

Annual Report 2024

EUPHA Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion



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Become a member

We are thrilled to announce a significant milestone!! our section proudly counts 1,393 members in 2024! If you haven't joined us yet, now is the perfect time to become part of this growing network!



#EUPHAinjury2025

JOIN THE SECTION
BECOME A MEMBER



Goals 2025

EUPHA Injury prevention and safety promotion section is one of the 29 sections of the European Public Health Association that aims to anchor injury prevention within public health activities in Europe. Our section, now comprising over 1300 dedicated members from diverse public health institutions, is committed to fostering a culture of safety and prevention that permeates all aspects of individual, organizational, and societal life. By integrating safety and health into everyday routines and decision-making processes, we aim to make these principles a benchmark for sustainable and proactive living.

Our Mission & Vision

We strive to ensure that safety and health are not mere priorities but enduring values embedded in every decision and action. Our work is driven by the belief that a society focused on prevention can significantly reduce risks, improve well-being, and create more resilient communities.

Strategic Areas of Focus

Policy Advocacy and Integration

- Collaborating with policymakers to ensure safety and health standards are integrated into national and local frameworks.
- Promoting the development and adoption of policies that prioritize prevention in public health, urban planning, workplace environments, and educational systems.

Education and Capacity Building

- Organizing workshops, seminars, and training programs to equip individuals and organizations with the skills and knowledge needed to prioritize safety and health.
- Developing educational materials and campaigns that highlight the importance of prevention and offer practical guidance for implementation.

Community Engagement and Empowerment

- Working directly with communities to identify safety concerns and co-create solutions tailored to their unique needs.
- Supporting grassroots initiatives that promote health and safety awareness at the local level.

Research and Innovation

- Conducting and supporting research that explores innovative approaches to safety and health integration.
- Sharing best practices and evidence-based strategies to help organizations and societies adopt effective prevention measures.

Collaboration and Networking

- Building a robust network of professionals, organizations, and institutions dedicated to safety and prevention.
- Facilitating the exchange of ideas, resources, and expertise among members to strengthen collective impact.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Establishing benchmarks and indicators to measure the effectiveness of safety and health initiatives.
- Using data-driven insights to refine strategies and ensure continuous improvement.

More precisely, our section aims at: a) increasing awareness on injury prevention and safety promotion in the broader public health community, b) increasing the visibility of issues related to intentional and unintentional injuries c) supporting the dissemination of research results and promoting implementation into practice, d) increasing capacity building and professional development through offering courses, seminars, workshops and other training opportunities to advance our members' knowledge and skills, e) advancing networking opportunities, through joining forces with key actors stakeholders, organising joint conference workshops, running joint training events, developing joint research proposals etc.



We invite professionals, institutions, and like-minded individuals to join us in this mission.

Section Activities at EPH 2024



Our Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion section (EUPHA INJ) organized 2 workshops and hosted several presentations on injury prevention during the 17th EPH Conference on 13-15 November 2024 in Lisbon. Many young researchers, community workers, policy makers, academics, and public health practitioners attended the events.

The EH Conference is an initiative of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA), where over 3,000 public health professionals convene, learn, network and engage with colleagues to strengthen the profession of public health, share the latest research and information, promote best practices and advocate for public health issues and policies grounded in research. This year's theme was **“Sailing the waves of European public health: exploring a sea of innovation”** and looked in depth at the **AI in Public Health, One Health - Animal Approach Social Marketing in Public Health, Health Inequalities and Global Health.**

Our section identified all the challenges and new opportunities and used the EPH2024 conference to promote a dialogue among public health actors on shared challenges related to injury prevention and common approaches towards sustainable, resilient, and inclusive solutions that benefit people, even in the face of complex and uncertain circumstances.



