



EU REPORT

European Academy of Paediatrics

AT A GLANCE: HIGHLIGHTS

World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe - As part of its yearly recommendation, WHO calls on health care workers to get vaccinated against influenza due to their higher risk of contracting it. Read [more](#).

European Medicines Agency - A new 'cluster' on rare diseases has been set up, jointly with the United States Food and Drug Administration. The objective is to share experiences and best practices on the development of medicines for this type of diseases. Read [more](#).

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control - Launch of two handbooks and related assessment tools to strengthen the preparedness and surveillance in migrant reception centres in EU/ EEA member states. Read [more](#).

European Food Safety Authority - As part of the review of reference values for nutrients and energy intakes established in 1993, the EFSA has set dietary reference values for the intake of vitamin D. Read [more](#).

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

INSIDE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

'Towards an m-Health Framework for Europe' - Joint Public Hearing of the ITRE and ENVI European Parliament Committees held at the European Parliament the past 13 October on the current state and potential of mobile Health in Europe. The main goal of the discussion was to debate how to overcome the barriers to better integrated care and ensure better prevention and monitoring through health and well-being apps.

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The discussion gathered together expert speakers representing industry, research and Member States. Read [more](#) about the experts' presentations on the topic.

(Please note that the [ITRE Committee's](#) areas of responsibility relate to industry, research and energy, specially working in subtopics such as the European industrial sector and its need to become more innovative, European small and medium enterprises, the European digital market, and the common energy policy. The [ENVI Committee](#) is the one responsible for the environment, public health and food safety).

BRIEFINGS

European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs and the Economic Policy Committee - Joint Report on policy challenges for health care and long term care. Read [more](#).

Developing health technology assessment in the European Union - European Parliament Briefing. The health technology assessment consists on a research-based tool to support decision-making in healthcare, and how it can be used to improve the quality and efficiency of public health interventions and the sustainability of healthcare systems. Read [more](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control - [Expert opinion on rotavirus vaccination in infancy](#). Its aim is to provide EU/EEA Member States with relevant scientific information and expert opinion to support the decision-making process on the possible introduction and monitoring of routine vaccination of infants against rotavirus-induced gastroenteritis. Read [more](#).

European Centre for International Political Economy - [Addressing the crisis of tomorrow: the sustainability of European health systems](#). Paper on the emerging trends and challenges that are likely to have an increasing impact on health systems and EU citizens in the next decades. Read [more](#).

EUROSTAT (European Statistics) - [Data from the last European Health Interview Survey](#) reveals differences on consumption of fruit and / or vegetables in persons aged over 15 and between EU member states. The European health interview survey aims at measuring among

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Member States the health status, health determinants as well as use of health care services of the EU citizens. Read [more](#).

MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

This section is dedicated to information of general interest shared by EAP members for publication. If you are interested to refer any article, report, announcement, etc., please do so by writing to the following e-mail address: eapreport@gmail.com

We are looking forward to receiving your contributions.

HOW TO NAVIGATE EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS: HINTS & TIPS

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.

In this issue: The EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

What is the EESC?

The EESC was set up by the 1957 Rome Treaties in order to involve economic and social interest groups in the establishment of the common market and to provide institutional machinery for briefing the European Commission and the Council of Ministers on European Union issues.

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is a consultative body of the European Union. It is committed to European integration and strengthening the democratic legitimacy and effectiveness of the European Union by enabling civil society organisations from the Member

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States to express their views at European level. For example: European Public Health Alliance, Eurochild, European Foundations Centre, Social Services Europe, European Volunteer Centre, etc.

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Competencies on health issues

The EESC has an advisory role on the topic. Some of the recent opinions on health:

New psychoactive substances - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 as regards information exchange, early warning system and risk assessment procedure on new psychoactive substance

Protection from cancer-causing chemicals - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work

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