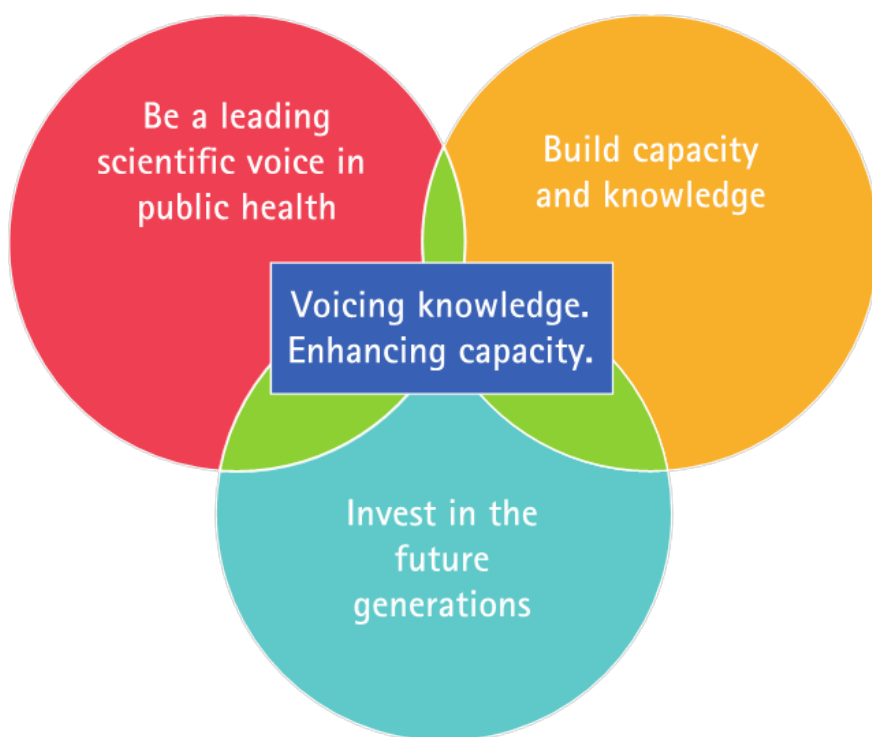




# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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## EUPHA 2018: a busy and productive year

On behalf of the EUPHA Executive Council, it is our pleasure to present this report highlighting key activities in 2018. In 2018, we were granted an operating grant from the European Commission, intended to increase our activities and support our strategic objectives. There were some start-up difficulties, but the operating grant offered a wonderful opportunity to do so much more to reach all our objectives.

In 2018, EUPHA identified the following operational targets for 2018:

### *1. Strengthening national public health associations*

Under this target, we significantly increased the collaboration with our members. We supported Estonia and Austria during the EU presidencies of their countries. We worked extensively with the National Institute of Public Health in Slovenia to organise the European Public Health conference in Ljubljana and we supported the UK Faculty of Public Health in their Brexit and health campaign. For the first time ever, we set up 44 country specific newsletters and asked our members for input on the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### *2. Advocating for public health on the European agenda*

The advocacy at European level was also significantly increased with the production of statements, e-collections to the European Journal of Public Health (EJPH), two extra supplements and very active presence in numerous European-level meetings. EUPHA was renominated as a member of the ECDC Advisory Forum and we received official accreditation by WHO Euro as a non-state partner.

### *3. Representing the European voice at global level and supporting public health at global level*

The European voice at global level was supported by the election of our past president, Walter Ricciardi, as president-elect of the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) as well as by the joint organisation of the 2020 World Congress on Public Health in Rome, Italy.

### *4. Providing actively and accurately the evidence to make informed practice and policy decisions in the field of public health*

Our two main tools were again successful. The EJPH increased its impact factor and has been working on facilitating access to research (editor's choice, open access articles). The European Public Health (EPH) Conference continues to be the meeting place in European public health.

### *5. Nurturing the expertise and knowledge on specific public health topics*

This extra objective was added to the 2018 objectives to ensure that our EUPHA sections can continue their amazing job. Section presidents or vice-presidents represent EUPHA at expert meetings, co-organise the e-collections of the EJPH and set up theme-specific meetings. This year, EUPHA MIG co-organised the first ever World conference on Migration, ethnicity, race and health. The expertise is also strengthened by an increase in partners outside the field of public health, but involved in public health activities.

### *6. Preparing the future generation of public health professionals for their leadership role in public health*

The four new EUPHANxt coordinators have done an excellent job this year. They continued the successful abstract mentoring programme and activities for the younger generation at the Ljubljana conference. They also started a collaboration with the European Solidarity Corps to organise internships, two of which were based at EUPHA office. The EUPHA fellowship for Ljubljana 2018 is another novelty, where six young professionals/students will help in the marketing of the conference, while at the same time, benefitting from some mentoring meetings to further their career.

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 our members and the EUPHA pillar advisors.