Section Activities / Our Workshops at EPH 2024

Road traffic injuries, disability burden and implications for compensation schemes in Europe

Wednesday 13th November 2024, Time: 15:50-16:15

Co-organisers:

EUPHA Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion (EUPHA INJ),
EUPHA Social Security Work and Health (SSWH)
EUPHA Public Health Economics (ECO)
European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (EuroSafe) / IDB network

Aim:

In recent years, there have been improvements in trauma care and injury prevention efforts, which reduced mortality rates from road traffic injuries and increased survival after serious injury. However, an increased heterogeneity in recovery times is observed with survivors differing in their adjustment compared to other traumas in terms of symptoms' onset, variability and chronicity. The workshop aimed to improve our understanding of the long-term consequences and the challenges faced by those injured in road traffic injuries and aid the development of interventions that seek to enable sustained recovery and help inform policy and practice of healthcare and injury compensation systems.

The workshop included the following speeches:

- Health loss after road transport injury - new perspectives.
- Statistics on disability pensioners is important for assessing injury burden.
- Analysis of traffic injury trends, and strategies for road safety promotion in Lithuania.
- ProtAct-Us from serious injuries with long-term consequences.
- Public-Private Partnerships: A model for injury prevention and safety promotion - Benefitting communities and NGOs.

Presenters:

- Emilie Friberg (Sweden, EUPHA-SSWH)
- Johan Lund (Norway, EUPHA-INJ)
- Birute Strukcinskiene (Lithuania, EUPHA-INJ)
- Werner Leitgeb (Austria)
- Eva Vaagland (Norway)

Key messages

- Timely access to quality healthcare, rehabilitation therapies, and assistive technologies can significantly improve outcomes and reduce the strain on social security and compensation systems.
- Ensuring equitable access to social security benefits for injured individuals, requires efficient compensation schemes that recognize the full impact of the disability on individuals' life.



3.Y.2. Road traffic injuries, disability burden and implications for compensation schemes in Europe



Organised by: EUPHA-INJ, -SSWH, -ECO, EuroSafe/IDB network,

Chair persons: Maria Papadakaki (EUPHA-INJ), João Vasco Santos (EUPHA-ECO)

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Abstract

Reducing traffic fatalities and injuries is a complex challenge, but it is one that is of paramount importance for public health and safety worldwide. In recent years, there have been improvements in trauma care and injury prevention efforts, which reduced mortality rates and increased survival after serious injury. However, an increased heterogeneity in recovery times is observed with survivors of road traffic injuries differing in their adjustment compared to other traumas in terms of symptoms' onset, variability and chronicity. The recovery trajectory seems to vary widely with a large percentage of survivors in need of extensive time periods for full recovery. Attention has now been shifted towards the adverse effects of non-fatal injuries on functional, mental health, economic and societal outcomes. The capacity of a person to continue functioning, inability to work, sickness absence and reliance on welfare benefits to compensate for loss of income are some of the injury-related long-term consequences, causing great concern for health and social security systems across Europe, as they have been shown to account for more than one third of total road traffic incident costs. These figures fail to include individuals who sustain "minor" injuries, which do not require hospitalisation, yet still impair their ability to work. Despite the rapidly growing epidemiological and clinical attention, there are still several issues missing from research, policy and practice. A universal definition of recovery after a road traffic injury is still missing, and this has been seen as critical for improved understanding of risk factors of poor recovery as well as improved identification of those in need of welfare benefits. Furthermore, long-term sickness absence and disability following road traffic injury in Europe is still understudied and evidence on the different return to work pathways and compensation schemes is scarce. Evidence is still limited on the context in which return to work occurs, the injury profiles most dependent on long term compensation schemes and the policy settings of injury compensation schemes that impact return to work outcomes post injury. Data availability and data linkage issues often cause misclassification errors when granting disability pensions and this remains unattended long after an injury. Welfare benefits are often poorly connected with the injury or other medical diagnoses and this makes it difficult to assess the contribution of injuries on disability pensions and other welfare benefits, especially in comorbid and multimorbid conditions. The current workshop aims to improve our understanding of the long-term consequences and the challenges faced by those injured in road traffic injuries and aid the development of interventions that seek to enable sustained recovery, and help inform policy and practice of healthcare and injury compensation systems.



