



# EU REPORT

## European Academy of Paediatrics

### AT A GLANCE: HIGHLIGHTS

**Universal Children's Day 2016** - On the occasion of the Universal Children's Day, the European Parliament has gathered some relevant information on what the European Union is doing to protect children's rights and ensure their wellbeing (e.g. protection of children, recent EU action, overall measures of child wellbeing, etc.), and the key areas in which it is taking action. Read [more](#).

**European Medicines Agency** - Webinar on 1 December: *How can clinical research networks support developers of medicines for children?* will showcase the benefits of working with the European Medicines Agency, and the clinical research networks it represents in the development of medicines for children. Read [more](#).

**WHO Europe launches the Knowledge Hub on Health and Migration** - It aims to provide both a scientific and capacity-building forum to those who deal directly with the health aspects of migration, and to develop and improve public policies and interventions in this regard. Read [more here](#) and [here](#).

**WHO Europe on measles and rubella** - The results from the 5th annual meeting of the European Regional Verification Commission for Measles and Rubella Elimination (RVC) - published on 23 November - showed that measles and rubella are on the right track towards their total elimination. Yet, more needs to be done to reach the elimination target. Read [more](#).

**Memorandum of Understanding signed between the European Committee of the Regions and WHO/Europe**. The agreement builds on previous collaborations between the two institutions which have - through the years - contributed to fostering local involvement in health topics, particularly, through two main projects: Healthy Cities Project and the Regions for Health Network. Read [more](#).

**Call for proposals by the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency / Chafea relating to Public Health: (STILL OPEN) (i) Pilot project** — Primary prevention courses for girls living in areas with higher risk of breast cancer. Read [more](#) ;

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(ii) Pilot project — Establishing a Registry of Rare Congenital Malformations (as part of the Rare Diseases Registry), drawing on the structure, organization and experience of the Registry of Congenital Malformations. Read [more](#).

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## INSIDE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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**Health Promotion & Primary Prevention-Exchange of Good Practices** held at the European Parliament the past 29 November on the latest findings and trends in the fields of preventive health, health promotion and the primary prevention of diseases and disabilities. More information about this workshop will be available in the next number of the EAP report.

**Antimicrobial Resistance** - Overall document that gathers the efforts that the European Union is currently carrying out to address the rise of antimicrobial resistance perceived as an emerging pressing public health issue. Read [more](#).

**Paediatric Medicines Regulation** - Although it entered into force in 2006 and was revised in 2013 (five - year report), the European Commission has launched a new consultation for the ten-year report regarding the regulation to ensure that medicines for use in children aged 0 to 17 years are of high quality, ethically researched and authorised appropriately. Deadline for replies: 20 February 2017. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

**Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection (recast)** - The proposal for a recast introduces substantial changes with the aim of further and greater harmonising reception standards across all Member States. Read [more](#).

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## BRIEFINGS

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**Antimicrobial Resistance** - The European Commission's Directorate General on Health and Food Safety has dedicated its recent newsletter (24 November 2016) to the topic of antimicrobial resistance. Read [more](#).

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**European Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health** - All the presentations and reports presented at the plenary session that took place the past 24 November in Brussels on topics such as nutrition education, childhood obesity, are now available online. Read [more](#).

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## GENERAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

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**Economic and Social Research Institute** - [Cherishing all the children equally? Ireland 100 years on from the Easter ring](#). Based on the Growing up in Ireland study (Ireland's most important national longitudinal study of children), this book aims at improving the collective understanding of children and young people in the country today. Read [more](#).

**RAND Europe** - [Early Childhood Education and Care \(ECEC\) and its long-term effects on educational and labour market outcomes](#). This brief shows the available evidence on the short and long term outcomes of the provision of ECEC in the European context. Read [more](#).

**RAND Europe** - [Maternity leave policies](#). The document examines the relationship between maternity leave provisions across EU countries and the health benefits for children in relation with the breastfeeding of very young babies (up to 6 months of age). Read [more](#).

**WHO Europe** - [Tackling food marketing to children in a digital world: trans-disciplinary perspectives \(2016\)](#). The report gathers up-to-date information on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children, and the changes that have occurred in recent years, particularly due to the digital marketing. Read [more](#).

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## MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Rare Best Practices Website** - The website brings together clinical practice guidelines on rare diseases including guidelines on all aspects of care, from diagnostic tests through to treatments and organisation of care. Documents may be identified by disease name, title or by using the search facility. Read [more](#), [here](#).

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## HOW TO NAVIGATE EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS: HINTS & TIPS

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*This monthly report is based on many informative and official sources dealing with European affairs that are relevant for European paediatricians. For example, we consult: information from the European Parliament (various EP committees and the monthly plenary session), the European Commission (mainly Directorate-General Health and Food Safety), European agencies dealing with various relevant policy topics (food security, control and prevention of diseases, medicines), as well as news services such as POLITICO Brussels, EuroActiv, etc.*

*To deepen EAP members' understanding of all the institutions and organizations referred to, this section will provide background information about each of them on monthly basis.*