Natasha Azzopardi Muscat  
EUPHA president 2016-2020



Dineke Zeegers Paget  
EUPHA executive director

#### **EUPHA Executive Council 2018**

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## Strengthening national public health associations

In 2018, thanks to the EU operating grant we received, we managed to intensify our collaboration with and support to our members. For instance, the collaboration with our members on the health-related Sustainable Development Goals. For this, the office managed to produce 44 country newsletters, including:

- Sustainable Development Goals: current score (source: Institute of Health Metrics, USA)
- Lifestyle (sources: OECD, European Observatory, European Commission, WHO EURO)
- Health systems performance (sources: OECD, European Observatory, European Commission)
- Threats to public health in the coming decade (source: EUPHA 2017 questionnaire)
- Latest publications in the European Journal of Public Health from or on your country (source: EJPH)

We specifically asked our members for input. In November 2018, we received 27 detailed answers from 24 countries (input from 55% of the contacted countries). A first analysis was presented in the EUPHA Governing Board, a more detailed report will be produced in 2019.

All member representatives in the EUPHA Governing Board received regular updates on EUPHA's statements, public consultations, reports (see under 'Advocating for public health on the European agenda') and were asked to further disseminate or co-sign these. The two important EUPHA statements were:

- EUPHA statement on migration, ethnicity and health. We specifically asked our members to disseminate and translate. Nine of our members actively disseminated the statement, it was translated into Finnish and is planned on being translated in Romanian and Portuguese.
- The Ljubljana statement calling for political engagement to reduce inequalities in health, a joint statement from EUPHA and the National Institute of Public Health in Slovenia. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, the statement has been co-signed by 30 of our members.

We have been working intensively with three national public health associations this year. With our members from Estonia and Austria to increase their role during the EU presidencies of their countries. And with the UK Faculty of Public Health in their Brexit for Health campaign. In the latter case we co-signed:

- The UK Faculty's demand for a Do no harm amendment in British law.
- The UK Faculty's response to the Department for International Trade's four consultations on post-Brexit trade.
- And we also co-signed an open letter set up by UK based public health scientists to Public Health England regarding its partnership with the alcohol industry.

### EUPHA members 2018

At the end of October 2018, we have 86 members from 47 countries (see figure 1):

- 39 Full members (see table 1)
- 25 Institutional members (see table 2)
- 7 Individual members from 7 countries
- 2 global members (Nepal and Kuwait)

In addition, EUPHA is partners with 15 organisations (see table 4).

In our database, we have 23'110 entries of which 6'686 are EUPHA members (29%, similar to last year's ratio). EUPHA members are both full members as well as employees of our institutional members. Full members of EUPHA are individuals who joined EUPHA through their membership at a National Public Health Association. In 2018, we had 4'892 full members.

*Table 1: Full members of EUPHA (n=39)*

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

*Table 2: Institutional members of EUPHA (n=25)*

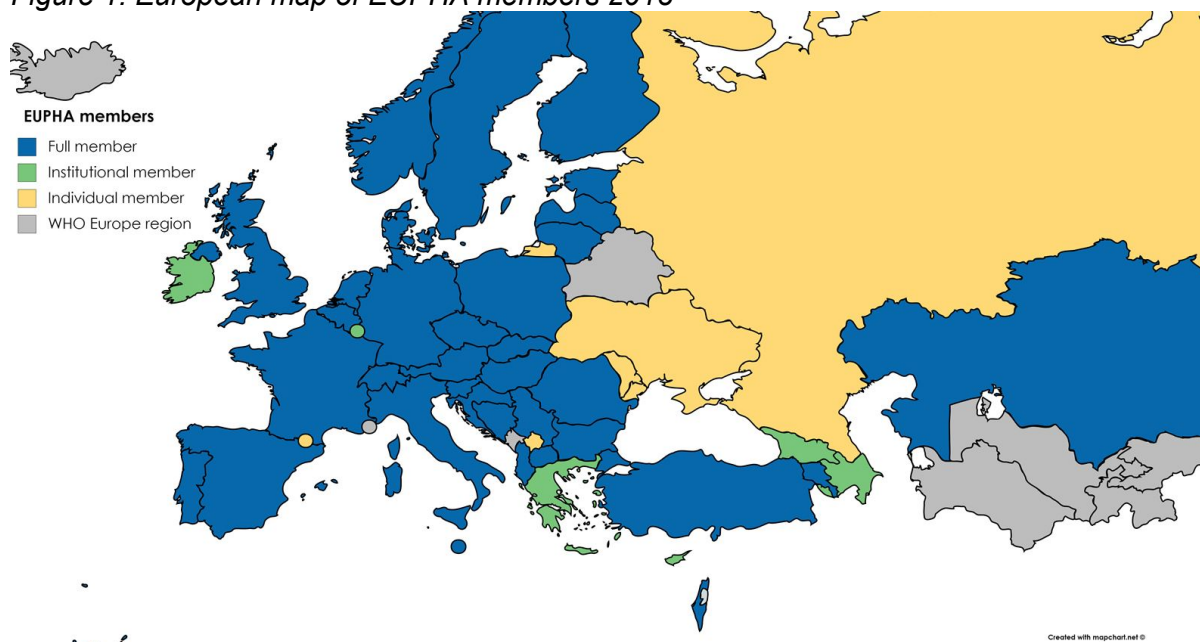
Public Health and Reforms Center – Azerbaijan	Italian Barometer Diabetes Observatory – Italy
Scientific Institute of Public Health – Belgium	National Agency for Regional Health Services – Italy
Faculty of Public Health MU-Sofia – Bulgaria	Medical University, Higher School of Public Health – Kazakhstan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