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Section Activities / Our Workshops at EPH 2024

Child injuries monitoring and reporting: Challenges and technological developments

Wednesday 13th November 2024, Time: 9:00-10:00

Co-organisers:

EUPHA Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion (EUPHA INJ), EUPHA Child and Adolescent Health (EUPHA CAPH)

European Association for Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion (EuroSafe) / IDB network

Aim:

The workshop discussed trends and inequalities of injury burden and presented efficient measures and latest developments in monitoring and reporting child injuries across EU countries. The workshop further identified the methodological challenges in collecting and analysing data on child injuries. Evidence-informed tools for sharing health information and improved measurements of injury burden were presented.

The workshop included the following speeches:

- Home and leisure accidents among children and young people up to 19 years old as an event observed in the EU-IDB surveillance system: 2012-2021 data.
- Long-term disability following childhood injury: an imperative to monitor and address the continuum of trauma care.
- Machine Learning Approach to Injury Monitoring in Children and Adolescents.
- Preventing unintentional injuries due to home and leisure time accidents in children: the parents' beliefs matters (CHILD Vigilance project - CHIVI).

Presenters:

- Tatiana Alves (Portugal)
- Sonja Feer (Switzerland)
- Shanthi Ameratunga (New Zealand)
- Birute Strukcinskiene (Lithuania)

Key messages

- There is an EU-wide need for epidemiological data on the burden of child injuries.
- Validated tools, well-designed injury data management systems and standard data collection procedures are missing.



1.N. Scientific session: Child injuries monitoring and reporting: Challenges and technological developments

Organised by: EUPHA-INJ, -CAPH, EuroSafe IDB network,

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Abstract

Globally, more than 1,600 children and adolescents below the age of 19-years die every day from preventable injuries. Road traffic injuries, drowning and self-harm represent leading causes of death and injury among children and adolescents (WHO 2021; WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2021; Unicef, 2021). Most unintentional injuries in early childhood occur at home and children from less advantaged backgrounds are exposed to more hazardous home environments due to overcrowding or unsafe structures over which parents often have limited control (WHO, 2020). According to the IDB data analysis approximately 15% of home injuries could have been prevented by improved product safety and parental education. The COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine have created a complex and challenging situation for children and adolescents in the region, increasing their vulnerability and compromising their well-being. To efficiently prevent child injuries, one must account for a complex interplay between human factors as well as physical and socio-cultural environments. Multiple determinants of child injury cannot be addressed by the health sector alone, this is why a whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approaches are required. Schools have a crucial role to play for promoting the well-being of children and serve as a platform to increase access to health services. However, EU countries are still missing intersectoral collaboration and strong information systems to enable efficient response to the problem. Data on child injuries are still inconsistently collected in Europe due to substantial differences in coding systems, variation between injury mechanisms, different general policies pertaining to the admission of patients, and legal policies on reporting requirements. EU-wide networks such as the Eurosafe study (IDB network) collecting information on child injuries, are scarce. Likewise, access to healthcare services and support systems are unevenly distributed, particularly in underserved communities. Building country capacity in collecting, analysing and increasing the use of child injury data for decision making at global, regional, and national levels, is critical. Adequate epidemiological data on the burden of child injuries are necessary to allow governments prioritize areas for intervention and maximize the impact of their resources. Utilizing evidence-based tools and procedures and promoting intersectoral collaboration is vital. The workshop aims to discuss trends and inequalities of injury burden and present efficient measures and latest developments in monitoring and reporting child injuries across EU countries. The workshop will further discuss the methodological challenges in collecting and analysing data on child injuries. Evidence-informed tools for sharing health information and improved measurements of injury burden that are feasible and usable in both research and clinical contexts will be presented and success stories will be presented.



