



**Professor of European Public Health  
Maastricht University  
The Netherlands**

Maastricht University, the Netherlands, is looking for enthusiastic and visionary candidates (F/M) for a new established full professorship in European Public Health.

**Considerations to Establish the Chair in European Public Health**

Mounting collaboration between European governments and organisations has major consequences for life of citizens within the Member States. It is expected that the role of the EU will increase in the years to come. The consequences are apparent from the way in which health and healthcare are considered and discussed internationally, within Europe and nationally. Growing European-level involvement can be observed in today's research agenda, fostering the concept of a European Research Agenda. The necessary link between research and education within an academic setting implies an increased European-level orientation within research and a transition of this orientation into education.

The Professor of European Public Health, supported by the new to be established Department of European Health (provisional name), will gain within five years a European outlook which originates from the content of their key-activities. The "Europe" of the department isn't limited to the members of the EU, its activities covers the WHO-EURO geographic area. It is influencing national, trans-national, and European policy and institutes. Its education and research places local, regional, and national health developments into a wider European and global perspective.

Next to its educational and research activities the department distinguishes itself in being active in European projects which are related to the education and research in health. The active role of the department contributes to the valorisation and dissemination of the qualities of the department in the European area. The department is leading in and outside the faculty in conceptualizing the European perspective towards health.

**Job Description**

The following key research themes have been projected: Research focusing on public health in urbanised, often (re-)industrialised regions, related to poverty and aging; Research in the area of infectious diseases and diseases related to welfare developments in Europe; Epidemiological research linked to (European) policy research; Euregional and European/international comparative research on cross border developments in the field of health and care. The core educational activities include rolling out the bachelor's programme in European Public Health and the development of an MSc programme. We envisage integration with international networks through linking up with strategic alliances and partnering, introducing specific research in cooperation with partners, and in addition to a research network, a political and decision-making network.

**Requirements**

Academic training in one of the relevant disciplines in the field of public health; PhD degree, in one of the relevant disciplines in the field of New Public Health; ample research experience, preferably in the field of public health from a comparative perspective; demonstrable expertise and capability in building up a support network within the relevant European field of study; demonstrable expertise and capability in making a contribution to education in the field of public health from a comparative international perspective; demonstrable expertise and experience in the field of new



public health within a European and/or international setting; the potential to further develop and encourage research activities in the relevant field of research as well as demonstrable ability to acquire research funding; the potential to make a contribution to European and international developments in the field of public health; demonstrable management and team building skills.

Thus, a person with a European perspective, who can be characterised as a “shaker and mover”, and who has the ability to influence the European public health research agenda.

### **Organization**

The Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Health Sciences of Maastricht University merged to form the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences as of 1 January 2007. The main reasons for this merger are a new vision of health and health care, the creation of an excellent partner for strategic educational and research alliances, an effective internal organisation, and the introduction of a strong university component in the future Maastricht UMC<sup>+</sup>, which is expected to be established in 2008. The merger will combine the various fields of expertise and strengthen the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach to education and research. The chair will be positioned within the School for Public Health and Primary Care.

### **Conditions of Employment**

For a period of five years, with a view towards a permanent appointment;  
Maximum hours per week: 38

### **Additional Information**

Additional information about the vacancy and/or the full text of the “Structure Report Chair European Public Health” can be obtained from:

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