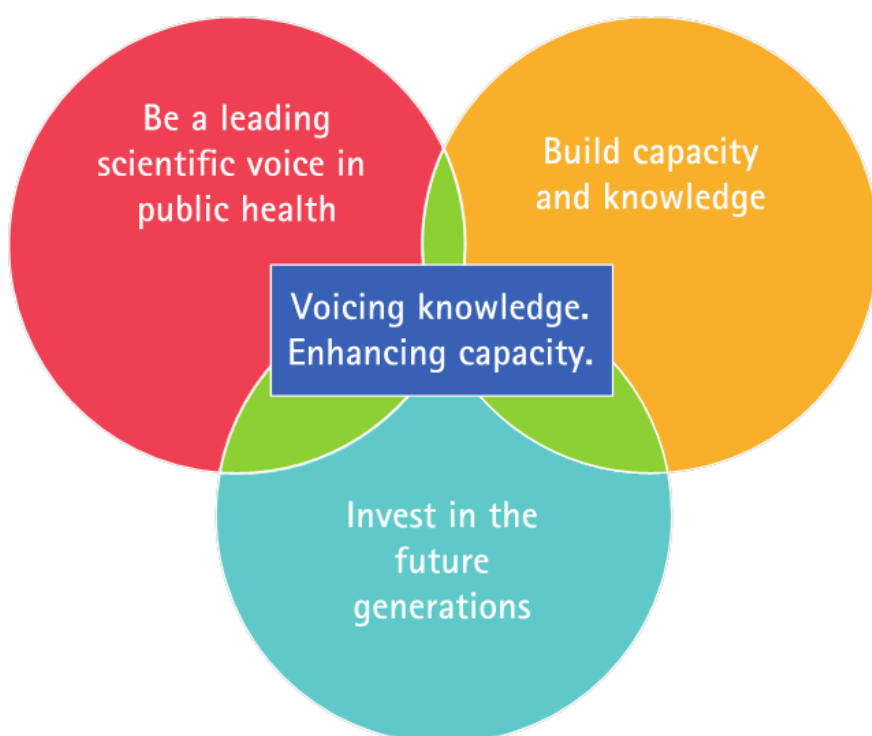




# ANNUAL REPORT 2017



The European Public Health Association, or EUPHA in short, is an umbrella organisation for public health associations in Europe. EUPHA was founded in 1992. EUPHA is an international, multidisciplinary, scientific organisation, bringing together around 21'000 public health professionals for information exchange and collaboration throughout Europe. We encourage a multidisciplinary approach to public health. Our mission is to voice knowledge, enhance capacity, be the proactive platform for public health professionals and health services researchers and be a bridge between these professionals and policymakers.

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- All EUPHA members can participate in all activities of EUPHA;
- All EUPHA members can participate in the annual scientific European Public Health Conference with a membership reduction of €80.
- All full members have direct access to the electronic version of the European Journal of Public Health and can subscribe for a hard copy subscription for a significantly reduced price;
- All full members of EUPHA are also members of the World Federation of Public Health Associations, at no additional charge.

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## EUPHA's 25th anniversary

On behalf of the EUPHA Executive Council, it is our pleasure to present this report highlighting key activities in 2017.

This year is a festive year for EUPHA, as we are celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Throughout the years, we established a strong basis in research, a critical interest in policy and a compelling commitment to multidisciplinary public health. In 2017, we have become an important and highly appreciated actor in the field of European public health and a strong supporter of our national members.

We are glad to have continued our engagement in public health advocacy. For this, we have increased our partnerships at European level and offered support to our members at national level. We are strengthening our collaborations taking a longer term perspective. Early in 2017, we signed a co-operation agreement with the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, placing our longstanding and very positive relationship over many years on a formal basis. We have also formalized our partnership with the newly established Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association.

In order to react quickly and efficiently to events, we have streamlined our procedure to issue statements in a timely manner. At the same time, we have organised meetings with key representatives from DG Sante of the European Commission and WHO EURO.

We have engaged more actively with our national public health associations, by actively participating in their national or regional conferences and by offering our members more visibility at European level. The more intensive exchange of information with the official representatives of our members (the EUPHA Governing Board) has led to more collaboration and better coordination of efforts.

We have been more active in shaping public health in Europe and beyond, either by organising satellite meetings on e.g. public mental health, by jointly organising a programme on leadership in health and have represented Europe at a global level (WFPHA congress in Melbourne, Global Burden of Disease 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference in Seattle).

In light of our 25th anniversary, we have reached out to those countries in the European region not included in the EUPHA family yet, aiming to establish official working relationships. We have managed to include representatives from Andorra, Kosovo, and the Russian Federation.

Our tools continue to grow in strength. The EUPHA sections have been very active in organising satellite meetings and collaborating on behalf of EUPHA with other European NGOs and institutions. EUPHA section presidents and vice-presidents as well as the members of the Executive Council and EUPHA office have represented EUPHA at several important and strategic meetings this year.

