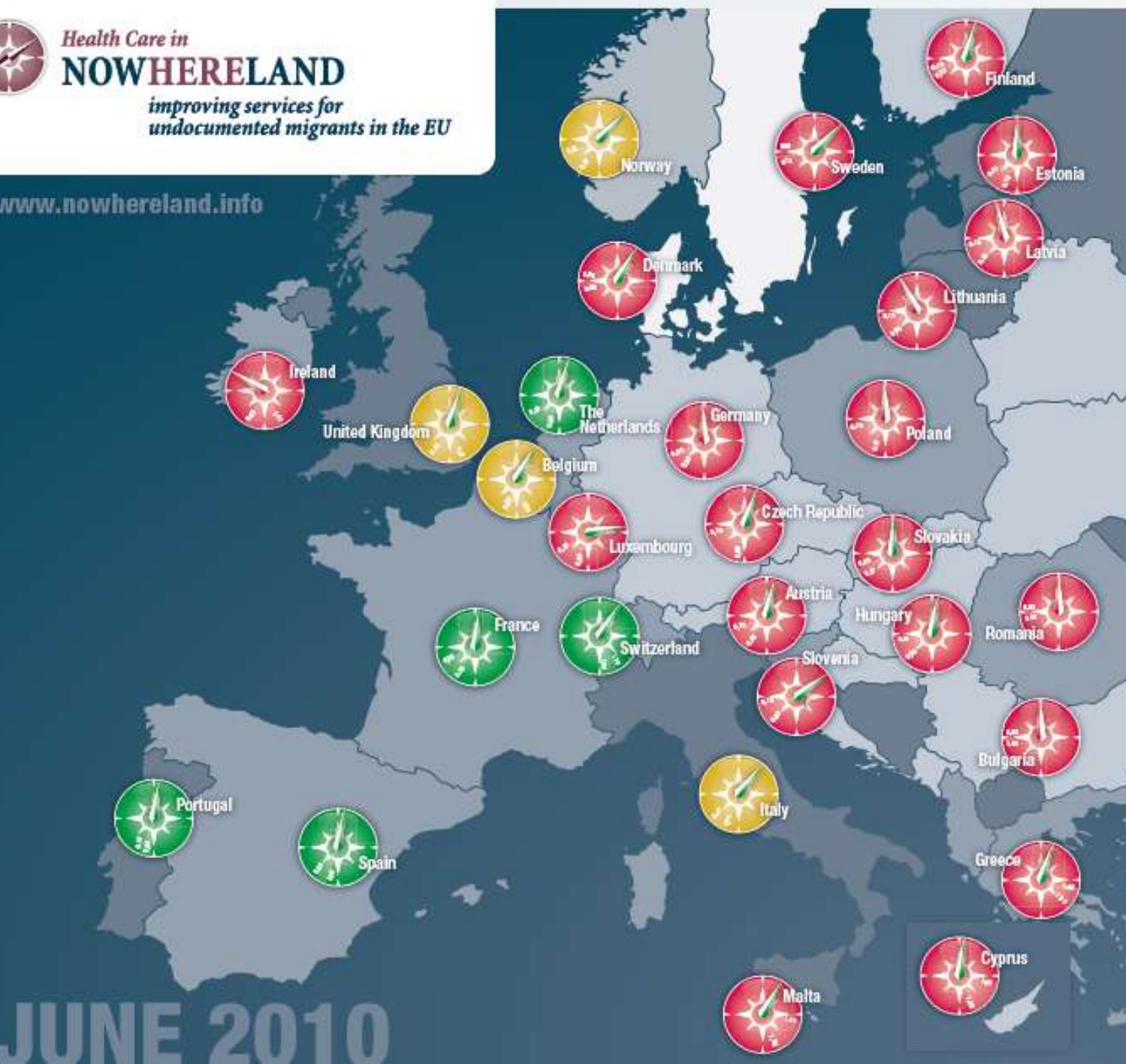




Health Care in  
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improving services for  
undocumented migrants in the EU

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Entitlements for undocumented migrants to access health care



no access



partial access



full access

Estimated numbers of undocumented migrants in percent of total population (minimum and maximum estimation)



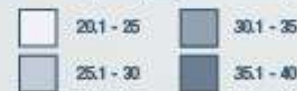
Net migration rate:

difference of immigrants and emigrants divided per 1,000 inhabitants



Gini Index:

Indicator for equality of distribution of income in a country (range from 0 = complete equality to 100 = complete inequality)



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Efforts by international bodies  
to put migrant health  
on the agenda

# Global level

## UN

1948- Numerous Declarations and Conventions supporting human rights, migrants and the right to health, and opposing discrimination.

