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EQUITY IN HEALTH

A priority for the EU Spanish Presidency

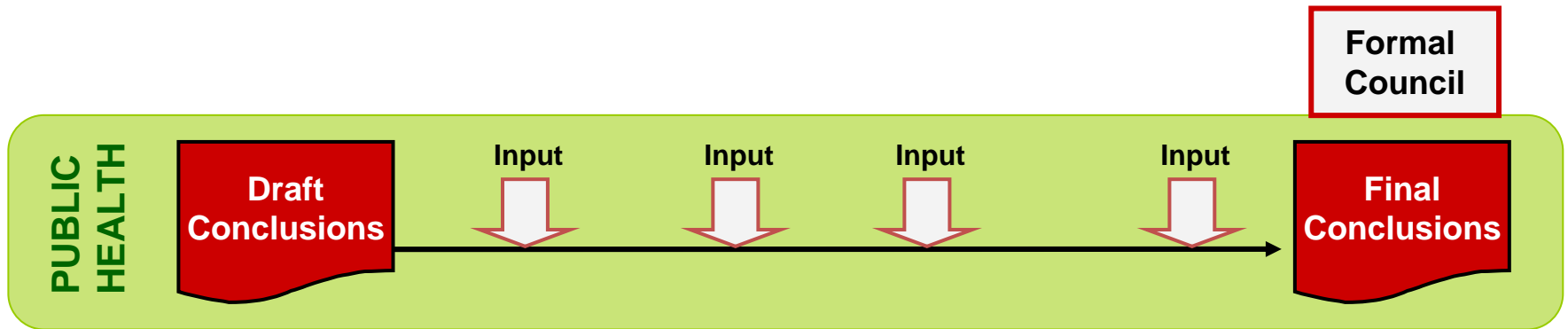
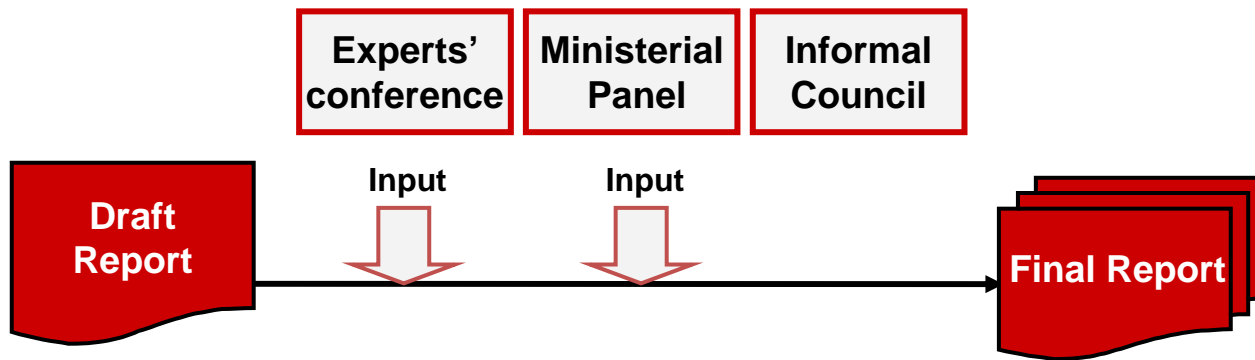
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Objectives of “ Moving forward equity in health ”

- Increase **awareness and political commitment** for the reduction of health inequalities through action on the social determinants of health, promoting the convergence of international processes.
- Contribute to the **innovation in public health** by emphasizing the relevance of:
 - monitoring social determinants of health
 - follow-up and evaluation of policies and interventions
- Advocate for a “**Health and equity in All European Policies**” analysis and approach

Moving forward equity in Health



Background Paper

Agenda

Session 1: Monitoring SDH

Session 2: Focus on key areas

Session 4: Global action

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Key messages

- Existence of a Social Gradient in health
- New role of Health sector
- Need of information to act on SDH and HI

Existence of a Social Gradient in health

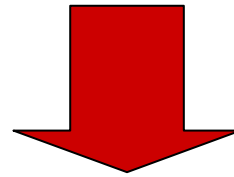
- Great **gaps in health** has been detected in Europe, both between different countries and within each country, conditioned by the social determinants of health.
- The **lower down on the social scale**, the worse the health outcomes typically are throughout the population. Furthermore, there are **especially vulnerable groups**.
- The current **economic crisis** and rising unemployment are making this situation even more acute.

