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# 1. EUPHA update

## **EUPHA publishes statement on the proposal for a regulation on Health Technology Assessment of the European Commission**

EUPHA welcomes the publication of the European Commission's "Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU": EUPHA believes that this proposal forms a sound basis for Health Technology Assessment (HTA) processes to be implemented in all Member States of the European Union. It gives Member States the responsibility to lead the process and safeguards a long-term and sustainable cooperation by setting up a permanent structure.

<https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/EU...>

## **Statement by the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) on the European Union's (EU) Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) post2020**

On 22 February 2018, EUPHA submitted its response to the Public consultation on EU funds in the area of investment, research and innovation, SMEs and single market. This consultation on EU funds specifically concerns the area of public health, where EUPHA argues strongly that European funding remains necessary and has added value.

<https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/EU...>

## **EUPHA Section council president joins the WHO European Advisory Committee on Health Research**

Dr Iveta Nagyova, president of the EUPHA Section Council, has joined the WHO European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR). The main role of the EACHR is strengthening the use of research evidence for public health decision-making. She joins other EUPHA representatives: Prof Walter Ricciardi (EUPHA past president) and Prof Roza Adany (president of the EUPHA section on Public health genomics).

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/data-and-evid...>

## **EUPHA Executive director explores the importance of improving public health in Europe**

In the February edition of Open Access Government (pages 16-17), EUPHA Executive director, Dineke Zeegers Paget, reflect on "Could the new public health professional please stand up?" In this article, Zeegers emphasizes the need for public health professionals to be able to talk to policymakers and politicians. "It is therefore essential that the new public health professional – the one who can talk to politicians, citizens and colleagues, summarises the newest evidence in one tweet, the one who can stimulate all areas of society to take public health into account and clearly say that public health is a European matter – stands up and continues the work of the whole public health community. And EUPHA is there to support the public health community anyway we can."

<https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/ope...>

## **Policy development in Personalized Medicine – Open Seminar 15 March 2018**

PRECeDI consortium, of which EUPHA is a member, organizes a one-day Open Seminar on Policy development in Personalized Medicine on 15 March 2018. The seminar is held at VU University, E-wing, Boelelaan 1105, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The seminar will address promises of –omics in personalized medicine, achieved results, current challenges. It will look at the potential of public-private collaboration and strategies for integrating personalized medicine in health systems. Speakers include Martina Cornel (VUMC), Cornelia van Duijn (ErasmusMC), Stefania Boccia (UCSC), Ron Zimmern (PHG Foundation), Paolo Villari (Sapienza), Walter Ricciardi (ISS), Natasha Azzopardi Muscat (EUPHA).

Interested colleagues are free to attend. For the full programme, please see the [PRECeDI webpage](#).

## **Bringing public health, social care and urbanity back in – health governance beyond policy subsystems**

On behalf of the EUPHA section on Public health practice and policy, we would like to announce and invite you to the European Health Policy Group (EHPG) Spring meeting, which will be co-hosted by EUPHA and co-organised by our EUPHA section on Public health practice and policy.

**When?** The lunch-to-lunch meeting will take place on **April 19 and 20, 2018**

**Where?** Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

**Theme:** 'Bringing public health, social care and urbanity back in – health governance beyond policy subsystems'

**Registration costs:** 100 euros

The EHPG is an informal group of scholars, senior policy officials and PhD students reviewing each others papers on a number of health system related topics twice a year. The group has been around for about 20 years now, meeting each Fall in London (hosted by King's College and LSHTM), and in Spring in one of the other European participating countries. It usually has around 30-50 active participants from Eastern and Western European countries. The programme consists of accepted paper reviews by allocated discussants, who present the paper on behalf of the author, address the quality of the paper, and discuss the policy and practice implications interactively with the audience (6). Each paper is allocated a full hour in-depth discussion.

You can find the draft programme with accepted papers [here](#). EUPHA has kindly made available a limited number of sponsored places at this meeting. Costs for travel and stay will be on your own expenses. So be quick and register for this meeting which will open very soon.

You may pre-announce your participation with Marleen Bekker, [m.bekker@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:m.bekker@maastrichtuniversity.nl). We will soon inform you of the registration details and whether you are eligible for a sponsored place.

