



Centre for Public Health in Economics and Business (CPHEB)

Newsletter

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In this monthly newsletter, the CPHEB keeps you informed about recent and upcoming events. **If you have a contribution to the newsletter, please let us know at cpheb@rug.nl.** You can also find us on [LinkedIn](#).

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Announcements

Update your projects and publications on the CPHEB website

We have now updated the [CPHEB website](#) to include a list of recent key publications of CPHEB members.

You can find it [here](#). If you have publications that you would like to have included in future updates, please e-mail us at cpheb@rug.nl with the reference and link to the publication.

We also regularly update the overview of ongoing research projects on the [CPHEB website](#). If you would like to add or update your project, please send an email with a title, short description and the researchers/organizations involved to Anne Floor Lanting (a.f.lanting@rug.nl).

Recent events

CPHEB seminar: Karin van Vuuren (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

On Thursday March 19, we had the pleasure of hosting Karin van Vuuren (Erasmus University Rotterdam) at our monthly CPHEB seminar series, where she presented insights from her work on how resilience is practised on the level of an acute care network.

Thank you to Karin and Bert de Graaff for joining us!



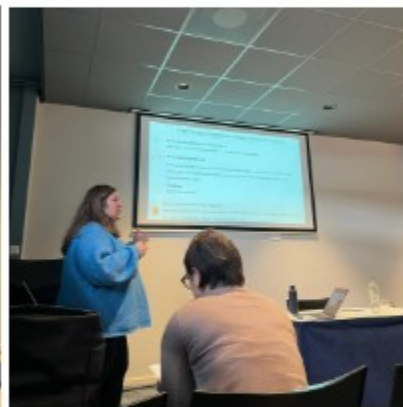
Our next CPHEB seminar will be held on April 16, during which Stijn Bruls (Radboud University) will present.

FEB PhD Conference

The annual FEB PhD Conference took place at Martiniplaza on April 9. The day was filled with presentations by PhD students and included a wide range of health-related topics:

- Lena-Marie Sailer (ACC): From Awareness to Accountability: Translating Neurodiversity into Management Control
- Caitlin Kiernan (EEF): The effect of payment schemes for care providers on child educational, delinquency, and mental health outcomes: Evidence from Dutch youth care
- Giovanni Scotti Bentivoglio (EEF): The interaction of genes and parenting in the formation of socioemotional skills
- Lies Kamminga (EEF): Early-Life Conditions, Polygenic Risk, and Late-Life Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors: Evidence From the Lifelines Cohort Study
- Mariana Soares (EEF): Individual and Environmental Predictors of Health Resilience: Evidence from the Dutch Lifelines Cohort

- Tamool Abdulhamid (EEF): Examining the impact of modes of birth on long-term postpartum healthcare costs: a Dutch retrospective population-based cohort study
- Francesca Lombardo (MARK): Automated Social Exchange: Aligning Robot Actor and Exchange Relationship Type
- Debora van Tricht (OPERA): Stimulating inter-supplier collaboration in youth care networks: The influence of public procurement and tendering
- Lieke Jansen (OPERA): A multiperiod resource minimization model for rural emergency medical services networks with ground and air ambulances



Upcoming events

April 14, 2026 House of Connections	AJSPH: Healthcare Transition and the Use of Healthcare Technology Day designed for young researchers and students working with technology in healthcare. More information and registration can be found here .
April 16, 2026 11.00 - 12.00 5419.0003	CPHEB: Monthly Seminar - Stijn Bruls (Radboud University) Digitalizing High Reliable Collaborations: A Flow-Oriented Approach to Emerging Affordances
June 4, 2026 10.00 - 14.00 House of Connections	AJSPH: Bijeenkomst Mentaal Gezond Groningen Centered around the theme “Bridging,” the event brings together policymakers, researchers and practitioners to strengthen connections between policy, research and lived experience, with the shared goal of improving youth mental health. Through plenary sessions and interactive breakouts, participants will work towards a more integrated, prevention-focused approach and concrete next steps for collaboration. More info here .
June 11 -13, 2026 Mannheim	CPHEB - ZEW Mannheim Public Health in Economics and Business Workshop
June 26, 2026 09.00 - 17.00 House of Connections	AJSPH: Future Proof Healthcare Systems - From ambition to action On June 26, Aletta brings together professionals, researchers, policymakers and innovators at the House of Connections to explore how we can move from ambition to real change in healthcare. With rising demand, workforce shortages and increasing complexity putting pressure on the system, the event focuses on identifying barriers, sharing insights and defining concrete actions for sustainable, future-proof care—contributing to both a national strategy and regional agendas. More info here .