*Table 4: EUPHA partners (n=15)*

APHEA - Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA)	EPA/UNESPA – European Paediatric Association, the Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations
ASPHER - Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region	EUSPR – European Society for Prevention Research
COTEC – Council of Occupational Therapists for European Countries	GLEPHA – Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association
EACH – European Association for Communication in Healthcare	IUHPE – Europe – International Union for Health Promotion and Education – Europe
ESQH – European Society for Quality in Healthcare	UEMS - Section for Public Health – European Union of Medical Specialists – section for public health
EADPH – European Association of Dental Public Health	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
EFPC – European Forum for Primary Care	WHO Regional Office for Europe
EHMA – European Health Management Association	

*Figure 1: European map of EUPHA members 2018*



## **Advocating for public health on the European agenda**

With the extra funding from the EU Operating grant, we managed to strengthen the EUPHA office and significantly increase our advocacy at European level. The members of our Executive Council, particularly Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, EUPHA president, and Martin McKee, EUPHA immediate past president, the presidents of the EUPHA sections and several EUPHA members' representatives have stepped up to the challenge and have been representing EUPHA, providing the evidence for EUPHA statements and done all in their powers to make EUPHA visible at European level. This has resulted in a large amount of statements, e-collections, reports, and active participation at key meetings. Highlights of this year's activities are:

### **Keeping (public) health firmly on the European agenda**

With the intense discussions happening at EU level on both the budget for the coming years (Multi Financial Framework post 2020) and keeping (public) health on the European Agenda (the fourth Health Programme, new DG Research programme), we published a number of statements throughout 2018, including:

- Statement on the EU's multiannual financial framework post 2020 (February)
- Response to public consultation on EU funds in the area of research, investment and innovation, SMEs and single market (February)
- Consultation for the next EU research and innovation programme, statement HWR (March)
- EUPHA statement on the proposal for the next EU budget 2020-2028 (May)
- Working on several joint statements with the alliance EU4health, where many European health-related associations come together (throughout the year).

### **Tobacco and e-cigarettes**

The topic of tobacco and e-cigarettes remained high on the agenda in Europe and European countries. EUPHA contributed by contacting the British American Tobacco and Philip Morris asking them to take measures to tell the truth about tobacco, as they were ordered to do in the US. The reply from BAT was that they were not forced to do so in Europe, and therefore did not see the need to do anything. We also published a statement on the Philip Morris Foundation for a smoke-free world, questioning whether the tobacco industry could objectively support a smoke-free world. In August, we published our Facts and fiction on e-cigs, which was widely distributed and cited on twitter.

### **Health-related sustainable development goals (SDGs)**

This year was the year for EUPHA on health-related SDGs. In April we published a statement on Sustainable Health Goals in the European Region, providing a summary of the topics that need our urgent attention. We also supported WHO Europe during their Regional Committee meeting in September by releasing a statement. The EUPHA coordinated statement on SDGs was co-signed by 15 organisations, making it one of the most widely supported statements at the Regional Committee for Europe.

EUPHA contacted all members in 45 European countries to report on their status of the SDGs. The first results were presented at the EUPHA governing board meeting in November 2018. And a summary report will be published early next year.

### **Vaccine confidence**

Vaccination remains at the top of the agenda in Europe. In January, several professional NGOs, including EUPHA, met with the director-general of DG Sante to discuss the next steps. On that day, EUPHA published its e-collection on vaccines, which was well received. In November, we organised our very first Brussels seminar on vaccine confidence (see below under 'new tools').

## **Migration, ethnicity, race and health**

At the initiative of our EUPHA MIG section, EUPHA supported both the very successful 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health organised in Edinburgh, UK as well as the WHO Euro summer school of refugee and migrant health in September in Palermo, Italy. The EUPHA statement on migration, ethnicity and health was distributed to our full network asking them for further distribution of the statement. EUPHA's Finnish member organised the statement to be translated to Finnish in order to facilitate the further distribution of the statement on national level.

## **Non-communicable diseases**

During the WHO high-level meeting on Health systems respond to NCDs: experiences in the region, our president, Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, presented EUPHA's views on the topic. The insufficient protection of EU citizen's health with regard to air pollution stakeholder meeting in Brussels was attended by our national representative, Xavier Leus (Belgian Association of Public Health). The president of the EUPHA section on Chronic Diseases spoke at the workshop on chronic diseases organised by the European Policy Centre.

## **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 the 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;
- World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) Governing Board;
- Advisory forum to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, where our representative (Aura Timen) was re-nominated;
- WHO European Regional Committee meeting, where EUPHA accredited as partner;
- Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA) board;
- EU-HTA net (health technology assessment) on Stakeholder involvement;
- EU Health Policy Platform;
- EUPHA HTA is currently part of the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) Stakeholders board.