### **MERH Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health: book your place now!**

The full preliminary programme for the MERH Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health 17-19 May in Edinburgh is now available at: <http://www.merhcongress.com>

The programme offers a range of exciting plenary lectures, workshops as well as oral and poster presentations from many parts of the world covering a variety of issues related to policies, research, practice and training within our general theme. You may find more information on the objectives and ambitions of the Congress in a recent letter by Professor Raj Bhopal published in the Lancet:

[Unity in the fields of migration, ethnicity, race and health.](#)

## **2. European Public Health Conference**



**11th European Public Health Conference: 'Winds of change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe', Cankarjev Dom, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 28 November 1 December 2018**

### **Abstracts are invited**

Abstracts are invited for workshops, oral presentations, pitch presentations and e-posters. Prizes will be awarded for the best oral, poster and early career professional's presentation. Abstracts do not have to be confined to the conference theme but can cover any aspect of public health.

Do not miss the opportunity to be recognized for your hard work. Abstracts and workshop proposals can be submitted [here](#).

### **Abstract Mentor Programme**

The Abstract Mentor Programme offers an opportunity for young and/or less experienced abstract submitters to receive feedback from experienced reviewers on their abstracts. See the [EPH Conference](#) website for more information.

### **Registration**

Registration for the 11th EPH Conference opens 1 April 2018. You can benefit from early bird registration fees until 15 September. We are expecting over 1,500 delegates. Meet your colleagues at the largest public health event in Europe and register early to benefit from the reduced rates.

Please note that we succeeded in keeping the fees at the same level as last year. Early bird registration fees for EUPHA members are EUR 600. Non-members pay EUR 680, Students pay EUR 420 (all including VAT).

### **Pre-conferences, Lunch Symposiums, Exhibition**

The EPH Conference offers interesting opportunities for pre-conferences and lunch symposiums. If you have plans for a lunch symposium, pre-conference or an exhibition stand at the conference, please contact [office@ephconference.eu](mailto:office@ephconference.eu).

Pre-conferences can be booked online once the pre-conference programme is completed in May. They can be added to your earlier made registration at all times.

## **3. EUPHA Members update**

### **Public Health Schweiz: upcoming meetings**

On 15 March 2018, Public Health Schweiz will organise a seminar on allergies - when the air makes you sick.

On 26 April 2018, Public Health Schweiz will organise a seminar on the sweet seduction of sugar.

On 28 August 2018, they will organise a seminar on early childhood: research, practice and ethics.

The annual conference of Public Health Schweiz will be organised 7-8 November on Better Health FASTER.

<http://www.public-health.ch>

### **Norwegian Public Health Association on advocacy**

The Norwegian Public Health Association - NOPHA - has started a Facebook group to support NOPHA's role in public health politics. NOPHA had already sent recommendation to all political parties November 2016 on public health matters and the charter from WFPHA and is now working toward a white paper about public health in Norway.

<http://www.nopha.no/>

### **Netherlands Public Health Federation: Prevention should be rewarded**

The president of the NPHF (Ms Jolande Sap) and the director (Thomas Plochg) are clear on the issue: preventing health problems is the best way forward and this requires a shift in the current health care system. The NPHF, together with partners, managed to include prevention as a topic on the agenda of the new government.

<http://www.nphf.nl>

### **French Society of Public Health addressing the SDGs**

The SFSP General Assembly will be organised on 5 April 2018. One of the topics on the agenda is the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their impact on activities and priorities of public health actors.

<http://www.sfsp.fr/>

## **4. European Journal of Public Health**



The [European Journal of Public Health](#) is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public 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. In 2017, the impact factor of the journal is at 2.431. The 5-year impact factor is 2.664.

The EJPH is the official journal of EUPHA.

Women's mental health in the perinatal period according to migrant status: the French representative ELFE birth cohort

Fabienne El-Khoury; Anne-Laure Sutter-Dallay; Lidia Panico; Marie-Aline Charles; Elie Azria ...

[\[Article\]](#)

'Artliff' arts-on-referral intervention in UK primary care: updated findings from an ongoing observational study

Diane M Crone; Rachel C Sumner; Colin M Baker; Elizabeth A Loughren; Samantha Hughes ...