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ProtAct-Us



European
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Funding & tender opportunities

Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)



HOME

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS ▼

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ▼

PROJECTS & RESULTS

WORK AS AN EXPERT

SUPPORT ▼

New ways of reducing serious injuries and the long-term consequences of road crashes

HORIZON-CL5-2023-D6-01-12

In 2024 a new project was approved under the HORIZON program (GA No.101147445). EUPHA Injury Section is a partner of the ProtAct-Us consortium. ProtAct-Us (2024-2027) aims at protecting all Road User Groups from serious injury and long-term physical, cognitive and mental health consequences related to road crashes through innovatively interlinked research action between medical and engineering methods and approaches. ProtAct-Us works on the following goals and challenges: i) Medical data correlation, standardisation and classification of long-term consequences of road crashes; ii) Robust and reliable medical, epidemiological and engineering tools like agreed methods to collect information on long-term consequences, upgraded Human Body Models and virtual assessment methods for the extremities, head, neck and face allowing for effective countermeasure development for all road users; iii) Reduction of long-term consequences and related socio-economic cost of road crash related injuries for all road users. The ProtAct-Us solutions will influence new standards in respect of extending current injury codification system with relevant long-term aspects, allowing new physical as well as virtual safety assessment procedures and adaption of rules and regulations to be implemented. Scientifically well-founded suggestion for future implementation into policy, regulatory, and standardization guidelines for an inclusive safety improvement approach for in- as well as post-crash will be provided.

The kick-off meeting was held in June 2024 at Graz, Austria.

Read more: <https://protact-us.eu/>



Section Activities / CHIVI Project

The CHILD VIGILANCE (CHIVI) project is a European study supported by EUPHA Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion Section. It aims at assessing parents' and caregivers' knowledge and attitudes towards supervision and injury prevention in children up to 14 years old. Portugal, Greece and Lithuania have been part of the study. More EU countries have expressed interest in joining the project and are currently in the process of data collection.

The CHIVI project was presented in the International Collaborative Effort (ICE network) bi-annual meeting at University of Chicago, India on the 31st August 2024.




The CHIVI project was presented during the 17th EPH conference in Lisbon, Portugal on Wednesday 13th November 2024.



JOURNAL ARTICLE

Preventing unintentional injuries due to home and leisure time accidents in children: the parents' beliefs matters (CHILD Vigilance project - CHIVI)



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Abstract

Background

The CHILD Vigilance project is a European study supported by the Injury Prevention section of the European Public Health Association and aims at contributing to the epidemiological knowledge of injuries and accidents in Greece, Portugal and Lithuania, through increasing knowledge on parents' and caregivers' safety perceptions.

Methods

A descriptive, observational, cross-sectional study was developed in these countries between February and April 2023, under the CHILD Vigilance project. Information was collected online via a questionnaire exploring parents' and/or caregivers' knowledge, attitudes and risk perception towards prevention of unintentional injuries in children and adolescents.

Results

A total of 916 valid responses were obtained, involving 1229 children (51.4% male; mean age 7.8 years). Falls were perceived as the most common type of unintentional injuries in pre-schoolers and school-age children (47,8% in Greece; 63,5% in Portugal; 74,8% in Lithuania). Country differences were observed in terms of the most commonly perceived types of injury in adolescents, which were road traffic crashes in Greece and Portugal (41.2% and 39.5% respectively) vs poisonings in Lithuania (38.1%). Some differences were also observed between these countries as to the most common causes of death. In Greece and Lithuania diseases were reported as the main cause of death in pre-schoolers (62.5%; 35.1%) and in children attending primary education (55.1%; 29.7%), while injuries were identified as a cause only in the oldest group of children. In Portugal on the other hand, injuries were identified as the most frequent cause of death in all groups, pre-schoolers (40.5%), children attending primary education (47.1%) and in the oldest (55.1%).

Conclusions

The study emphasizes the need to address misperceptions, improve safety attitudes and invest more efforts in managing harmonised injury outcomes across global initiatives.

Section Activities / Awareness Raising Initiatives

European Public Health Week 2024 | May 2024

Greece



We are proud to share the success of our awareness-raising events on **Drink Driving** during the **European Public Health Week 2024!** In partnership with the **Regional Health Authority, Universities, and NGOs**, we reached local communities in Crete, Greece to highlight the dangers of drink driving and promote safer roads.

- ✔ Participants engaged in discussions, workshops, and activities.
- ✔ Driving Simulations gave attendees a firsthand experience of how alcohol impairs driving.
- ✔ Experts and Advocates shared powerful insights and stories.
- ✔ Youth Engagement through creative activities, spread awareness to the next generation.
- ✔ Community Commitments: Hundreds pledged to promote responsible driving and abstain from drink driving.