## WHO

2008 World Health Assembly, *Resolution concerning the Health of Migrants*

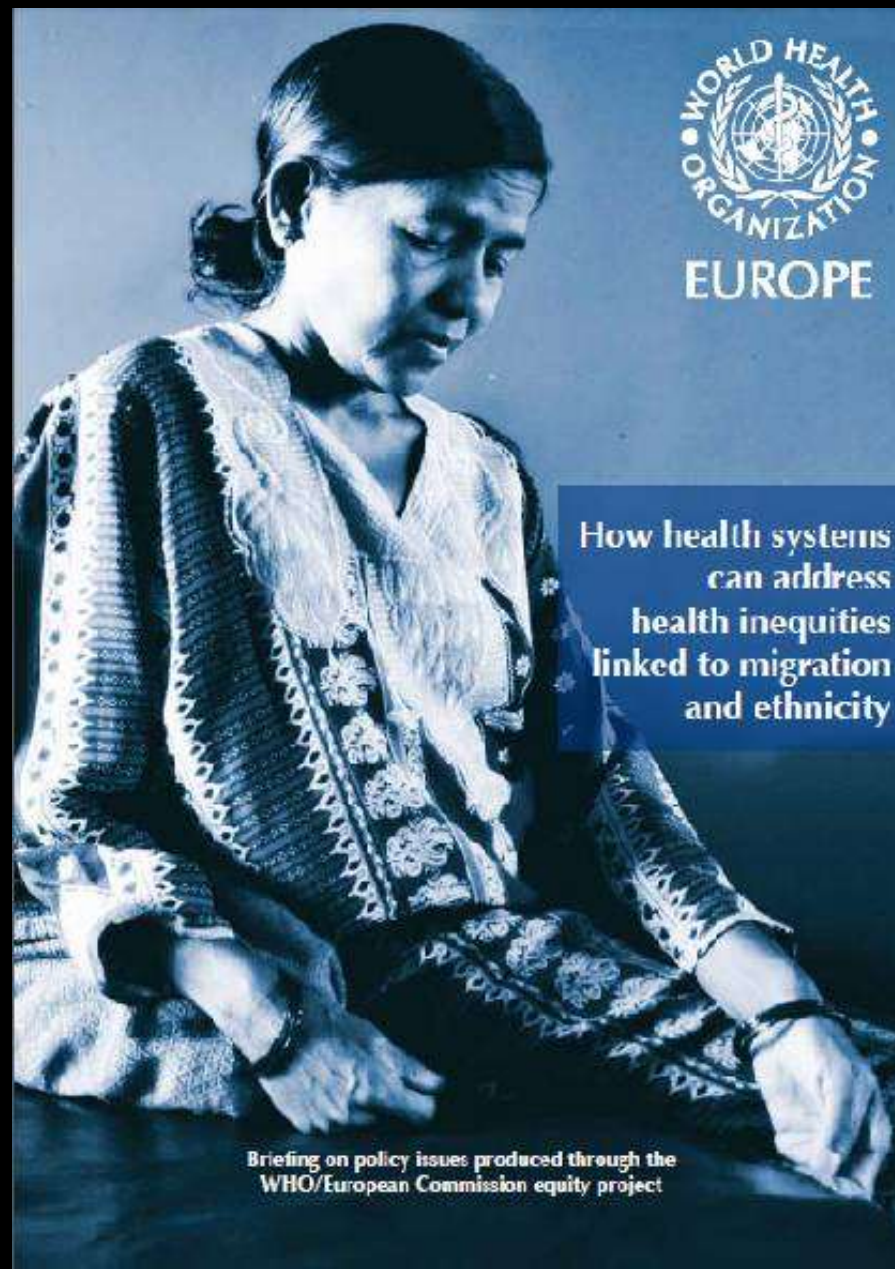
2010 Global Consultation on Migrant Health, Madrid (with a little help from the IOM)

## IOM

2009 EU-Level Consultation on Migration Health, Lisbon: *Better Health for All*  
(as well as many other initiatives on migrant health)



How health systems  
can address  
health inequities  
linked to migration  
and ethnicity



Briefing on policy issues produced through the  
WHO/European Commission equity project



# HEALTH OF MIGRANTS – THE WAY FORWARD

Report of a global consultation

Madrid, Spain, 3–5 March 2010



# European level

## EU

- 2000 Directive combating discrimination; Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
- 2007 Portuguese Presidency Conference, Lisbon: *Health and Migration in the European Union*
- 2007 EC Note on *Health and Migration in the EU*
- 2009 EC Communication on *Solidarity in Health: Reducing Health Inequalities in the EU*
- 2010 Spanish Presidency Conference, Madrid: *Moving Forward Equity in Health*
- 2011 Resolution of European Parliament supporting health rights for all migrants, regardless of their legal status

## CoE

- 1950 European Convention on Human Rights
- 1961 European Social Charter (revised 1996).
- 2001 Recommendation on *Health conditions of migrants and refugees in Europe*
- 2006 Recommendation on *Health services in a multicultural society*
- 2007 Bratislava Declaration on *Health, human rights and migration*
- 2011(?) Recommendations on *Mobility, migration and access to healthcare*

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