[\[Article\]](#)

Public health monitoring of hypertension, diabetes and elevated cholesterol: comparison of different data sources

Laura Paalanen; Päivikki Koponen; Tiina Laatikainen; Hanna Tolonen

[\[Article\]](#)

Corrigendum

European Journal of Public Health, Issue supplement 3, November 2017

[\[Article\]](#)

Changes in access to primary care in Europe and its patterning, 2007–12: a repeated cross-sectional study

Klára Dimitrovová; Julian Perelman

[\[Article\]](#)

Prevalence and determinants in cytology testing for cervical cancer screening in Spain (2006–14)

Ana I Cobo-Cuenca; María-Aurora Rodríguez-Borrego; Pedro Hidalgo-Lópezosa; Pedro M Rodríguez-Muñoz; Manuela Martins ...

[\[Article\]](#)

Trends in small-for-gestational age before and after the economic crisis in Spain

Laia Palència; Vanessa Puig-Barrachina; Marc Marí-dell'Olmo; Mercè Gotsens; Maica Rodríguez-Sanz ...

[\[Article\]](#)

Macro-environmental factors and physical activity in 28 European Union countries

Anthony A Lavery; Hayley Thompson; Andreea Cetateanu; Filippos T Filippidis

[\[Article\]](#)

## 5. Call for proposals, job opportunities

### **Postdoctoral Researcher in Geriatric Epidemiology at the Aging Research Center of Karolinska Institutet**

The Department of Neurobiology Care Sciences and Society comprises 11 divisions and has about 500 employees. The NVS-department is located at KI Campus-Huddinge. The Department is responsible for education at basic and advanced levels, research education and clinical and experimental research within the different areas represented by the divisions.

The position of postdoc is announced by the Aging Research Center (ARC), a center for interdisciplinary research on health in aging that is a collaboration between Karolinska Institutet and Stockholm University. ARC will be located at the Karolinska Institutet Campus Solna from May 2018 on. The research group includes senior researchers, postdocs, doctoral students, and guest researchers. Unique Swedish resources

<https://ki.mynetworkglobal.com/what/job/...>

## 6. Interesting news

### **Number of older people with four or more diseases will double by 2035, study warns**

BMJ 2018; 360 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.k371> (Published 05 February 2018)

The number of older people with four or more chronic diseases will double within the next 20 years largely because of an increase in obesity and physical inactivity, a large study has found.<sup>1</sup> A third of these people will have dementia, depression, or cognitive impairment diagnosed.

The UK healthcare system, which generally remains centred on treating single diseases, needs to be radically restructured to cope with this rise in multimorbidity, said researchers from Newcastle University's Institute for Ageing.

Published in the British Geriatrics Society's journal *Age and Ageing*, 1.....

<http://www.bmj.com/content/360/bmj.k371>

### **Epidemics: The end of containment measures?**

Date: January 30, 2018

Source: Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

Summary: Limiting population movements during an epidemic outbreak may not always be the best approach. This type of response may adversely affect a society's ability to resume functioning normally, according to a new study.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

### **Norway publishes The Sustainable Development Goals and Norway's Development Policy**

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has published this document (English summary) on how Norway should develop a common responsibility for a common future.

<https://www.regjeringen.no/contentassets...>

### **Dutch to start presumed consent for organ donation in 2020**

BMJ 2018; 360 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.k768> (Published 16 February 2018)

The Netherlands will introduce presumed consent for organ donation in July 2020, after a private member's bill passed the Dutch Senate by just two votes, ending decades of debate.

The Dutch Society of Intensive Care (NVIC) was "delighted" with the Active Donor Registration Law, claiming that it would place less of a burden on next of kin. The Kidney Patients' Association described it as a "milestone" that would save lives.

<http://www.bmj.com/content/360/bmj.k768>

### **Era of flexible work requires new universal services- Prof. Seán Ó Riain**

The future of work is here – and it's defined by flexibility, autonomy and pressure, according to Prof. Seán Ó Riain from Maynooth University, Ireland, who has been studying how workplaces have changed since 1995. He says we need to rethink public services to help people balance work and family in this new era.