Our journal has had another very successful year under the leadership of Peter Allebeck. A viewpoint on the future of public health in Europe coordinated by EUPHA and jointly authored with the presidents of EPHA, ASPHER, and EuroHealthNet shows the strength of combining forces. The new tool of e-collections (collecting articles published in the EJPH on a specific topic and thereby giving special attention to these) was tried, tested and approved as a tool to provide an essential science base at relative short notice for international discussions.

The EPH Conference has again broken several records, including abstract submission and registration. EUPHA will again be very visible at the conference with a plenary session, multiple workshops and several pre conferences. Our festive EUPHA stand will most certainly attract a large number of delegates. The new abstract mentoring programme, started by EUPHAnxt with the help of the office, was very promising and we are glad to be able to offer this extra service to the (younger) abstract submitters.

EUPHA has achieved much in its 25 years and is still growing strong. We are happy to witness EUPHA's development and look forward to the next 25 years.

Finally, EUPHA could not exist without the continued support of so many willing and able volunteers. The EUPHA Executive Council remains very grateful for the experienced section presidents and vice presidents, the enthusiasm of the EUPHANxt coordinators and the strategic input from the EUPHA pillar advisors.



Natasha Azzopardi Muscat  
EUPHA president 2016-2020



Dineke Zeegers Paget  
EUPHA executive director

#### **EUPHA Executive Council 2017**

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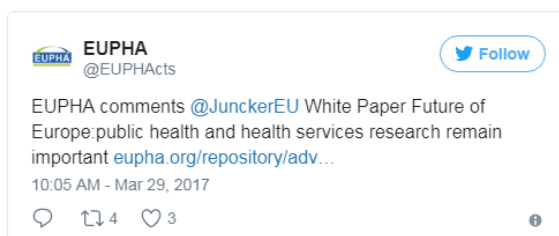
## Be a leading voice in public health

One of the key activities to in our 2014-2020 strategy is for EUPHA to become a leading voice in public health. After an impressive boost in 2014-2016 by Martin McKee, we are happy that our voice continues to be heard at European and global level.

Areas covered included, but were not limited to:

### ***Comments and call for change with regard to the White Paper on the future of the European Union***

In March 2017 the European Commission presented the White paper, setting out possible paths for the future of Europe. In that same month, EUPHA published a comment on the White paper. In the two-page comment EUPHA welcomed the Commission's White Paper on the Future of Europe as an opportunity to reflect on the direction that the European Union might take in the coming years. In addition, EUPHA called upon the EU institutions to ensure that public health and health systems research are given due importance in order to enable European solutions, informed by evidence, to assist policy making in the current challenging times. This comment was sent to the EUPHA members (to over 20'000 contacts), posted on the EUPHA website and spread via social media (846 impressions, 49 total engagements).



EUPHA also joined the campaign that was initiated by the European Public Health Alliance, that called on the EU to do more for health. A coalition of organisations teamed up to express their concerns in a letter to European Commission President, Jean Claude Juncker. A call on the European Commission to step up coordinated EU action to tackle cross-border health challenges was made. The full letter can be read [here](#). A total of 208 European organisations (and counting!) support the letter.

### ***Publication of the EUPHA report on health and sustainable diets for European countries***

The EUPHA Section on Food and Nutrition prepared a statement calling for greater alignment of health and sustainability messages on diet and nutrition. The statement was targeted towards European leaders operating in the fields of health and nutrition, food safety, consumer affairs, and environmental protection, with a view to encourage a broader perspective on sustainable food and nutrition policy, so that the dual objectives of tackling the NCD burden of today, the population health needs of tomorrow, and planetary health in the years to come, are all best met. The tweet on this publication of the EUPHA report increased the visibility as the tweet had over 2'280 impressions:



### ***EUPHA Statement on the continued need for public health research in Europe***

EUPHA published together with EPHA and EuroHealthNet a statement on the continued need for public health research in Europe, on the day of the annual meeting of the EU Scientific panel for Health. Reflecting on the meeting's programme, which focusses on health technology, digital innovation and health care, the statement pointed out that it risks missing an opportunity to promote research that could bring major benefits to the health of Europe's citizens. This statement was downloaded over 660 times from the EUPHA website.

### ***WHO Regional Committee meeting: joint statement with EHMA and ASPHER: Towards a sustainable workforce in the European Region***

EUPHA joined up with the European Health Management Association (EHMA) and The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) to produce a statement 'Towards a sustainable workforce in the European region: a framework for action', presented to the 67<sup>th</sup> Regional Committee for Europe, which meeting was held in September 2017 in Budapest, Hungary. The statement was set up in close collaboration with the president-elect of the proposed EUPHA section on Health workforce research.

### ***The Stockholm Declaration on sustaining healthy and resilient communities***

Initiated by EUPHA in close collaboration with the Swedish Association of Social Medicine, this Declaration is linked to the 2017 Stockholm conference and concludes:

*We, the European Public Health Association and the Swedish Society for Social Medicine, fully engage in collaboration across professions to promote sustainable and healthy communities throughout Europe and beyond. We call upon our members, partners and committed individuals to embrace and actively seek this collaboration across professions.*

In October, our members and partners were invited to join this Declaration.

### ***Co-organiser of the First international conference on public mental health***

EUPHA is proud to be a co-organiser of the first International Conference on public mental health, organised in Vilnius from 30 June to 1 July by the University of Vilnius, the Ministry of Health of Lithuania and the EUPHA section on Public mental health. The conference was attended by just under 200 participants.