This year, we were also present at numerous conferences including the:

- European Association of Psychosomatic Medicine conference (EUPHA president)
- High level meetings with DG Sante (e.g. on vaccination) (EUPHA president, EUPHA immediate president, EUPHA executive Director)
- Tallinn's charter's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting (EUPHA president)
- EuroNet MRPH meeting (EUPHAnxt coordinator)
- World Health Summit (EUPHAnxt)
- European Health Forum Gastein (EUPHA president, EUPHA immediate president, EUPHA scientific officer)
- 10<sup>th</sup> IUHPE European conference (EUPHA section on Health Promotion, president)
- Annual conference of the European Association of Dental public health (EADPH) (EUPHA president).

## **New tools**

With the extra budget from the EU operating grant, we also managed to create several new successful tools:

- **The Voice of EUPHA**

We created a mailman system called 'The Voice of EUPHA' where we invited our partners, WHO EURO directors, European Commission key people (DG Sante, DG Research, DG Development, etc.), communication officers of major institutes and

(nearly all) members of the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament. This tool was used to disseminate our statement/reports/EJPH-related activities to a large network beyond our normal network. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive.

- **EUPHA seminar in Brussels**

The first seminar was piloted on 7 November with the topic of 'Vaccine confidence in Europe: a time for action'. Organising such seminar in Brussels allowed European policymakers to attend. A short report can be found at: [https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/seminar\\_report\\_Vaccine\\_confidence.pdf](https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/seminar_report_Vaccine_confidence.pdf)



Natasha Azzopardi Muscat leading the discussion with different stakeholders

- **Increased presence in Brussels**

We increased our presence in Brussels by having our scientific officer spend one week per month in Brussels at one of our partners' premises for which we are very grateful. We also increased our presence through sending our representatives (EUPHA section presidents) to a large number of meetings in Brussels.

- **EUPHA webinar**

We are extending our outreach to more public health professionals by organising webinars. The first webinar was on Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and was organised during the Ljubljana 2018 conference. This webinar gave an overview of the AMR discussions taking place during the European Public Health conference, allowing those that could not attend in person, to still be informed about the ongoing discussions. The webinar took place 30 November 2018, hosted by the Slovenian National Public Health Institute (NIJZ). Aura Timen (President of EUPHA section on Infectious Diseases) and Silvio Brusafferro (steering committee member of EUPHA section on Public health practice and policy) were the speakers at the webinar.

16 people attended the webinar from different European countries with a variety of background ranging from medicine, public health and law. The attendees were mainly from Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Slovenia and Italy. At the end of the webinar there was a live Q&A session with the audience.

- **EUPHA videos**

EUPHA and its members also produced several 'Voice of EUPHA' videos, where EUPHA representatives and EUPHA friends reflect on various public health issues (e.g. public health in small states, knowledge translation) in a short (max 2,5 minutes) video. We are planning to launch the EUPHA YouTube channel before the end of the year.

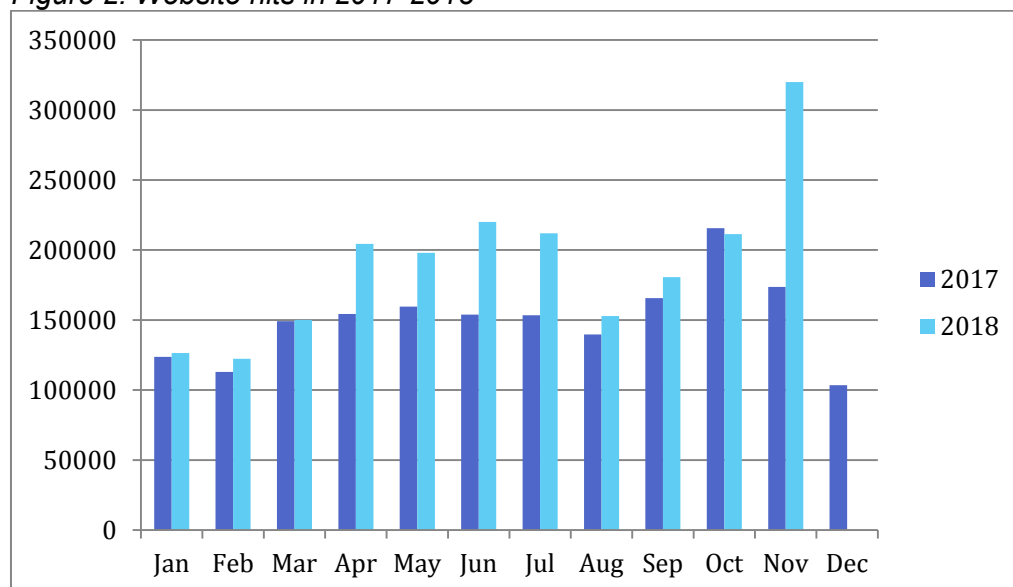
- **EUPHA marketing and communication action plan**

With the help of a communication and marketing strategist, EUPHA has worked hard to set up a communication and marketing action plan, which will help us in increasing our advocacy as well as increase the visibility of our activities.

