Responses to EUPHA member questionnaire 2016-2017

‘What are the major threats to public health the coming decade?’

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Aligning with EUPHA’s members

• To align EUPHA’s future activities with its members.

• By identifying the major threats to public health the coming decade.

• Prioritising EUPHA’s activities.
The questionnaire

• In October 2016 the EUPHA members of a national public health association received online questionnaire, n= 4,795

• ‘What are the main public health threats/problems that YOUTH will have to deal with the coming decade?’
  – Youth
  – Adults
  – Elderly
A total of 247 replies to the questionnaire were received. From 31 different countries:
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Training background

- **Economics**
  - Including: health economics

- **Health care management**
  - Including: public management

- **Public health**
  - Including: health sciences, epidemiology, microbiology, medical informatics, ethics

- **Medical**
  - Including: medical doctor, nurse, nutrition, psychiatry, psychology, sociology, medical sociology

Respondents

Age (in years)

- 37% <30
- 45% 30-50
- 14% 50-65
- 4% >65

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The responses

- A total of 2365 threats were listed:
  - Diseases & illnesses
  - Injuries & violence
  - Health determinants
    - individual lifestyle factors and choices
    - social and community networks
    - living and working conditions
    - general socioeconomic, cultural and environmental conditions
Public health threats and/or problems for YOUTH the coming decade

- Mental health (12% of total)
- Injuries & violence, including ‘violence’ (unspecified) and traffic accidents
- Overweight & obesity
- Lifestyle behaviours; tobacco, physical inactivity, dietary habits
- Drug abuse
- Addiction to new media
Public health threats and/or problems for ADULTS the coming decade

- Chronic diseases, including cancer
- Mental health
- Lifestyle behaviours, mostly physical inactivity
- Overweight & obesity
- Work-life-balance
- Unemployment
- Economic and social insecurity
Public health threats and/or problems for ELDERLY the coming decade

- Chronic diseases
- Mental health
- Dementia
- Social isolation
- Access to health services
- Economic and social insecurity

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DISEASES & ILLNESSES

INJURIES & VIOLENCE

HEALTH DETERMINANTS

57%

42%

1%
Other issues listed

• Fear of terrorism
• Migration, including integration of migrants
Next steps

• Country newsletters
• SDGs
• Regional collaboration / twinning
The short report of the results of the EUPHA members’ questionnaire on threats to public health is available here:

https://eupha.org/repository/advocacy/Report_on_EUPHA_member_questionnaire_on_threats_to_public_health.pdf