Section Activities / Awareness Raising Initiatives

Supporting Safe Driving Awareness at EUROBASKET U16!

Event Dates: 9-17 August 2024

📍 Heraklion, Greece

During the high-profile **EUROBASKET U16** Tournament, we co-organized impactful **Safe Driving Awareness Side Events** in collaboration with **EuroSafe**, the **Hellenic Basketball Federation**, and dedicated **NGOs**. Together, we combined the passion for basketball with the mission to promote road safety and responsible driving!

- ✅ **Interactive Sessions:** Hundreds of fans and participants engaged in road safety games and simulations.
- ✅ **Youth Engagement:** Messages of road safety delivered to young players and fans through creative activities.
- ✅ **Athlete Advocacy:** U16 basketball players joined the campaign as ambassadors for responsible driving.
- ✅ **Community Pledges:** Spectators and teams pledged to prioritize safe driving practices on and off the court.

This initiative emphasized the importance of combining sportsmanship with road safety education. The tournament provided a unique platform to amplify the message of **Safe Driving** to a wide and diverse audience.



Section Activities / Participation in Conferences

🌟 Exciting Engagements at #Safety2024 in India! 📍

📍 India | #Safety2024 Conference

The Safety2024 conference provided unparalleled opportunities to connect with Injury Prevention experts and global safety champions.

✅ Side Meetings

We had the honor of engaging with the Director of the Department for Social Determinants of Health at the World Health Organization, discussing actionable strategies for safety and injury reduction.

✅ Joining the International Collaborative Effort on Injury at @UChicago

Our active participation in this global network fosters international knowledge sharing and innovation to address injury prevention challenges worldwide.

✅ Accidents Among Children: A Top Priority

The conference reaffirmed the urgent need to address child injuries. From road safety to home environments, child injury prevention remains a critical focus area



📺 Highlighting Elderly Injury Prevention at the European Forum for Primary Care (EFPC)

📅 Date: 17-19 September 2024 📍 Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia

At the European Forum for Primary Care (EFPC), Norwegian and Greek Universities discussed about institutional care under the coordination of Prof Frode F. Jacobsen. We presented on the critical topic: **“Injuries Among Elder Residents of Institutional Care: Shortcomings and Implications for Policy”**. Emphasis placed on the risks of injuries faced by elderly residents in institutional care, including falls, mobility-related accidents, and adverse health outcomes from neglect.


🇺🇸 Systemic Shortcomings Identified:

- Inadequate Safety Measures: Limited implementation of evidence-based fall prevention programs.
- Understaffing in Care Facilities: High patient-to-caregiver ratios hinder consistent monitoring and proactive interventions.
- Policy Gaps: A lack of comprehensive, EU-wide guidelines addressing injury prevention in care settings.



Section Activities / National initiatives

Advancing Road Safety: Multi-Agency Collaboration in Cyprus

 Date: October 5th, 2024

 Location: Cyprus

We were honored to participate in a **multi-agency meeting** dedicated to enhancing **capacity building in road safety promotion**, bringing together key stakeholders from diverse sectors, including the **police, academic institutions, and NGOs**. This collaborative effort marks an essential step toward fostering a culture of safety on roads in Cyprus.



Section Activities / WHO Regional Committee for Europe

Harnessing Innovation for Public Health in the WHO European Region: A Joint Call to Action

We are thrilled to participate to the 74th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe in October 29-31 at Copenhagen with our section president Maria Papadakaki, EUPHA president, Iveta Nagyova, the executive director Charlotte Marchandise, and our new policy officer Sarah Abitbol.

At the #RC74CPH @WHO_Europe, EUPHA, alongside nine Non-State Actors, presented a joint statement emphasizing the importance of innovation as a cornerstone for advancing public health. with live joint statements on health and safety topics.



Section Activities / Our Scientific Publications

We're excited to share our latest research: **"Mental health impairment and recovery after a road traffic injury. Where do we stand in Europe?"** published in *Frontiers in Public Health* (2024).