Your NEWDEALS project used interviews and Europe-wide surveys to analyse how work has changed over the past couple of decades. What did you find?

<https://horizon-magazine.eu/article/era-...>

### **E-cigarettes: Harm reduction or 'gateway' to new smokers?**

Date: January 22, 2018

Source: Texas AandM University

Summary:

Smoking is an issue that has been at the heart of public health concerns for decades, with many efforts to restrict tobacco sales, tax cigarettes and sometimes hard-hitting campaigns to get people to quit smoking. But if the tobacco control community has long agreed on the harms of smoking, the place of reducing, rather than eliminating, harm has been hotly contested.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/20...>

## **7. Upcoming courses and conferences**



**Going International** is the first source for finding courses, seminars, congresses and other events in the fields of medicine & health.

Going International is Europe's biggest service provider and information platform and serves as an interface between organisers and participants of events. Going International is an official partner of EUPHA.

Title: **[European Symposium 'Integrating Primary and Community Care'](#)**

Date / location: 2 Mar 2018 / Kent, United Kingdom

Organiser: European Forum for Primary Health

Title: **[Third Training school: Extended Working Lives: Issues and Methods for Policy Evaluation](#)**

Date / location: 18 Mar 2018 - 21 Mar 2018 / Brno, Czech Republic

Organiser: COST ACTION IS1409

Title: **[Health Economics for Public Health Practice and Research](#)**

Date / location: 19 Mar 2018 - 21 Mar 2018 / Bangor, Wales, UK

Organiser: Bangor university



Title: **The 10th International Conference on Environmental Pollution and Public Health (EPPH 2018)**  
Date / location: 23 Mar 2018 - 25 Mar 2018 / Guilin, China  
Organiser: EPPH

Title: **Integrated services: organizational healthcare models in the framework of chronic diseases**  
Date / location: 26 Mar 2018 - 27 Mar 2018 / Turin, Italy  
Organiser: ProMIS

Title: **Building a Brighter Future: Promoting, Protecting and Improving Young People's Mental Health in Europe**  
Date / location: 28 Mar 2018 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: **19th Congress of the Section of Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry of the European Psychiatric Association (EPA)**  
Date / location: 4 Apr 2018 - 7 Apr 2018 / Vienna, Austria  
Organiser: EPA

Title: **8th International Digital Health Conference 2018 held with WWW 2018**  
Date / location: 23 Apr 2018 - 26 Apr 2018 / Lyon, France  
Organiser: Digital Health

Title: **Improving Mental Health Outcomes 2018 - Integrating, Coordinating and Transforming Services**  
Date / location: 25 Apr 2018 / Manchester, United Kingdom

Title: **Clinical Decision Support and Health Information Systems – Potential and Pitfalls of New Technologies**  
Date / location: 25 Apr 2018 / Basel, Switzerland  
Organiser: Swiss THP

Title: **8th International Health Tourism Congress**  
Date / location: 3 May 2018 - 6 May 2018 / Kusadasi, Turkey

Title: **International Symposium on Global Health**  
Date / location: 7 May 2018 - 8 May 2018 / Athens, Greece  
Organiser: ATINER

Title: **4th Fuse International Conference on Knowledge Exchange in Public Health**  
Date / location: 8 May 2018 - 10 May 2018 / Vancouver, Canada

Title: **Healthy aging at the crossroads: challenges and need for further action**  
Date / location: 10 May 2018 - 12 May 2018 / Istanbul, Turkey  
Organiser: Healthy Community Association

Title: **1st World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health - Diversity and health**  
Date / location: 17 May 2018 - 19 May 2018 / Edinburgh, Scotland

Title: **6th International Conference on Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases**  
Date / location: 21 May 2018 - 22 May 2018 / Barcelona, Spain  
Organiser: Tropical Diseases Congress Series Conferences

Title: **International global health and antimicrobial resistance workshop 2018**  
Date / location: 23 May 2018 / Geneva, Switzerland  
Organiser: WFPHA