### ***EJPH E-collections on public health topics***

In 2017, EUPHA – in collaboration with Oxford University Press – started publishing e-collections on specific health topics by combining already published articles in the European Journal of Public Health with an updated editorial. E-collections are available free of charge for a period of three months.

In 2017 we published three e-collections. In March the e-collection on injury prevention was published with an editorial written by the president of our EUPHA section on Injury prevention and safety promotion, Dr Anne Lounamaa. In July an e-collection on the topic of mental health and mental disorders was published with an editorial of Prof. Jutta Lindert, president of the EUPHA section on Public mental health. In November an e-collection on alcohol Consumption and Harmful Use of Alcohol was published, together with the Estonian Union for Health Promotion to support the Estonian EU Presidency.

### ***EUPHA supports international health related days***

Through twitter, EUPHA raises awareness for these days. A selection of the health-related days that EUPHA supported this year:

- World Health Day
- European Immunisation week
- European Obesity Day
- World no Tobacco day
- World Hepatitis day
- World Mental Health Day
- World Obesity day

### ***EJPH editorial/viewpoint by four presidents***

Our EUPHA president, Dr Natasha Azzopardi-Muscat joined up with the presidents of EPHA, EuroHealthNet and ASPHER to write an editorial to the European Journal of Public Health: What is the future of Public Health Policy within the European Union?

*European Journal of Public Health*, Volume 27, Issue 5, 1 October 2017, Pages 792–793, <https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckx115> Published: 22 September 2017

### ***EUPHA participation in meetings and conferences***

The visibility of EUPHA as a solid partner with a research background has been strengthened. Activities were aimed at WHO Europe, the European Commission and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). EUPHA continues to build the capacity and knowledge of policy-oriented organisations and has an official seat in:

- EU Expert panel on effective ways of investing in health;
- WFPHA Governing Board;
- Advisory forum to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control;
- WHO European Regional Committee meeting;
- APHEA board;
- EU-HTA net (health technology assessment) on Stakeholder involvement
- EU Health Policy Platform
- European Health Information Initiative, institutional member

In 2017, EUPHA representatives attended/were active in the following annual meetings. Please note that this list is far from exhaustive:

#### ***WFPHA Annual Meeting 2017 in Melbourne, Australia***

EUPHA was represented by two members of the Executive Council to participate in the World Congress on Public Health in Melbourne, Australia. This offered an excellent opportunity to actively inform the rest of the world on activities and actions in Europe.

#### ***ASPHER Conference/ Deans and Directors Retreat ASPHER 2017***

This Retreat was held in Athens, 25-27 May 2016. The meeting included a series of presentations on the effects of the economic crisis on health systems and public health. One of the conclusions of the conference was that there is a need to strengthen collaboration between public health organisations to give a louder and stronger voice to public health.

#### ***Annual conference of the European Public Health Alliance***

EUPHA participated at the annual EPHA conference on 7 September in Brussels, where we also had a stand representing our activities. We are currently working with EPHA to set up an agreement to further collaborate with each other.



### **20<sup>th</sup> European Health Forum Gastein**

EUPHA was also present at the 20<sup>th</sup> European Health Forum Gastein that was held in Bad Hofgastein, Salzburg, Austria, 4-6 October 2017. The theme of the conference “Health in All Politics – a better future for Europe” provided an opportunity for taking the technocratic concept of Health in All Policies to the political level of policy implementation.

In 2017, EUPHA participated in the annual conferences of the UK Faculty of Public Health, the Polish association of Public Health, and the Czech Society of Public Health and Management of Health Services.

### ***JOIN US – HELP US***

We continue our efforts in advocacy to become the leading voice in public health in Europe. And for this, we need your input and your help. On our website, all our advocacy actions can be found at [www.eupha.org/advocacy\\_by\\_EUPHA](http://www.eupha.org/advocacy_by_EUPHA). The website also includes tips and tricks for becoming an advocate for our members and all those interested [www.eupha.org/how-to-advocate](http://www.eupha.org/how-to-advocate). And don't forget to contact us if you need our help or input.

## Build capacity and knowledge

EUPHA continues with the successful tools it has developed to build capacity and knowledge wherever possible. These include, but are not limited to:

- European Journal of Public Health
- EPH annual conferences
- EUPHA members
- EUPHA sections
- EUPHA pillar advisors
- EUPHA Working groups
- EUPHANxt
- EUPHA newsletter
- Website and social media
- European projects

### *The European Journal of Public Health*



The EJPH is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health, publishing contributions from social medicine, epidemiology, health services research, management, ethics and law, health economics, social sciences and environmental health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region.

*Table 1: Original manuscripts submitted and published during 2008- September 2017:*

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 (Oct 2016 - Sept 2017)
Manuscripts received	672	796	784	861	932	893	959	901	929
% accepted	29%	20%	21%	19%	17%	21%	21%	20%	20%
Manuscripts published	104	89	125	176	186	185	195	180	186

### ***Brief statistics on manuscripts***

During the past year (1st October, 2016 to 30th September 2017), manuscripts have been submitted from 68 countries from all continents. The highest number of submissions with a decision were received from Italy and Spain (74 each), United Kingdom (70), Netherlands (59), China (58), France (51), Germany (42), United States (42), Finland (41), Portugal (37), Sweden (31), Denmark (27) and South Korea (25).

