



Minutes Join the network meeting / 10 November 2023

EUPHA Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion section (EUPHA-INJ)

Welcome

The section president Maria Papadakaki:

- Welcomed the new members and invited all attendees to introduce themselves.
- Presented the section's aim, objectives and priority areas during 2023.
- Defined the aim, the importance and expectations from the 2023 JTN annual meeting.
- Described the procedures and the rules to be followed throughout the meeting.
- Introduced the agenda of the 2023 JTN meeting.

Agenda

- **10'** welcome & members' introduction.
- **10'** Overview of section's activities during 2023.
- **15'** Action plan for 2024 - Opportunities for members' engagement.
- **20'** Members' special interests & suggestions for new activities.
- **5'** participation in members' survey.

Activities of the section in 2023

- 5 Steering Committee meetings (3 virtual & 2 face-to-face)
- 1 EU-wide project on child injuries and parents' supervision practices (CHIVI project).
- 2 section newsletters & multiple twitter/linkedin posts.
- 2 EPH 2023 workshops (Injury classification / patient safety).
- 3 EUPHA representations in international/European Conferences (ICTR2023, EU-SAFETY 2023, EMA 2023)
- 2 proposals submitted for funding under the Horizon Program (1 approved)
- 2 participations to the advisory/scientific committees of EU-funded projects (SAFEST project / VIPROM project)
- 11 individual scientific contributions of Steering Committee members to injury prevention topics.
- 1 expert advisory support for the development of injury surveillance system
- 1 feedback to EU consultation on child protection systems
- 1 position paper on road safety (in preparation)

Discussion Topics

- Road traffic injuries: Greater investment in behavioural change, expertise in social and behavioural sciences.
- Child injuries: Missing strong information systems, Missing child injury indicators, standardized tools, procedures, Variations in legal policies on reporting requirements.
- Occupational injuries: New working conditions, Deviations in terms or compliance with health and safety requirements, Complex access of workers to social protection and social rights.
- Injury inequalities: Multilevel factors that influence behaviour, environments, and outcomes (individual, family, and community), Coordinated approach required for effective injury prevention strategies.

- Injury Data collection-analysis-reporting: Need for harmonization of data collection methods, definitions and classifications across countries, Comprehensive set of injury indicators that reflect the burden of injury in the long-term, Data linkage, Coordination and collaboration among stakeholders.
- Trauma care: Variations in trauma system maturity and design, development depends on national circumstances and challenges, Appointment of trauma centers is still unfulfilled in several countries enforcement of trauma education and training is suboptimal, Primary health care not ready to record injuries.

Who wants to become more active

- Agreed to develop one-page country profiles using infographics
- Agreed to continue the Safety Talks Series during the Public Health Week

Ideas for workshop activities next year

- Injury investigation:
 - Introductory research methodology seminar for young primary care professionals
- Injury treatment:
 - *Addressing the mental health burden of injuries.*
 - *Health policy and long term rehabilitation needs.*

Suggestions from participants

- New areas of interest in injury prevention and management
 - *Primary health care in injuries*
 - *Injuries and com-morbidity*
 - *Social benefits for injuries*
 - *Child injuries*
- Professional resources
 - *Collect scientific evidence on the burden of injuries for primary care professionals (e.g. functionality, DALYS)*
- Networking
 - Strengthen collaboration with WHO, European Safe Community Network

Attendants:

Participants from Greece, Norway, Portugal, Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Spain