

Subject: Motivation letter for EUPHA PHPP section Presidency

Dear EUPHA PHPP members,

I am Sofia Ribeiro, an MD specialized in Public Health from Lisbon, Portugal, currently working as Project Coordinator at the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). Since the beginning of my career, I have been strongly passionate about the intersections between public health, management and political determinants of health. This led me to pursue an MPH and a Masters in International Relations and Political science after a Masters in Public Health at the LSHTM, and later to join WHO Representation to the EU in Brussels managing the portfolio of risk factors for NCDs. Before working at EMCDDA, I was a Public Health authority in Lisbon working in the first-line response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a consultant for WHO on Noncommunicable diseases.

I am strongly motivated to apply as President of the EUPHA PHPP section and I believe I am the right candidate for the following reasons:

**Long-term collaboration with EUPHA and PHPP section:** I have attended the conference since 2013, shortly after graduation, and became the vice-president of the PHPP section since 2016. Over these last six years, I have been deeply involved in growing and promoting the section through the co-organization of pre-conferences and conference workshops, chairing sessions at the conference and co-writing scientific papers and the sections' newsletter.

**Strong network on public health policy and politics:** Over the past few years, I have worked in several positions from local to international levels, which have not only allowed me to expand my network, but also to gain relevant work experience on several public health areas that I can leverage as President of the PHPP section to offer interesting opportunities to our members.

**Motivation and initiative:** As a young professional with 10+ years of experience, I am willing to think outside the box and find innovative ideas to increase the presence of policy and politics in the public health arena, in collaboration with other sections and with our members.

For all the reasons stated above, I am confident I will be able to grow the PHPP section over the next mandate, and I am looking forward to have that opportunity.

Yours truly,



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