The highest number of accepted papers originated from The United Kingdom (21), Italy (18), Netherlands (17), France (11), Germany (11), Sweden (10), Finland (9), and United States (9).

In addition to original manuscripts published (178), 12 editorials, 10 Viewpoints, 3 letters to editor, 2 short reports, 1 commentary and 1 book review have been published from October 2016 – August 2017. Each of the six issues also had a section with European public health news from EUPHA and partner organisations.

### ***Supplements***

In 2017 four supplements were published:

- 10th European Public Health Conference Sustaining resilient and health communities Stockholm, Sweden 1-4 November 2017
- European public health: then, now and the future 25 years of EUPHA
- Influencing policy to maximise health gain in European cities
- Social Inequalities in Health and their Determinants

### ***Reviewers***

During the past year (1st October, 2016 to 30th September 2017), 530 persons from 50 different countries have been helpful in reviewing manuscripts. Most reviewers originated from the United Kingdom (53), followed by the Netherlands (48), Italy (45), Spain (41), Sweden (40), the United States (38), and Denmark (30).

### ***Impact factor***

The impact factor decreased slightly this year to 2.431 with a five-year average of 2.664.

### ***Partners***

Our partners in the organization of the EJPH are:

- Oxford University Press, the publisher of the journal
- Department of Public Health Sciences at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, where the editorial office is based
- The Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare, supporting with a grant to the editorial office.

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Claudia Stein, WHO Europe	David Stuckler, UK
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### EPH Conference

Since 2013, the separate foundation 'EPH Conference' is responsible for the organisation of the European Public Health Conferences at the initiative of EUPHA. EUPHA still provides the main input for these conferences, and collaboration has been set up with a large number of international NGOs and international organisations, including:

- EuroHealthNet
- ASPHER
- EHMA
- EPHA
- ECDC
- European Commission
- European Observatory
- WHO Europe

### Stockholm 2017



The 10th European Public Health Conference: 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities'

is held at the Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm, Sweden, 1 - 4 November 2017. Organisers are: the EPH Conference Foundation, EUPHA and the Swedish Association of Social Medicine.

Prof. Birger Forsberg is the chair of Stockholm 2017.

<http://ephconference.eu/future-conferences-33>

#ephstockholm

## ***Ljubljana 2018***



The 11<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference 2018 'Winds of Change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe'

will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, 28 November- 1 December 2018

## ***Marseille 2019***



The 12<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference 2019

'Building bridges for solidarity and public health'

will be held in Marseille, France, 20-23 November 2019.

## ***Rome 2020***

In 2020, the European Public Health Conference will join the World Congress on public health, organised in Rome, Italy. The conference will be organised by the World Federation of Public Health Associations, EUPHA and the Italian Society for Hygiene and Social Medicine (SIIt).

## ***Dublin 2021***

In 2021, we will be working with the [check partner] to organise the EPH Conference in Dublin, Ireland. Preparations for this conference will start this November.

## ***EUPHA members 217***

At the end of September 2016, we have 79 members from 46 countries:

- 39 National Public Health Associations
- 7 individual members from 7 countries
- 21 institutional members
- 11 International members
- 1 global member

In our database, we have 21'654 entries of which 6'500 are EUPHA members (30%, a decrease from last year's 35%). Full members of EUPHA are individuals who joined EUPHA through their membership in a National Public Health Association. In 2017, we had 4'862 full members.

*Table 3: Full members of EUPHA*

Albanian Epidemiological Association	Central Asian Public Health Association - Kazakhstan
Armenian Public Health Association	Public Health Association of Latvia
Austrian Public Health Association	Lithuanian Public Health Association
Belgian Association of Public Health	Macedonian Association of Social Medicine - SZSM
Society of Social Medicine - Public Health of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Malta Association of Public Health Medicine
Partnership for Public Health – Bosnia and Herzegovina	Dutch Public Health Federation - NPHF
Bulgarian Public Health Association	Norwegian Public Health Association
Croatian Public Health Association	Polish Association of Public Health
Czech Society of Public Health and Management of Health Services	Portuguese Association for Public Health Promotion
Danish Society of Public Health	Portuguese Association of Public Health Doctors
Health Promotion Union of Estonia	Romanian Association for Public Health
Society for Social Medicine - Finland	Serbian Public Health Association
French Society of Public Health	SAVEZ - Slovak Public Health Association
German Society of Medical Sociology	Slovenian Medical Society - Slovenian Preventive Medicine Society
German Public Health Association DGPH	Chamber of Sanitary Engineers of Slovenia - Institute of Public and Environmental Health
Kooperationsverbund „Hochschulen für Gesundheit“ e. V.	SESPAS – Spain
Hungarian Association of Public Health Training and Research Institutions - NKE	Swedish Association of Social Medicine
Israeli Association of Public Health Physicians	Swiss Society for Public Health
Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health	UK Faculty of Public Health
	UK Society for Social Medicine