This study explores the significant impact of road traffic injuries on mental health across Europe, shedding light on:

🧠 The prevalence of mental health challenges like PTSD, depression, and anxiety among survivors.

📄 The barriers to psychological recovery.

🔑 The urgent need for integrating mental health support into post-crash care systems.

Road safety is not just about physical recovery—it's about addressing the unseen scars too. This publication emphasizes the importance of a holistic approach to rehabilitation for road traffic injury survivors.

Read the full article here:

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Mental health impairment and recovery after a road traffic injury: where do we stand in Europe?

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Individuals sustaining road traffic injuries (RTIs) have been shown to run an increased risk of impaired mental health over time and delayed recovery. It is often the case that mental health symptoms get less clinical attention among individuals sustaining RTIs and therefore psychological support tends to be delayed. Effective management of these aspects in a clinical setting is still challenging in Europe due to health systems' unpreparedness to predict the risk of poor mental health outcomes among survivors and appropriately intervene. Although a considerable amount of research is available in Australia, Canada and the US, the problem is still under-investigated in Europe. This paper reports on a review of the literature, which aims at identifying and presenting the latest research on the predisposing risk factors of poor mental health recovery among individuals sustaining an RTI in Europe. The review identified a huge mental health burden remaining long after the road traffic incident and a complex interplay of factors affecting mental health recovery after an RTI. Several challenges have been identified including the lack of a consistent definition for mental health recovery, the use of heterogeneous instruments and non-consistent epidemiological approaches and the lack of data collection mechanisms in Europe to capture the true impact of injuries. The paper concludes that existing efforts to fully understand the mental health outcomes of RTI patients remain inconsistent in Europe and offers evidence-based solutions to guide public health research and policy.

Other interesting publications by our members:

- Risk perceptions and risk behavior among children attending a road safety education program in Greece, *European Journal of Public Health*, 34, Issue Supplement_3, November 2024, ckae144.1959, <https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckae144.1959>
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- Traffic injury mortality trends in children and young people aged 0 to 19 years by road users from 1998 to 2020 in Lithuania. *Medicina (Kaunas)* 2024;60(Supplement 1):114

Section Activities / Participation in Scientific Committees



“Improving quality and patient Safety in surgical care through Standardisation and harmonisation of perioperative care in Europe”

EUPHA INJ section is represented by its president in the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) of Horizon project (HORIZON-HLTH-2021-CARE-05-01) titled “Improving quality and patient Safety in surgical care through Standardisation and harmonisation of perioperative care in Europe (SAFEST)”. The SAFEST project aims at improving patient safety practices before, during, and after surgery; and eventually, decrease surgical complications. One specific goal of SAFEST study is to identify practices that will lead to safer care. The project looks at the entire journey before, during, and after surgery and aims at: a) identifying and agreeing on a unified set of perioperative practices based on evidence, and b) promoting their implementation across Europe involving healthcare professionals, patients, and other stakeholders. The President of EUPHA INJ participated in a diverse panel of experts from 13 countries and engaged in a delphi study that sought to determine which indicators should be prioritised for patient safety in perioperative care. The Delphi consisted of 2 online surveys (eDelphi) and a Consensus Conference which took place in Brussels, Belgium on March 28-29, 2023. A Focus Group study was also carried out on the 9th of July 2024, about the Core Outcome Set (COS) for Patient Safety in Perioperative Care.

VIPROM (Victim Protection in Medicine)



EUPHA INJ section is represented by its president in the Advisory Expert Board (AEB) of a new project, which received co-funding from the European Union’s CERV-2022-DAPHNE program and is titled “Victim Protection in Medicine (VIPROM)”. VIPROM aims at developing curricula on domestic violence tailored to the medical profession groups such as physicians, nurses, midwives, dentists, other healthcare professionals, and medical students in close cooperation with medical faculties, hospitals, research organisations, medical educators and victim protection organisations in Austria, Germany, Greece, Italy and Sweden. The goal is to provide sustainable, organisationally embedded, and institutionally recognised training for professionals from different medical fields. Train-the-trainer programs will be conducted so that the curricula developed in VIPROM can be implemented in pilot trainings in each of the stakeholder groups with high quality.