In the Spotlight

Mental health effects of mining-induced earthquakes

Ailun Shui, Gerard van den Berg, Jochen Mierau and Laura Viluma received much media attention for their paper “The impact of mining-induced earthquakes on mental health: Evidence from the Dutch Lifelines Cohort Study and Biobank”, published in the Journal of Health Economics. Using data from the Lifelines Cohort Study, the authors found that exposure to

mining-induced earthquakes in Groningen increases depression and anxiety symptoms. Interviews with Jochen Mierau about the study were featured in [NOS News](#), [Trouw](#), [Dagblad van het Noorden](#), among other news outlets. The paper was also selected as the Open Access Publication of the Month by the University Library, which featured an [interview with Ailun Shui](#). You can read the paper [here](#).

Stefan Pichler wins Science Award of the German Health Economics Association

Stefan Pichler, together with Johanna Catherine Maclean (George Mason University) and Nicholas Ziebarth (University of Mannheim), received the Science Award 2026 of the German Health Economics Association for their paper “Mandated Sick Pay: Coverage, Utilization, and Crowding-in”. The paper, in which they found that state-level sick pay mandates are effective in broadening access to paid sick leave for US workers, can be found [here](#). You can read more about the award [here](#).

Taco van der Vaart and Huib Cense in FEB Research News

Taco van der Vaart and Huib Cense were recently featured in the FEB Research Newsletter to discuss the funding they received from Stichting Kwaliteitsgelden Medisch Specialisten (SKMS, Foundation for Quality Funds for Medical Specialists) for a large four-year research project titled ‘Datadriven Insights into Healthcare Quality and Affordability’. You can read more about the project [here](#).



Publications

Van Doorn, Jenny and Giovanni Telussa (2026). Speaking Like Home: How Regional Language Adaptations in Robots Enhance Trust and Willingness to Pay. *Journal of Service Research*.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/10946705261432142>

Van Doorn, Jenny, Jana Holthöwer and Esther Metting (2026). Bridging the Digital Divide: Why Inclusive Technology is a Market Necessity and Opportunity. *Journal of Public Policy and Marketing*.

Calls

Aanjaagfonds Universiteit van het Noorden

The fund promotes cross-level educational and research collaborations that contribute to broad prosperity in the Northern Netherlands.

Deadline: **June 30, 2026** | More information: <https://universiteitvanhetnoorden.nl/anjaagfonds/>

4th Dutch Health Econometrics Workshop

Workshop for researchers who apply econometric methods to answer questions in health economics.

- September 24 - 25, 2026
- Erasmus University Rotterdam
- No conference fee
- More information and paper submission: <https://sites.google.com/rug.nl/dutch-health-econometrics/home>

NWO: Onderzoek op routes door consortia 2026

Theme: Smart technological infrastructure for sustainable and customised prevention of multimorbidity

Deadline: **October 6, 2026** at 14.00 | More information: <https://www.nwo.nl/calls/onderzoek-op-routes-door-consortia-2026>

Data available through CPHEB

The CPHEB has data available that you can use for your research. Short descriptions of available data and contact persons can be found below.

Menzis SamenGezond data

Data from the Menzis SamenGezond App and Program. More information about the program can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Contact: [Koert van Ittersum](#).