***Institutional members:***

- Public Health and Reforms Center – Azerbaijan
- Scientific Institute of Public Health – Belgium
- Faculty of Public Health MU-Sofia – Bulgaria
- National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) – Finland
- EHESP – France
- School of Public Health, University of Georgia – Georgia
- NRW Centre for Health – Germany
- CSFM & HSR-PH Lab, School of Medicine, University of Crete – Greece
- Health Research Board – Ireland
- Health Services Research Laboratory-Department of Public Health - University of Siena – Italy
- Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Rome – Italy
- Italian Barometer Diabetes Observatory – Italy
- National Agency for Regional Health Services – Italy
- Luxembourg Institute of Health – Luxembourg
- RIVM – The Netherlands
- Maastricht University, Department of International Health – The Netherlands
- NIVEL – The Netherlands
- National School of Public Health, Management and Professional Development – Romania
- Center for Public Health Research CSISP – Spain
- Karolinska Institute, Department of Public Health Sciences – Sweden
- University of East London, School of Health, Sport and Bioscience – UK

***Individual members:******Andorra***

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***Cyprus***

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***Kosovo***

Prof Naim Jerliu

***Moldova***

Dr Lilia Turcan

***Russia***

Dr Diana Denisova

***Turkey***

Miss Serpil Keskin

***Ukraine***

Mr Saveliy Rudzsky

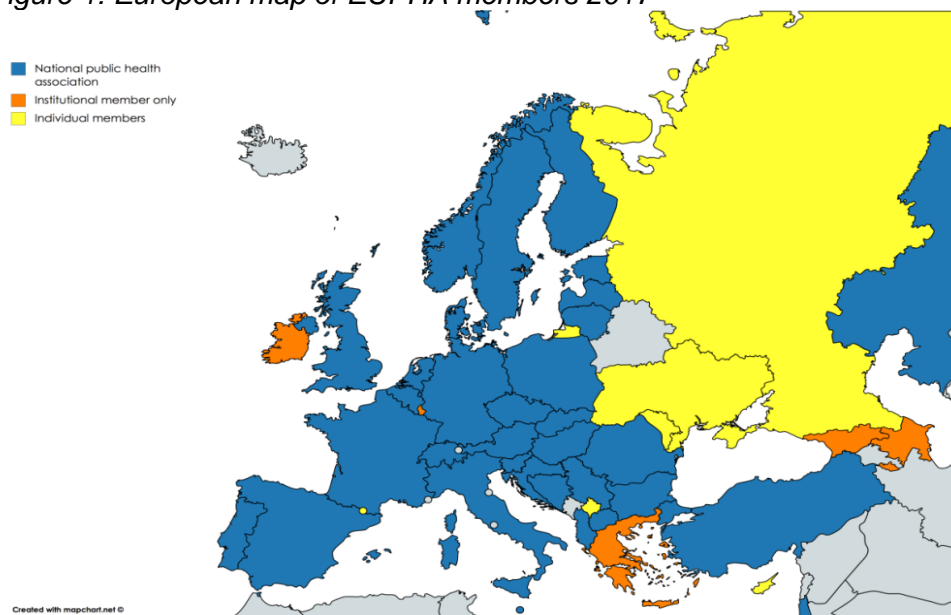
***EUPHA partners:***

- ASPHER
- EACH
- ESQH
- European Association of Dental Public Health
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- European Forum for Primary Care
- European Health Management Association
- European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR)
- Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association (GLEPHA)
- IUHPE – Europe
- UEMS - Section for Public Health

***Global member:***

Public Health Perspective Nepal

Figure 1: European map of EUPHA members 2017



### EUPHA sections

EUPHA sections are networks on specific public health topics. At the moment, EUPHA has 22 active sections, including the newly established section in 2017; EUPHA section on Health Workforce Research.

EUPHA sections organise different activities throughout the year that range from:

- Satellite meetings, including:
  - Launch of the First World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health, held 17 - 19 May, 2018 in Edinburgh.
  - Training workshop at ECDC Summer School, May 29 – June 2, in Stockholm. The aim of the training workshop (organised by EUPHA section on Public health economics) was to provide senior official in the Member States with key concepts to understand and discuss Economic Analysis of Public Health Interventions.
  - Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health, 10-14 July 2017 in Sicily, Italy – in collaboration with Knowledge Hub on Health and Migration of WHO Regional Office for Europe.
  - Summer school on health literacy from a health promotion perspective, held 18 – 22 September in Germany, organised in collaboration with Bielefeld University, Center for Interdisciplinary Research.
  - Economic arguments in migrant health policy making: Bridging the evidence policy gap, International Workshop – Ben-Gurion University, 29-30 November 2017, Jointly organised by EUPHA Section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, Center for Health, Humanism and Society, and School of Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel.
- Project proposals;
- Newsletters;
 

The sections send newsletters throughout the whole year to those that are subscribed to the section's newsletter.
- Mailing members;
- Representing EUPHA in advisory bodies of international organisations;



