



## **Joint Statement of the 17th European Public Health Conference 2024 Sailing the Waves of European Public Health: Exploring a Sea of Innovation**

### **EPH Conference Lisbon 2024 Statement**

We, the undersigned partners of the 17th European Public Health Conference, held in Lisbon, 12 – 15 November 2024, are united in our commitment to advancing public health across Europe. Guided by the theme of innovation, we strive to foster responsible, affordable, and equitable innovations that address the evolving public health challenges. Our focus on sustainability, collaboration, and citizen empowerment ensures that public health actions are inclusive and impactful, bridging science, policy, and communities for a healthier Europe.

In this conference, we gather public health professionals to reflect collectively on what innovation means for public health. We enable their voices to contribute to the debate on how innovation can address both current and future public health challenges, ensuring that progress is shaped by those working in and for the health of communities across Europe.

#### **Key Resolutions:**

##### **Fostering Responsible and Equitable Innovation for Sustainable Public Health**

We commit to advancing socially responsible, affordable, and equitable innovations that leverage available resources to address the social, environmental, and commercial determinants of health. By integrating sustainable practices and innovative solutions, including digital health technologies, we aim to reduce health disparities, improve public health outcomes, and protect both human and planetary health. Our approach prioritizes inclusive access to innovations, particularly for marginalized and vulnerable populations, while fostering sustainability across public health systems.

##### **Strengthening Policy and Advocacy**

Effective public health policy is essential for building resilient health systems. We will bridge science, policy, and communities by fostering cross-sectoral collaborations and advocating for evidence-informed policies that address public health challenges. Our goal is to create stronger connections between researchers, policymakers, and communities to ensure that scientific knowledge drives policy innovation at both European and national levels.

##### **Empowering People and Enhancing the European Health Data Space**

People are at the heart of public health. We are committed to empowering individuals, giving them access to their health data and promoting active participation in management of their health care as well as continue advocating for people to have more control over the use of their own health data.

By advancing the European Health Data Space, we aim to ensure secure data exchange, improve healthcare delivery, and foster personalized care and public health research that benefits everyone.

#### **Call to Action:**

We call upon all stakeholders—public health professionals, policymakers, researchers, advocates, and citizens—to join us in this mission. Together, we can foster responsible, affordable, and equitable innovations to create a sustainable and healthier future for all.

- **Promote Innovation:** Advocate for inclusive and cost-effective solutions that benefit all sectors of society as well as increasing the readiness for the swift adoption and scaling up of innovations that are driven by actual health needs
- **Develop Sustainable Practices:** Implement policies that prioritize sustainability and health equity, addressing the social, environmental, and commercial determinants of health.
- **Enhance Collaboration:** Strengthen partnerships across sectors and communities to address complex public health challenges through innovative solutions, with a strong focus on stronger collaboration between public health and primary health care services.
- **Champion Evidence-Informed Policies:** Advocate for and implement policies that are rooted in scientific evidence and ensure resilient health systems.
- **Empower People:** Ensure people have access to their health data and are active participants in management of their health care. Encourage and enable people to be part of health governance as well as co-creation in policy development regarding the social/environmental/commercial determinants of health.
- **Support the European Health Data Space** as a means to improve healthcare delivery and research.

By working together and embracing innovation through the lens of equity, sustainability, and participation, we can harness the power of science, policy, and society to navigate public health challenges and create a more inclusive and healthier future in Europe.

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The **European Public Health Association (EUPHA)**, is an umbrella organisation for public health associations in Europe. Our network of national associations of public health represents around 25,000 public health professionals. Our mission is to facilitate and activate a strong voice of the public health network by enhancing visibility of the evidence and by strengthening the capacity of public health professionals. EUPHA contributes to the preservation and improvement of public health in the European region through capacity and knowledge building. We are committed to creating a more inclusive Europe, narrowing all health inequalities among Europeans, by facilitating, activating, and disseminating strong evidence-based voices from the public health community and by strengthening the capacity of public health professionals to achieve evidence-based change.

The **European Public Health (EPH) Conference** is an annually organised scientific conference on public health issues in Europe. Each year the conference is organised in a different country by the EPH Conference Foundation in close cooperation with one or more local partner(s). The conference actively seeks a larger partnership with other European NGOs and institutions. EPH Conference Foundation is a non-governmental and not-for-profit organisation, founded at the initiative of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA). The Foundation is managed by the Executive Board (EB). In organising the conference, the Executive Board is assisted by the Local

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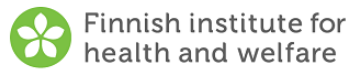


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