



# The Commission to tackle social inequalities in health in Spain

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# National Action Plan to reduce health inequalities

- Initiative of the General Directorate of Public Health
- Creation of a National Commission (2008)
  - ✓ **Mandate: To propose** short, middle and long term **interventions to reduce health inequalities**

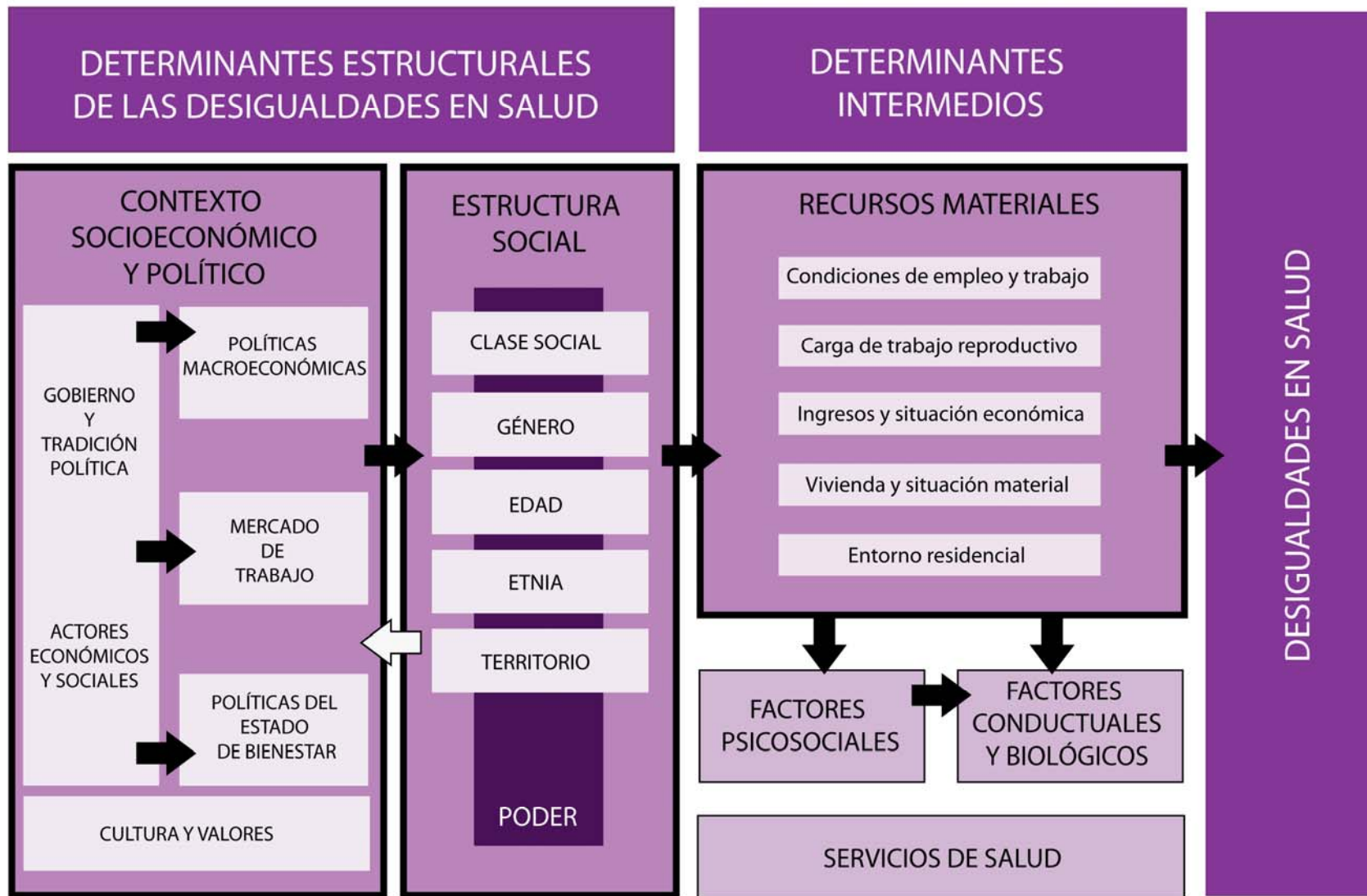


# Spanish Commission: where we are

- **First steps (Oct.08-Apr.09)**
  - ✓ Consensus on concept framework
  - ✓ 4 introductory chapters on:
    - ✓ Conceptual framework and principles for policy.
    - ✓ Social determinants of health inequalities in Spain
    - ✓ Strategies in selected European countries
    - ✓ Sensitivity to inequalities in the regional Health Plans
  - ✓ First draft of strategies based on CSDH
- **Experts' working groups (April-June 09)**
  - ✓ On 8 different areas of intervention -> 2nd draft
- **Priorities setting in three steps (Oct-Dec.09)**
- **Final document preparation (2010)**
  - ✓ Opinion of experts outside the health sector
  - ✓ "Best practice" examples



# Conceptual framework



This framework can still be modified. It is based on Navarro (2004) and Solar and Irwin (2007)



# A proposal of strategies and policies

27 priority recommendations and 150 proposals on:

1. Distribution of power, wealth and resources; the global perspective (22 proposals)
2. Working and living conditions throughout the lifecourse: childhood (20), employment (20), ageing (21)
3. Healthy settings: physical environment and housing (13), health promoting schools, workplaces and neighbourhoods (16)
4. Health services (28)
5. Information systems, training and research (10)

Selection of 20 priority policies for public health services and 15 for healthcare services



# Examples of strategies

- Reducing income inequality and raising social expenditure
- Enhancing quality of the public education system
- Acting on working precariousness and wage inequality
- Childcare centers
- Services for the elderly disabled (Dependence Act)
- Neighbourhood renewal initiatives
- Local participatory health plans
- Equity objectives and surveillance system



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