- Since September 2013, Aura Timen (the section president of EUPHA section on Infectious Diseases Control) is a member of the advisory forum of the ECDC on behalf of the EUPHA.
- Representing EUPHA at meetings and conferences, for example:
  - EU's Scientific Panel for Health conference "Health research in a connected and participative society", 9 June 2017, Brussels, Belgium
  - 'Ageing at home' project meeting, 16-17 March 2017, Tromsø, Norway
  - 3rd International Congress of Polish Society of Public Health, 30 November – 1 December 2017, Wrocław, Poland
  - "Vaccination hesitancy in Europe: Facts, Opinions and the Way Forward" organised by the Trainees of the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) of the European Commission on 15 February 2017 in Brussels, Belgium
  - "Seeking new partnerships for EU action on vaccination" organised by the European Commission Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety on 30 and 31 May 2017 in Brussels
- Pre conferences and workshops linked to the EPH Conference.  
In Stockholm 2017, the EUPHA sections are organising/co-organising:
  - 10 pre conferences, with 11 sections involved;
  - 44 workshops and skills building seminars, with 19 sections involved;
  - 1 plenary session, co-organised by one section
  - All sections are organising their annual *Join the network meetings* during the conference, combining annual meetings with networking opportunities for all conference delegates.

*Table 4: Overview of EUPHA sections' membership*

<b>EUPHA Section</b>	<b>2017 No. Of members</b>	<b>Increase from 2016</b>
Child and adolescent public health	1,864	200
Chronic diseases	1,666	140
Environment-related health	1,009	97
Ethics in public health	1,246	104
Food and nutrition	1,299	121
Health impact assessment	1,146	160
Health promotion	2,713	228
Health services research	2,268	178
Health technology assessment	598	119
Health Workforce Research	91	n/a
Infectious diseases control	1,143	109
Injury prevention and safety promotion	664	73
Migrant and ethnic minority health	1,268	149
Public health economics	1,410	123
Public health epidemiology	2,812	260
Public health genomics	463	63
Public health monitoring and reporting	1,341	180
Public health practice and policy	2,567	191
Public mental health	1,328	148
Sexual and gender minority health	170	130
Social security, work and health	1,125	106
Urban public health	1,161	118

### **EUPHA Pillars**

Even though the Four Pillar networks were restarted. At the end of 2013, the activities by the pillars are mainly put in place by the Pillar Leads. In a discussion in the June meeting of the EUPHA Executive Council, it was decided to stop the pillar networks and install the Pillar leads as Policy, Practice, Research and Training advisors.

In 2017, the following Pillars advisors were active:

Research	Peter Groenewegen, The Netherlands (stepped down in August 2017) Alastair Leyland, UK
Policy	David Stuckler, United Kingdom (stepped down in August 2017) replacement to be found
Practice	Silvio Brusaferrero, Italy
Leadership	Klaus Pluemer, Germany (invited)

### **EUPHA Working groups**

In 2016, EUPHA installed an **Advisory Working group (AGOG)**. This working group assisted and advised EUPHA office in activities to further the objectives of EUPHA. AGOG initiated the membership questionnaire and was responsible for the analysis of the first results.

In 2016, EUPHA also installed the so-called **Green club** to advise the EPH Conferences on how to decrease the ecological footprint of each conference. In 2017, the Green Club advised the EPH Conference Office and the Local Support Committee of Stockholm 2017 on a number of measures, including:

- Asking participants whether they wanted a hard copy of the programme booklet (only 30% opted for a hard copy of this booklet compared to 100% hard copy booklets last year)
- Opting for non-beef food during the conference.

In 2016, EUPHA also installed a **working group on Membership sustainability**. This group has been formed but, due to other priorities at the office, this group has not yet started its activities.

### **EUPHANxt**

EUPHANxt is a network for students and early career researchers, policymakers and professionals in the field of public health. EUPHANxt is a free and open initiative that aims to collect the active contribution of students, young researchers, practitioners and policymakers interested in European public health issues, in order to sensitize and involve them into the European and multidisciplinary network of public health associations. The EUPHANxt network currently has almost 1'582 subscribers (in 2016: 1'300). EUPHANxt also has a seat in the EUPHA Executive Council to ensure that the voice of the new generation is heard when planning new activities and projects.

### **EUPHA newsletter**

The EUPHA newsletter aims to build the knowledge of public health professionals worldwide and to increase the visibility of EUPHA as an association that builds capacity, knowledge and policy in the field of public health, with an emphasis on Europe. The newsletter is free of charge and available to all those with an interest in public health.

With 19'101 (in 2016: 17'369) subscribers this year, the newsletter continues to be one of the most visible and highly appreciated tools of EUPHA.