#### Website and social media

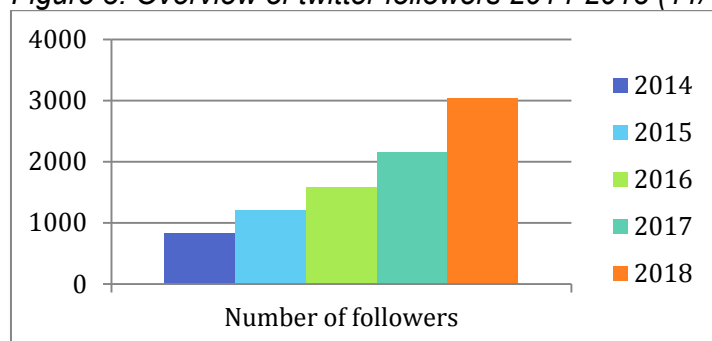
The EUPHA website is linked to the objectives of the EUPHA strategy and continues to be an excellent visibility tool for EUPHA. Due to the increase in advocacy, the average number of hits increased to an average of 177,815 per month (2017: 142,774).

*Figure 2: Website hits in 2017-2018*



The EUPHA twitter account (@EUPHActs) is available on our opening page and has been extensively used for advocacy. The number of followers has increased significantly in 2018 to 3'043 (11 December) – compared to 2'148 followers at the end of 2017.

*Figure 3: Overview of twitter followers 2014-2018 (11/12/2018)*



## 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. On the home page of the EUPHA website it is possible to subscribe to the newsletter.

With 19`528 subscribers from 157 countries worldwide in 2018, the newsletter continues to be one of the most visible and highly appreciated tools of EUPHA.

*Table 5: overview of the newsletter subscriptions worldwide*

Region	No. of countries	No. of subscribers
<b>Europe</b>	54	17'400
<b>Africa</b>	46	536
<b>Asia</b>	29	814
<b>North America</b>	4	464
<b>Oceania</b>	7	145
<b>South America</b>	17	169

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.

## 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.

## Representing the European voice at global level and supporting public health at global level

In 2018, we increased the collaboration with the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA). Two highlights in this collaboration:

- Walter Ricciardi, past president of EUPHA, was elected by the General Assembly of the WFPHA as president-elect. He will become president of the WFPHA in 2020.



The WFPHA General Assembly, May 2018



- 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).

As already stated earlier, EUPHA was proud to be the co-organiser of the First World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health. With the next conference organised in Marseille 2019, we will intensify our collaboration with the African region, especially the Northern African countries.

## Providing actively and accurately the evidence to make informed practice and policy decisions in the field of public health

EUPHA has two very successful tools for providing the evidence base: the European Journal of Public Health and the European Public Health Conferences.

### The European Journal of Public Health



*The European Journal of Public Health* 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 6. Manuscripts received and published during 2010-September 2018*

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 (Sept)
Manuscripts received	796	784	861	932	893	959	901	950	1042
% accepted	20%	21%	19%	17%	21%	20%	21%	21%	22%
Manuscripts published	89	125	176	186	185	195	180	181	185

### Brief statistics on manuscripts

During the past year (1st October, 2017 to 30th September 2018), manuscripts have been submitted from 72 countries from all continents. The highest number of submissions were received from the United Kingdom (87), Italy (76), Spain (74), China (62), the Netherlands (55), France (46), Germany (46), United States (45), Finland (45), and Sweden (43).

The highest number of accepted papers originated from the Netherlands (30), the United Kingdom (23), Sweden (21), Italy (19), Finland (17), Spain (16), France (15), Portugal (8), the United States (6), and Canada (6).

In addition to the original manuscripts published (185), 11 editorials, 2 letters to editor, 2 commentaries and 1 book review have been published from October 2017 – August 2018. Each of the six issues also had a section with European public health news from EUPHA, WHO Europe and DG Sante.

### **Supplements**

In 2018, five supplements were published:

1. 1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health - Abstract Supplement
2. Natural Experiments for Evaluating Chronic Disease Policy Interventions
3. How to Navigate Political Landscapes: Towards a Public Health Political Science
4. 11<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference -Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe. Ljubljana, Slovenia from 28 November -1 December 2018.
5. Health in Crises: Migration, Austerity and Inequalities in Greece and Europe

### **Reviewers**

During the past year (1st October, 2017 to 30th September 2018), 579 persons from 57 different countries have been helpful in reviewing manuscripts. Most reviewers originated from the United Kingdom (64), followed by Sweden (52), the Netherlands and Spain (51 each), Italy and the United States (45 each), and Germany (38).

### **Impact factor**

The journal's impact factor increased to 2.782 in 2017 from 2.431 in 2016, with a five year impact factor of 2.902.

### **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; and
- The Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare, supporting with a grant to the editorial office.

### **Editorial Board**

*Editor-in-chief*

Peter Allebeck, Sweden

### **European Public Health (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

## **Ljubljana 2018**



The 11<sup>th</sup> European Public Health Conference 2018 'Winds of Change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe' held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, 28 November- 1 December 2018 and was chaired by Ivan Erzen.

--> At EPH 2018 we collaborated the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFAEA) of the European Union and the EU Health Programme (both a stand and presentations).

## **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 and is chaired by Yves Charpak.

## **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 (SItI). The congress is chaired by Walter Ricciardi and Carlo Signorelli.

## **Dublin 2021**

In 2021, the EPH Conference will be organised in Dublin, Ireland. Preparations for this conference are ongoing. The chair of the conference is Anthony Staines.

## Nurturing the expertise and knowledge on specific public health topics

### EUPHA sections

In order for EUPHA to be able to provide the evidence in a wide array of topics, EUPHA established sections. It is therefore essential that EUPHA sections are supported in all their activities.