New role of Health sector

BIOMEDICAL PARADIGM

Health Problems

Health Sector



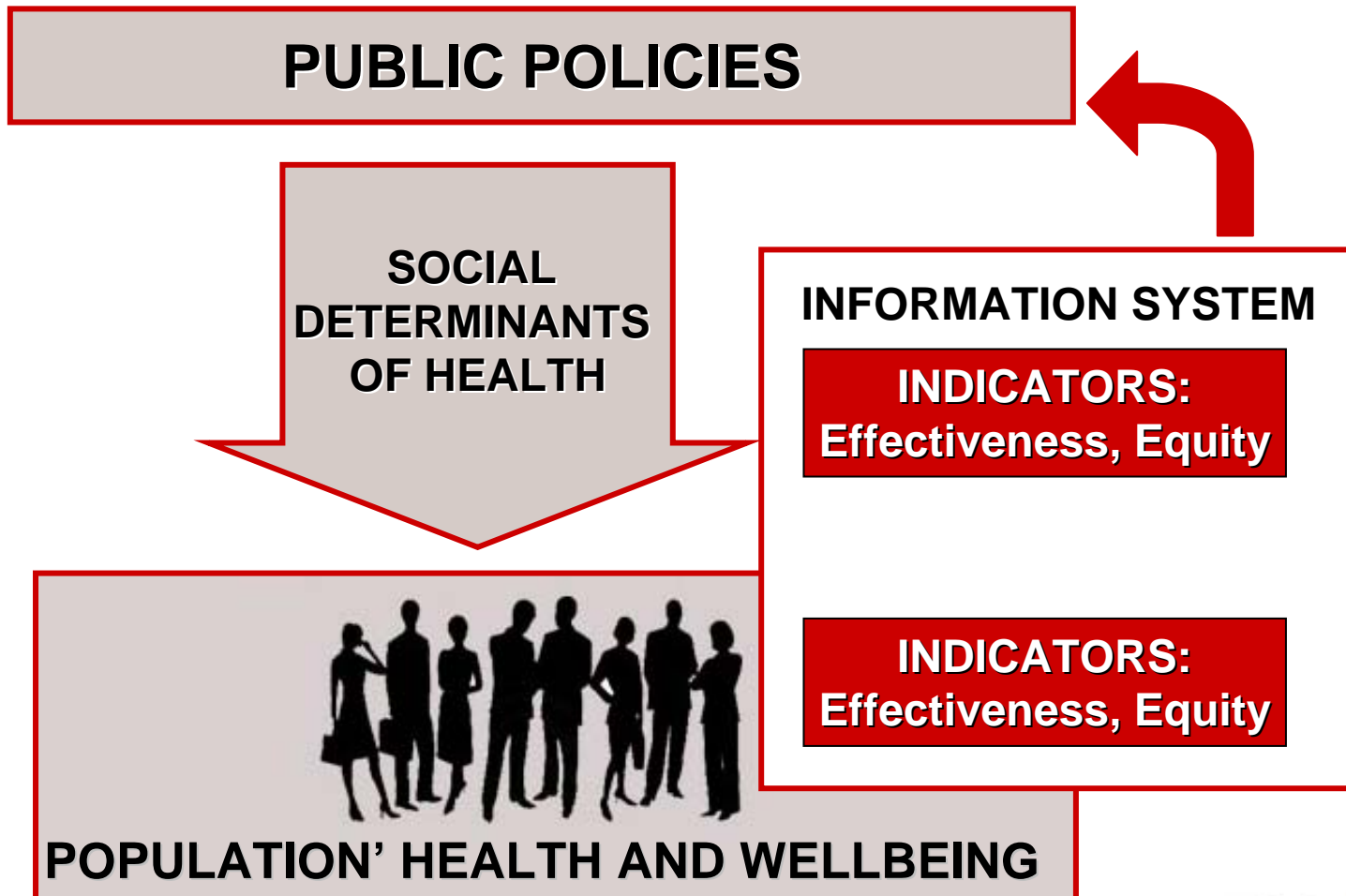
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH MODEL

SDH

Inter-sectoral approach

Equity and health in all policies

Information on Social Determinants of Health



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