Figure 2: Distribution data of the EUPHA newsletter by country

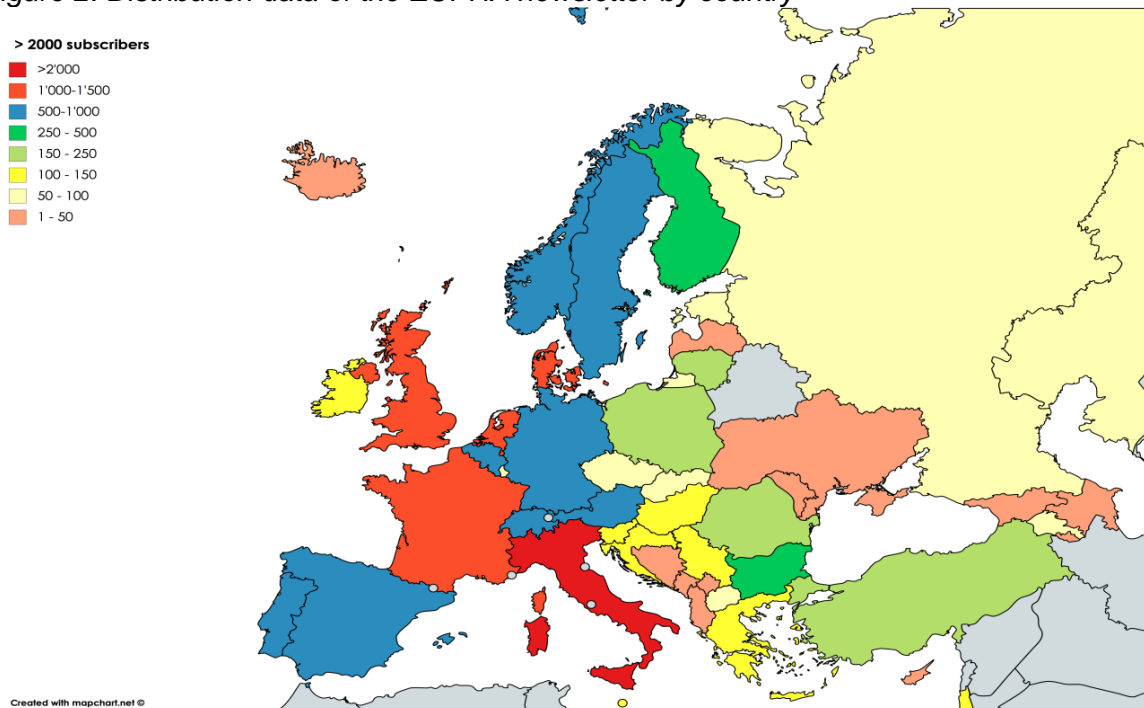


Table 5: overview of the newsletter subscriptions worldwide

Region	No. of countries	No. of subscribers
<b>Europe</b>	57	17,136
<b>Africa</b>	40	450
<b>Asia</b>	28	747
<b>North America</b>	2	451
<b>Oceania</b>	9	139
<b>South America</b>	24	178

EUPHA actively invites members and partners to further distribute the newsletter, announce its publication in their tools as well as encourages them to make the EUPHA newsletter available on their website.

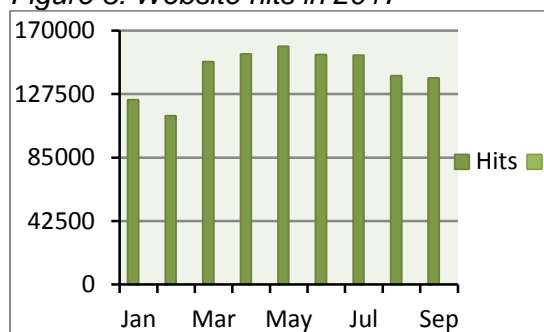
### **Website and social media**

The EUPHA website is linked to the objectives of the EUPHA strategy and continues to be an excellent visibility tool for EUPHA. From January to September 2017, the average number of hits was 142,774.

### **Newsfeed on website**

The EUPHA website launched a new feature on the homepage: the 'current news' box. This area on the homepage is highly visible and presents the website visitor on relevant key news from EUPHA.

Figure 3: Website hits in 2017



The EUPHA twitter account (@EUPHActs) is available on our opening page and has been extensively used for advocacy. The number of followers has increased again in 2017 to 2'148 (increase of 35,5% since 2016) (2014: 821: 2015: 1'207: 2016 1'585).



### European projects

EUPHA continues to be contacted by a large number of institutions/universities to be a partner in European projects. These are our current projects and latest project application.

#### ***Gender specific mechanisms in coronary artery disease in Europe (GenCAD)***

Aims to provide novel explanations as to why and how different forms of coronary heart diseases affect women and men and which preventive approaches are most effective in a gender specific manner; generate awareness among health professions and the general public. EUPHA's contributions for GenCAD in 2017:

- Development of factsheets.
- One-day conference 1 March 2017 in Brussels.

#### ***Personalised prevention of chronic diseases (PRECeDI)***

Aims to promote knowledge transfer between academic and non-academic entities that can lead to a proper integration of –omics information into public health interventions. Future PhD students at partner universities will be seconded to other universities, institutes or private companies. EUPHA hosted 7 researchers in 2017 from University of Debrecen, Sapienza University of Rome, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Rome.