EUPHA sections are networks on specific public health topics. At the moment, EUPHA has 22 active sections. All EUPHA sections are active at the Ljubljana conference with 7 pre-conferences and 47 workshops.

Some examples of the many activities organised by our sections:

- **EUPHA HTA** supported the release of an official EUPHA statement on the EU Commissions's Legislative Proposal on HTA in February 2018, and represented EUPHA at the EUnetHTA Forum 2018, held in Cologne, Germany on May 25, 2018.
- **EUPHA ENV** represented EUPHA at the Dialogue and sharing for the protection of health and environment, held in Pisa, Italy on 21- 22 September 2018, where the president, Peter van den Hazel, had a keynote speech.
- **EUPHA HWR** organised the publication of the first health workforce research agenda (June 2018), supported EUPHA in the statement on HWR and represented EUPHA in the WHO Coalition of Partners meeting (November). Publication: A call for action to establish a research agenda for building a future health workforce in Europe, Health Research Policy and Systems, 2018, 16:52; <https://rdcu.be/1hZv>. The president of EUPHA HWR, Ellen Kuhlmann, was an invited speaker at the EHMA conference, SIC Health Workforce in Budapest, Hungary in June.
- **EUPHA FN** continued with the activities to disseminate the report on Healthy and sustainable diets for European countries. The past president, Chris Birt, presented the report at several conferences, including the conference of the European Federation of Associations of Dietitians.
- **EUPHA PHPP** renewed the call for a political health science in subsequent decades with a Special supplement to the EJPH following the 2017 publication on 'Policy, politics and public health'. The section is also working on an e-collection of EJPH articles on the political analysis of public health, which is due in the first half of 2019. The section co-organised the April meeting of the European Health Policy Group in April in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- **EUPHA CAPH** started collaboration with the European Federation of Pediatricians (now a EUPHA partner) which led to a publication in The Lancet : Jansen DEMC, Ehrich J, Azzopardi-Muscat N & McKee M. Tackling the challenges of child health care. The Lancet.
- **EUPHA PHMR's** president, Nicole Rosenkötter, wrote a guest post in the "BMC Blog Network" on the article collection "Health information in Europe" in "Archives of Public Health". Rosenkötter N. The long and winding road towards an EU health information system. BMC blog On Health, <http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/on-health/2018/08/20/long-winding-road-towards-eu-health-information-system/#commentlist> (20.8.2018). The section also represents EUPHA in the WHO-EURO European Health Information Initiative (EHII).
- **EUPHA ETH** intensified collaboration with partners, including the UK Faculty of Public Health and has organized a workshop at the 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health.
- **EUPHA MIG** was the initiator and organizer of the 1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health (MERH 2018), which took place in Edinburgh, UK from 17-19 May 2018 and had over 730 participants. Before the congress an abstract supplement of the European Journal of Public Health was published. After the meeting an editorial was published in the Lancet Public Health ("No public health

without migrant health”) and a news piece in BMJ (“Challenge anti-migrant policies with evidence, doctors”). A special issue of Public Health including an overview of the congress, 20 articles based on the plenary presentations and invited workshops, as well as a glossary will be published in 2019. MERH 2018 led to the Edinburgh Declaration on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health, as well as the EUPHA statement on Migration, ethnicity and health. The delegates of the conference also endorsed a new initiative for establishing a Global Society as an umbrella organisation on this topic.

In September, EUPHA and EUPHA MIG supported the WHO Summer School on Refugee and Migrant Health, which took place for the second time in September 2018 in Sicily, Italy with about 70 participants from a range of countries.

- **EUPHA HP** strengthened the cooperation and exchange with IUHPE by co-organizing the 10th IUHPE European Conference and International Forum for Health Promotion Research Implementing Health Promotion in the Life Course - User Involvement in Practice and Research 24-26 September 2018 in Trondheim, Norway.
- **EUPHA PHG's** president, Roza Adany, and vice president, Stefania Boccia, published the following editorial: Natasa Djordjevic, Stefania Boccia and Róza Ádány: Translation of Genomic Results Into Public Health Practice. Published on 25 May 2018. Front. Public Health doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2018.00156.

*Table 7: Overview of EUPHA sections' membership*

<b>EUPHA Section</b>	<b>2018 No. Of members</b>	<b>Increase from 2017</b>
Child and adolescent public health – CAPH	2061	197
Chronic diseases – CHR	1846	180
Environment-related health – ENV	1200	191
Ethics in public health – ETH	1370	124
Food and nutrition – FN	1410	111
Health impact assessment – HIA	1326	180
Health promotion – HP	2989	276
Health services research – HSR	2432	164
Health technology assessment – HTA	759	161
Health Workforce Research – HWR	221	130
Infectious diseases control – IDC	1287	144
Injury prevention and safety promotion – INJ	740	76
Migrant and ethnic minority health – MIG	1417	149
Public health economics – ECO	1583	173
Public health epidemiology – EPI	3132	320
Public health genomics – PHG	513	50
Public health monitoring and reporting – PHMR	1596	255
Public health practice and policy – PHPP	2766	199
Public mental health – PMH	1515	187
Sexual and gender minority health – SGMH	324	154
Social security, work and health – SSH	1233	108
Urban public health – URB	1313	152

### EUPHA Pillars

In 2018, the four pillars advisors were active, i.e. on research, policy, practice, and training. The EUPHA pillars advisors are part of the EUPHA working group on the new strategy 2020-2025 (see below).

