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## Preface

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Healthcare is an excellent example of a public space that models the processes of social integration and social equity. In a general sense, healthcare can connect diverse groups of a society under the common idea of health and illness, but also lead to exclusion and segregation of social minorities. Within the framework of the project, research focused on the European normative frameworks concerning equal access to healthcare and their implementation in national healthcare systems and healthcare practice in four European countries: Croatia, Germany, Poland, and Slovenia.

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