Title: **18th International conference on Integrated Care: Value for People and Populations: Investing in Integrated Care**  
Date / location: 23 May 2018 - 25 May 2018 / Utrecht, Netherlands  
Organiser: International Foundation for Integrated Care

Title: **International Global Health and Antimicrobial Resistance Workshop in 2018**  
Date / location: 23 May 2018 / Geneva, Switzerland  
Organiser: WFPHA

Title: **V International Conference on Antimicrobial Research - ICAR2018**  
Date / location: 24 May 2018 - 25 May 2018 / Málaga, Spain  
Organiser: ICAR

Title: **The 2018 Planetary Health Annual meeting**  
Date / location: 29 May 2018 - 31 May 2018 / Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
Organiser: Planetary Health Alliance

Title: **Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology 2018**  
Date / location: 3 Jun 2018 - 16 Jun 2018 / Treviso, Italy  
Organiser: BiostatEpi

Title: **26th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services**  
Date / location: 6 Jun 2018 - 8 Jun 2018 / Bologna, Italy  
Organiser: Italian regional HPH network Emilia-Romagna together with WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion in Hospitals and Health Care at Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (Austrian Public Health Institute)

Title: **Towards a Harmonised Health Technology Assessment Framework: Exploring the Potential Impact on Quality of Care in the EU**  
Date / location: 8 Jun 2018 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: Public Policy Exchange

Title: **8th International conference on Food Safety and Regulatory Measures**  
Date / location: 11 Jun 2018 - 12 Jun 2018 / Barcelona, Spain

Title: **ENSP-CNPT International Conference on Tobacco control**  
Date / location: 14 Jun 2018 - 16 Jun 2018 / Madrid, Spain  
Organiser: ENSP-CNPT

Title: **5th International One Health Congress**  
Date / location: 22 Jun 2018 - 25 Jun 2018 / Saskatoon, Canada

Title: **The 9th International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment: Saving the Children at Risk, Shaping the Future Sustainability**  
Date / location: 27 Jun 2018 - 29 Jun 2018 / Seoul, Korea  
Organiser: INCHES

Title: **Clinical Research in Resource Limited Settings - Mission Impossible or Role Model for Future Drug Development?**



Date / location: 28 Jun 2018 / Basel, Switzerland  
Organiser: Swiss THP

Title: **Assessing Public Health in Emergency Situations (APHES)**  
Date / location: 2 Jul 2018 - 13 Jul 2018 / Brussels, Belgium  
Organiser: The Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)

Title: **11th UCL Health and Society Summer School: Social Determinants of Health**  
Date / location: 2 Jul 2018 - 6 Jul 2018 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: UCL

Title: **Summer Course in Health Law and Ethics**  
Date / location: 2 Jul 2018 - 6 Jul 2018 / Rotterdam, Netherlands  
Organiser: Erasmus University Rotterdam

Title: **European Union Falls Festival: New Solutions to Old Problems; ensuring sustainability for falls prevention interventions**  
Date / location: 2 Jul 2018 - 3 Jul 2018 / Manchester, United Kingdom  
Organiser: European Falls Festival

Title: **27 Summer course European Training Consortium Public health and health promotion**  
Date / location: 15 Jul 2018 - 27 Jul 2018 / Perugia, Italy  
Organiser: Experimental Center for Health Promotion and Education (CeSPES)

Title: **conference 9th Edition of International Conference on Preventive Medicine and Public Health**  
Date / location: 16 Jul 2018 - 17 Jul 2018 / London, United Kingdom  
Organiser: EuroSciCon

Title: **European Summer School in Evidence Based Public Health**  
Date / location: 23 Jul 2018 - 27 Jul 2018 / Munich, Germany  
Organiser: EBPH

Title: **Executive Programme for Global Health Leadership**  
Date / location: 1 Sep 2018 - 30 Jun 2019 / London / Switzerland / Cape Town  
Organiser: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Title: **Fourth International Symposium on Ethics of Environmental Health**  
Date / location: 9 Sep 2018 - 12 Sep 2018 / Budweis, Czech Republic  
Organiser: ISEEH

Title: **Eighth International Conference on Epidemiology and Public Health**  
Date / location: 17 Sep 2018 - 19 Sep 2018 / Rome, Italy