### 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 2018, the Green Club advised the EPH Conference Office and the Local Support Committee of Ljubljana 2018 to continue the progress made in Stockholm 2017.

In 2016, EUPHA also installed a **working group on Membership sustainability**. A first report is being discussed in the EUPHA Governing Board in November 2018.

In 2018, the EUPHA **working group on the new EUPHA strategy 2020-2025** was installed and started their first brainstorming process. The chair, Martin McKee, reported back to the Executive Council in June and a first report on the new strategy will be discussed in the EUPHA Governing Board in November 2018.

### 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 projects completed in the past year.

#### **TO-REACH: Preparing a European research programme**

TO-REACH is a coordination and support action (CSA) to prepare a joint European research programme aimed at producing research evidence supporting health care services and systems to become more resilient, effective, equitable, accessible, sustainable and comprehensive (in Europe, and abroad). Preliminary findings from the project were presented at the European Health Management Association (EHMA) Conference in June in Budapest, Hungary. With an important focus on integration of care, TO-REACH will now move from research priorities to research topics. Moving towards a Strategic Research Agenda will be based on national mapping, stakeholder engagement and online consultation.

#### **InfAct: Mapping European networks**

InfAct is the Joint Action on Health Information. InfAct carries out a mapping exercise to identify networks of experts performing comparative research across Europe in a specific health research area or health information domain. More specifically, the project wants to identify operational or previously active international networks working in the field of population health and/or health system performance. EUPHA is a member of the of the External evaluation of this project. InfAct is co-funded by the EU Health Programme.

#### **Operating Grant of the European Union**

EUPHA has received an Operating Grant of the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA) of the European Union. Operating grants are awarded to non-governmental bodies that pursue one or more of the specific objectives of the Health Programme and are allocated for a four years period (2018-2021).

**GenCAD: gender differences in coronary heart disease**

GenCAD, commissioned by the European Union, was successfully completed earlier in 2018 with a well-attended final conference in Brussels and the publication of factsheets in all languages of the European Union. Aim of the pilot project was to improve the understanding of sex and gender differences in coronary heart disease (CAD). CAD differs significantly in women and men throughout Europe, in age distribution, risk factors, prevention, response to therapies and outcomes. Existing evidence is often incomplete and the existing findings are frequently not convincingly presented to the medical community and public. GenCAD produced factsheets for healthcare professionals and the general population. Downloads available from the [EUPHA webpages](#).

**PRECeDI: Personalized pREvention of Chronic Diseases**

PRECeDI, a Marie-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange project, was completed in November 2018 with a final conference in Brussels. The PRECeDI consortium consisted of 7 academic institutions and 4 non-academic partners. During four years (2014-2018), 30 early stage researchers and 24 experienced researchers were seconded for an average of 3 months from academic to non-academic institutions and vice-versa, for training in research projects related to personalized prevention of chronic diseases including cancer, cardiovascular diseases and Alzheimer's disease. The final report will be published on the EUPHA website shortly.

**ExACT: European network staff eXchange for integrAting precision health in the health Care sysTems**

ExACT will start early 2019. The exchange project aims to build a community of academic and non-academic entities that generates high quality, multidisciplinary collaboration through exchanging knowledge in research and training activities on precision health. By building up on the PRECeDI Consortium it will include other relevant sectors in order to strengthen and broaden the research and training activities of the existing network and reinforce the international and intersectorial cooperation. By sharing knowledge, building synergies and expertise and encouraging an exchange of best practice among top-level institutions, it will give impetus to the translational efforts necessary to implement precision health into the EU health care systems.

**Preparing the future generation of public health professionals for their leadership role in public health****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 1'938 subscribers (in 2017: 1'582). 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.

## EUPHAnxt in 2018



A new logo for EUPHAnxt

In 2018, the new EUPHAnxt coordinators enthusiastically took on their role:

### EUPHAnxt Coordinators

Sara Mc Quinn – overall coordinator



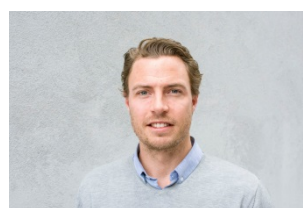
Pasquale Cacciatore – communication manager



Keitly Mensah – conference manager



Anton Hasselgren – partnerships



### Abstract mentoring programme

Following the success of the abstract mentoring programme for Stockholm 2017, this programme was continued for 2018. Abstract submitters who were new to the field of public health could submit their abstract via EUPHAnxt to receive advice for improvement of the abstract before officially submitting. These abstracts were evaluated by members of the International Scientific Committee. In 2018, 25 abstracts were submitted and reviewed by 15 reviewers, which is similar from the previous year where 27 abstracts were reviewed by 14 reviewers. Of these 25 abstracts, 20 (80%) were finally submitted by 1 May.