#### ***Transfer of Organisation innovations for Resilient, Effective, Accessible, sustainable and Comprehensive Health services and systems (TO-REACH)***



Aims to contribute to the sustainability, accessibility, quality and cost effectiveness of care provision, by preparing an internationally comparative research programme. Ultimate goal is cross-country learning, thus enhancing the performance, innovation and competitiveness of health care organisations and the health care sector as a whole. Started in January 2017 and a consortium with all major European organizations and 15 member states involved. EUPHA is co-lead in the work package on dissemination and communication. Project website: [www.to-reach.eu](http://www.to-reach.eu)

***Operating grant of CHAFEA***

EUPHA applied for an operating grant of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA) of the European Union. Operating grants are may be awarded to non-governmental bodies that pursue one or more of the specific objectives of the Health Programme and is concluded for a four years (2018-2021).

## Invest in the future generations

The third objective is to prepare future generations of public health professionals to take on a leadership role. The activities to reach this objective are in the hands of the EUPHANxt, network and of course, the EPH Conference is a great tool to invest in future generations.

### *EUPHANxt in 2017*

#### **Meetings**

EUPHANxt was present at the Young Leaders for Health Conference held in Berlin on the 17-20 August 2017. EUPHANxt participated in informal networking on these days and distributed flyers and information.

#### **Conference Workshops**

For the EPH Conference in Stockholm, EUPHANxt is involved in three workshop abstracts and one pre-conference:

- Pre-conference: WRIT - How to write a scientific paper for a public health journal (Together with the EUPHA section on Public Health Epidemiology)
- Skills building seminar: Skills building in HTA: how to address the economic impact of public health interventions? (Together with the EUPHA section on HTA)
- Skills building seminar: Conquering the mountain: writing an institutional review board proposal. (Together with the EUPHA section on Ethics in Public Health)
- Skills building seminar: Fast and clear: how to present research findings in 3 minutes to a non-scientific audience? (Together with Young Forum Gastein and EuroNET MRPH)

#### **Miscellaneous**

EUPHANxt continued sending round mails and updating its subscribers with relevant information.

EUPHANxt has also discussed with many youth organisations in order to build grounds for new official partnerships. This year EUPHANxt received a record number of requests for collaboration.

A photo competition was sent out to the EUPHANxt subscribers. A good collection of beautiful pictures related to the theme of 'The Future of Public Health' were submitted.

#### **Abstract mentoring programme**

In order to assist the younger professionals to be active at the conference (presenting their work), EUPHANxt offered the abstract mentoring programme. This offered young submitters to send in their abstracts for comments before officially submitting the abstract. The EUPHANxt team would forward the abstract to volunteers from the International Scientific Committee for input. The programme was very successful and will be continued in 2018.

*Table 6: Overview of abstract mentoring programme with results*

summary	accepted	not submitted
28 submitted	64.3%	35.7%

## Outlook 2018

EUPHA will continue its activities following the objectives set up in the EUPHA strategy 2014-2020

### ***Be a leading voice in public health***

We will continue to increase our activities of voicing evidence for public health in the European arena. Supporting our members to be active national voices will include working more closely with our members to set the health agenda for EU presidencies in the coming years.

We will continue to increase the exchange with the European bodies, such as DG Sante (European Commission), ECDC and WHO EURO. For this, we plan to have high-level meetings with DG Sante, WHO EURO and ECDC at least twice a year. At the same time, we are planning to have a Brussels office at the start of 2018, to be able to interact more actively with partners and European actors. A new look at who can be a valuable partner to EUPHA is currently being discussed in the Executive Council.

The new tool of the European Journal of Public Health – the E-collection – has proven very useful and we will continue to use this to highlight important health topics.

We are honoured to be an active partner in the first World conference on Migrant health and will ensure that this important topic remains visible in Europe.

Following our experiences with conference-linked Declarations, we will elaborate the Ljubljana Declaration, with a special focus on innovation to improve public health in Europe

Our involvement in the World Federation of Public Health Associations will be intensified as we continue planning the Rome 2020 conference, combining the World Congress on Public Health with the European Public Health Conference.

### ***Build capacity and knowledge***

We remain committed to furthering independent and multidisciplinary national public health associations in countries where no such association yet exists. In order to increase the collaboration with our members, we will continue to visit our members' national conferences as well as continue informing our members on EUPHA planned activities.

We will continue our work with ASPHER on building public health capacity in Europe. The (hopefully) new EUPHA section on Health workforce research can intensify the collaboration both with ASPHER as well as with WHO Euro (WHO EURO Action plan for strengthening public health).

The current capacity building and knowledge exchanging tools of EUPHA are very successful and we will continue to ensure the efficacy of these tools.

### ***Invest in future generations***

Investing in future generations of public health professionals remains essential and will be a continued priority of EUPHA. The EUPHANxt coordinators will receive more assistance from EUPHA office, so they can focus on increased partnerships, visibility and activities. If possible, this will include taken the internship programme up again (mediating internships between students and EUPHA sections).

### ***Strengthening the organisation***

Finally, it remains important to strengthen the organisation. If EUPHA is successful with the operating grant application, the activities of EUPHA as well as the support to our members can be increased.

We also will start planning the new EUPHA strategy 2020-2025 by setting up a working group with active involvement from our stakeholders.

Together with our members, our sections, our pillars, our young generation and our partners, with the help of our colleagues at the Executive Council and the office, EUPHA has a wealth of knowledge, capacity and enthusiasm that generates a strong potential to be ambitious! So we are ready for the next 25 years.