Section Activities / Communication with our members

Steering Committee Meeting Dates: Virtual meetings 26.01.2024; 03.04.2024; 12.09.2024; Face-to-face meetings: 27.05.2024 Klaipeda, Lithuania, 19.06.2024 Heraklion, Greece; 13.11.2024 Lisbon, Portugal.

Klaipeda, Lithuania, May 2024



Heraklion Greece, June 2024



Lisbon Portugal, November 2024



Members were invited to:

- **express their interest in taking part in seminars and other events relevant to:** a) injury prevention strategies, b) epidemiology of injuries, c) cultural competency, d) risk factors/hazard recognition, e) incident investigation, f) regulations and enforcement, g) safe environments, h) personal protective equipment, i) emergency planning, j) health care treatment, k) interdisciplinary care, l) injury cost analysis.
- **express their interest in:** a) running a survey, b) reviewing local/national literature, c) offering country statistics, d) delivering an educational course, e) organizing a local event, f) promoting Section activities locally or nationally, g) translating Section material to local language, h) organizing workshop for the section meeting at EUPHA conference, i) engaging in other ways.

Annual Section Meeting

JOIN THE NETWORK Injury prevention and safety promotion

Wednesday 13th November 2024

Lisbon Time: 14:00-15:00 Room 5A

Our "Join the Network" meeting allowed us to have an open discussion, share insights and collectively work towards injury prevention and safety promotion. We encourage you to join this meeting and bring along your research ideas and priorities, as we want to make sure that all voices are heard, and all individuals are represented in the section's activities.



EUPHA Section Council meeting

12-13 February 2024, Utrecht, the Netherlands
making plans for EPH 2024 in Lisbon!



Section Activities / Communication with our members

- NEWSLETTERS

- March 2024 (https://eupha.org/section_newsletter.php?s=S_IPSP&issue=495)
- October 2024 (https://eupha.org/section_newsletter.php?s=S_IPSP&issue=554)

- LINKEDIN

- Section news are posted regularly via the president's LinkedIn account.

- TWITTER (X)

- Section news are posted at bi-monthly basis (@EuphaInjury)



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Section Activities / Our surveys

The CHIVI project

The CHILD Vigilance project (CHIVI), a European study supported by the Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion Section was presented as part of INJURY PREVENTION oral presentations during EPH 2024 in Lisbon. The study aims at assessing parenting knowledge and attitudes that are relevant to supervision and risk taking in children.

The CHIVI project is a European study supported by the Injury Prevention & Safety Promotion Section of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA INJ) and aims at assessing parenting beliefs and perceptions that are relevant to supervision and risk taking in children. CHIVI aims at exploring the link between parental risk perceptions and supervision practices with the risk of unintentional injuries due to accidents, in children up to 14 years. The information is gathered via an online survey, through parent associations and school authorities in the EU countries represented in EUPHA INJ Section. The study will make it possible to identify the most frequent type and mechanisms of unintentional injuries due to home and leisure time accidents in children based on injury profiles and prevalent parental perceptions. The study further will identify areas of prevention to be included in health education and community-oriented programmes, within the scope of promoting safety at home.

More specifically, CHIVI project will generate evidence on:

- The prevalence of home and leisure time injuries in children up to 14 years.
- Parents' beliefs and risk perceptions.
- Parents' supervision practices.
- Factors affecting parents' risk perception.
- Factors affecting parents' supervision and prevention practices.
- Factors affecting the prevalence of home and leisure time injuries among children up to 14 years.

ETHICAL APPROVAL: INSA-IM60_05/07.02.2023

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST AND COLLECT DATA IN YOUR COUNTRY: tatiana.alves@insa.min-saude.pt

Member survey

EUPHA Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Section runs an ongoing member survey on how the section can better serve their professional and educational needs, ensure the most value for their membership and work more systematically to advance their engagement in safety promotion.

The survey can be found here: <https://forms.gle/7ZNXoaVzBbGLZwJ29>