Title: **Law Enforcement and Public Health Conference 2018**  
Date / location: 21 Oct 2018 - 24 Oct 2018 / Toronto, Canada  
Organiser: CLEPH

Title: **5th World Congress on Nursing and Healthcare**  
Date / location: 12 Nov 2018 - 14 Nov 2018 / Toronto, Canada

## 8. Interesting publications

### **Qualitative evidence to improve guidelines and health decision-making**

Etienne V Langlois, Özge Tunçalp, Susan L Norris, Ian Askew and Abdul Ghaffar  
Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Feb., 2018  
<http://bit.ly/2rYjMDu>

### **The role of venues in structuring HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and risk networks among men who have sex with men**

<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Health Services Research Spending and Healthcare System Impact**

[http://ijhpm.com/article\\_3399.html](http://ijhpm.com/article_3399.html)

### **A research utilisation framework for informing global health and development policies and programmes**

Christine Kim, Rose Wilcher, Tricia Petruney, Kirsten Krueger, Leigh Wynne, Trinity Zan  
Health Research Policy and System, 2018  
Published online: 9 February 2018  
<http://bit.ly/2nY66UC>

### **Predictors of working beyond retirement in older workers with and without a chronic disease - results from data linkage of Dutch questionnaire and registry data**

<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Challenges Facing Global Health Networks: The NCD Alliance Experience**

[http://ijhpm.com/article\\_3400.html](http://ijhpm.com/article_3400.html)

### **A qualitative analysis exploring preferred methods of peer support to encourage adherence to a Mediterranean diet in a Northern European population at high risk of cardiovascular disease**

<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Points-based physical activity: a novel approach to facilitate changes in body composition in inactive women with overweight and obesity**

<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **State Support: A Prerequisite for Global Health Network Effectiveness**

[http://ijhpm.com/article\\_3394.html](http://ijhpm.com/article_3394.html)

### **Obesity and caries in four-to-six year old English children: a cross-sectional study**

<https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.co...>

### **Toward Customized Care**

[http://ijhpm.com/article\\_3389.html](http://ijhpm.com/article_3389.html)

### **Populism, Exclusion, Post-truth. Some Conceptual Caveats**

[http://ijhpm.com/article\\_3388.html](http://ijhpm.com/article_3388.html)

### **'What gets measured gets managed': revisiting the indicators for maternal and newborn health programmes**

A. C. Moran, A. B. Moller, D. Chou, A. Morgan, S. El Arifeen, C. Hanson, L. Say, T. Diaz, I. Askew, A. Costello  
Reproductive Health, 2018  
Published online: Feb. 2018  
<http://bit.ly/2EnbNor>

## 9. European Commission news

### Health Equity Pilot Project (HEPP) publishes scientific evidence reviews

The scientific evidence review reports on interventions related to nutrition, physical activity and alcohol and reduction of health inequalities, as part of the HEPP project – Maintaining a focus on health inequalities.

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/social\\_deter...](https://ec.europa.eu/health/social_deter...)

### Healthcare in the EU: Expert Panel on Health publishes 3 opinions to help guide policy makers

The independent Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health has adopted three Opinions related to access to healthcare, innovative payment models for high-cost innovative medicines and performance of primary care.

<http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/news...>

### European Commission updates on HTA

Today the European Commission published a [press release](#) on 'Assessing health technology in the EU: Commission proposes to reinforce cooperation amongst Member States'. And a QandA on the Commission proposal on Health Technology Assessment (HTA). In addition, a [fact sheet](#) on HTA.

### 3rd Mental Health Compass Forum, 8-9 February, Luxembourg

The third EU Compass Forum on mental health and well-being took place 8-9 February in Luxembourg. The conference brought together Member States' representatives, NGO's, experts in mental health, and representatives from WHO and the Commission to share their experiences and knowledge in addressing mental health issues. This year, the particular focus of the forum was on providing community-based mental health services and mental health in all policies.

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/mental\\_healt...](https://ec.europa.eu/health/mental_healt...)

### Social determinants

Presentations and project's outputs - Final conference: VulnerABLE: Improving the health of those in isolated and vulnerable situations (7 November 2017)

[https://ec.europa.eu/health/social\\_deter...](https://ec.europa.eu/health/social_deter...)