*Table 8: Overview of the 2018 abstract mentoring programme with results*

summary	accepted	Oral/pitch	Poster	Not accepted	Unable to attend
20 submitted	85%	4	13	2	1



### **EPH Conference fellowship programme**

The EPH Conference Fellowship programme is a new and exciting initiative launched this year by EUPHA and EUPHANxt, which offers students and young professionals an opportunity to participate and be active at the conference. A total of 31 applications were received for the programme. The six selected fellows had the opportunity to work alongside the EUPHANxt team and the EPH conference planners to disseminate information about the conference through various communication platforms. They also had the chance to have group interviews with senior public health experts and ask any questions they may have.

The role of the selected fellows involved endorsing the EPH conference and regularly notifying public health professionals on the conference activities through being very active on various social media platforms. This included following a structured communication strategy to disseminate tweets, and report 300 word articles each day on the 'daily highlights'. The fellows attended various sessions throughout the conference, networked with delegates and participated in interviews.

### **EUPHANxt internships and the European Solidarity Corps**

In 2018, the informal EUPHANxt internship programme started collaboration with the European Solidarity Corps. The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own country or abroad that benefit communities and people around Europe. In 2018, EUPHANxt organised three internships:

1. Internship in Manchester with Dr. Arpana Verma, EUPHA Section on Urban Public Health
2. Internship at EUPHA office, working on Sustainable Development Goals; and
3. Internship at EUPHA office, working mainly on the EUPHA webinar (organised during the Ljubljana conference).

The link to the European Solidarity Corps allowed for some funding for the interns (accommodation, travel, per diem), making it easier for those interested to choose an international internship.

### **Activities at the Ljubljana 2018 conference**

For the EPH Conference in Ljubljana, EUPHANxt was involved in three workshops and is organising several other activities:

- Welcome evening for all students at Ljubljana 2018
- Join the network, organised on Friday 30 November from 12:30-13:30
- Round table: Put your mouth where the money is, together with EUPHA, EUPHA ECO and Young Forum Gastein
- Skills building seminar: you say 'tomato', I say 'tomatoe': knowledge translation disputes in public health, together with EUPHA CHR and WHO Euro
- Round table: Put the PRO back in the public health professionals: PROactive and PROselient, together with EUPHA and Euronet MRPH

### **And...**

EUPHANxt was present at the World Health Forum in Berlin and organised reduced fees for the EUPHANxt network.

With the new logo, a new twitter account, updated Facebook and linked-in network were set up.

## Outlook 2019

Next year, EUPHA will continue its activities following the objectives set up in the EUPHA strategy 2014-2020. With the help of the operating grant from the European Commission, EUPHA can both continue and intensify its activities, as well as develop new actions.

In order to achieve the strategic objectives, as set out in the EUPHA strategy 2014-2020, EUPHA identifies the following operational targets for 2019:

1. Strengthening national public health associations;
2. Advocating for public health on the European agenda;
3. Representing the European voice at global level and supporting public health at global level;
4. Providing actively and accurately the evidence to make informed practice and policy decisions in the field of public health;
5. Nurturing the expertise and knowledge on specific public health topics; and
6. Preparing the future generation of public health professionals for their leadership role in public health.

### More emphasis on advocacy

In 2019, we will even further expand our activities in advocacy. With the newly developed EUPHA marketing and communication action plan, we will increase our visibility and impact at European and global level.

With the help of our evidence tools (European Journal of Public Health, EUPHA sections and the EPH Conference) and the input from our members (EUPHA membership questionnaire 2017 and country newsletters 2018), we will be more proactive in European (public) health issues, highlighting problem areas as well as successes. A supplement to the European Journal of Public Health highlighting current issues will be produced by the end of the year.

Our newly developed tools of a Brussels Seminar, the webinar and EUPHA videos will also increase our impact on European public health.

The biggest boost for advocacy will be the setting up of a permanent office in Brussels.

We are also investing in the future of EUPHA by continuing to work on the new EUPHA strategy 2020-2025. In 2019, we will organise a retreat with some key people in public health to be able to come with a proposed strategy by the end of 2019.

### Introducing the European public health week

New in 2019 will be the European public health week, which aims to create awareness about public health and demonstrate opportunities for a healthy population. Each day of the week focuses on a theme that relates to a healthy population. For each day, we will actively work with EUPHA sections, partner associations and national members. For the latter, we will actively invite our members to participate in 1-3 topics in that week and start national activities. Tentative date for this European public health week is 13-17 May 2019.

### Continue and celebrate our successes

We will continue our excellent work with our EUPHA sections, including co-organising the 2nd World Conference on Public mental health in Israel and the work on the e-collections of the European Journal of Public Health. We will continue working with our partners, expanding our partner network. This will include collaboration for the European public health week as well as co-organising international conferences (e.g. Design and Health; Law enforcement and health). We will continue working with the World Federation of Public Health Associations and support their activities wherever we can.



The next generation of public health professionals remains a priority to us and we will continue supporting EUPHANxt and its network in their activities.

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 continues to have a wealth of knowledge, capacity and enthusiasm that generates a strong potential to be ambitious! It is important to celebrate these successes and taking steps to ensure the sustainability of our successful tools and activities. A sustainable, strong and active network is the ultimate goal for EUPHA.