## 10. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control news

### Eurosurveillance - Volume 23, Issue 5, 01 February 2018

Rapid communication

[Early season co-circulation of influenza A\(H3N2\) and B\(Yamagata\): interim estimates of 2017/18 vaccine effectiveness, Canada, January 2018](#)

Surveillance and outbreak report

[Seasonality and geographical spread of respiratory syncytial virus epidemics in 15 European countries, 2010 to 2016](#)

### Eurosurveillance - Volume 23, Issue 6, 08 February 2018

Rapid communication

[High transmissibility of norovirus among infants and school children during the 2016/17 season in Osaka, Japan](#)

Surveillance and outbreak report

[Impact of hepatitis B vaccination on acute hepatitis B epidemiology in European Union/European Economic Area countries, 2006 to 2014](#)

Research article

[Genital Chlamydia trachomatis infections in young adults – a school-based bio-behavioural study in urban areas, Poland, 2012 to 2015 Multiplex PCR for detection of plasmid-mediated colistin resistance determinants, mcr-1, mcr-2, mcr-3, mcr-4 and mcr-5 for surveillance purposes](#)

## **Eurosurveillance - Volume 23, Issue 7, 15 February 2018**

Rapid communication

[Interim effectiveness of trivalent influenza vaccine in a season dominated by lineage mismatched influenza B, northern Spain, 2017/18](#)  
[Pathogenicity and genetic characterisation of a novel reassortant, highly pathogenic avian influenza \(HPAI\) H5N6 virus isolated in Korea, 2017](#)

Research article

[Monitoring human enteric viruses in wastewater and relevance to infections encountered in the clinical setting: a one-year experiment in central France, 2014 to 2015](#)  
[Effectiveness of influenza vaccine in preventing medically-attended influenza virus infection in primary care, Israel, influenza seasons 2014/15 and 2015/16](#)

## **Eurosurveillance - Volume 23, Issue 8, 22 February 2018**

Rapid communication

[Interim estimate of influenza vaccine effectiveness in hospitalised children, Hong Kong, 2017/18](#)

Research article

[Influenza vaccine effectiveness in preventing hospitalisation of individuals 60 years of age and over with laboratory-confirmed influenza, Valencia Region, Spain, influenza season 2016/17](#)  
[Efficiency of different control measures for preventing carbapenemase-producing enterobacteria and glycopeptide-resistant \*Enterococcus faecium\* outbreaks: a 6-year prospective study in a French multihospital institution, January 2010 to December 2015](#)

## **11. WHO news**

### **Tracking progress towards universal coverage for women's, children's and adolescents' health: The 2017 Report (Countdown to 2030)**

*United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO)*

*Published online: February 2018*

*ISBN: 978-92-806-4921-5*

*Countdown to 2030 tracks coverage levels for health interventions proven to reduce maternal, newborn and child mortality.*

It calls on governments and development partners to be accountable, identifies knowledge gaps, and proposes new actions to achieve universal coverage for women's, children's and adolescents' health.

This is the first *Countdown to 2030* report in the context of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and the Every Woman Every Child Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health (2016–2030).

It synthesizes data on the current situation and trends in reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition from a wide array of sources including the profiles on the 81 *Countdown* priority countries, which together account for 95% of maternal deaths and 90% of deaths among children under age 5.

<http://bit.ly/2Cylo5A>

### **A 400% surge in measles cases in Europe in 2017, compared to 2016**

20 February 2018 – Measles has rebounded in the WHO European Region. The disease affected 21 315 people and caused 35 deaths in 2017, following a record low of 5273 cases in 2016. The surge in measles cases in 2017 included large outbreaks (100 or more cases) in 15 of the 53 countries in the Region. [News release](#)

### **World leaders join new drive to beat noncommunicable diseases**

16 February 2018 – WHO is announcing today a new high-level commission, comprised of heads of state and ministers, leaders in health and development and entrepreneurs. The group will propose bold and innovative solutions to accelerate prevention and control of the leading killers on the planet – noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) like heart and lung disease, cancers, and diabetes. [News release](#)



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