



EU REPORT

European Academy of Paediatrics

AT A GLANCE: HIGHLIGHTS

Call for Expression of Interest - The European Commission is launching a selection procedure to appoint Civil Society representatives to the Pediatric Committee (PDCO) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in London. Read [more](#).

Call for Experts - This database is open to scientists wishing to contribute to the work of the Scientific Committees on specific issues, on an ad-hoc basis, as members of working groups or for scientific hearings and workshops, including in the field of public health. Read [more](#).

Launch of Joint Call to Members to the European Parliament - Nearly 40 children's rights, family, consumer, public health, alcohol control, and medical organisations have signed a joint call addressed to members to the European Parliament this past 27 September asking for more ambitious action to free Europe's children, youths and parents from aggressive marketing of products harmful to health and future well-being. Read [more](#).

European Association for Children in Hospital (EACH) - 21-24 September 2016. During the 13th bi-annual conference that took place in Utrecht (Netherlands), the member organisations of EACH passed a Resolution on continuity of care for sick children of refugee seeking families. Read [more](#).

World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe - During their 66th session in Copenhagen, from 12 to 15 September, the Regional Committee for Europe have adopted the strategy and action plan for refugee and migrant health in the WHO European Region. Read [more](#).



INSIDE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Workshop on EU access to medicines - The purpose of this workshop held at the European Parliament in Brussels on Thursday 14 July 2016 was to discuss the latest trends and the current situation as regards the availability of affordable medicines in Europe, to present a range of EU initiatives, and to raise awareness on prices, accessibility, acceptability, affordability and availability of medicines in the EU. The summary of all the presentations and discussions of the workshop on access to medicines, [here](#).

BRIEFINGS

Special information on health systems - The European Commission's Directorate General on Health and Food Safety has dedicated its recent newsletter (15 September 2016) to the topic of health systems ('Health for All and All for Health!'). This edition of the newsletter aims at showcasing the work the European Commission is carrying out to make health systems more effective, resilient and accessible. Read [more](#).

The news letter also includes announcement, among others issues, of the following events scheduled for October:

- The Fifth European Nursing Congress - Rotterdam, 4-7 October 2016. More info, [here](#).
- First EU Mental Health Compass Forum - Luxembourg, 6-7 October 2016. More info, [here](#).
- Conference: "Towards amplified awareness of EU rights to cross-border care" - Brussels, 24 October 2016. More info, [here](#).

In its 2nd newsletter of September (published on 29 September 2016), the European Commission's Directorate General on Health and Food Safety has dedicated the bi-weekly publication to the topic of cross-border health threats ('Preparedness for cross-border health threats'). Read [more](#).

A new vision for Global Health - European Parliament Briefing. Based on the recent call upon the European Commission, this document details the need for a programme for action in global health as well as a plan for establishing universal health coverage. Read [more](#).

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GENERAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

Scientific and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) - Robotic Applications Will Bring About Major Changes In Healthcare. Report on the use of Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) in healthcare and impacting the lives of patients. Read [more](#).

World Health Organisation and European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies - Special issue on 'Demographics and Diversity in Europe: New Solutions for Health' (2016) on the occasion of the 19th European Health Forum Gastein. It also includes a chapter on life-course vaccination. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

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.

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COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

What is the CoR?

Created in 1994, the Committee of the Regions is the voice of regions and cities in the European Union. It is formed by 350 members, regionally and locally elected representatives from the 28 EU countries

It has 6 commissions covering competences in the following policy areas based on the EU Treaties: (i) Employment, vocational training, economic and social cohesion, social policy, health; Education and culture; (ii) Environment, climate change, energy; (iii) Transport and trans-European networks; (iv) Civil protection and services of general interests.

The Treaties of the European Union state that the European Commission and the Council of the European Union must consult the Committee of the Regions whenever new proposals are made in areas that have repercussions at regional or local level.

Competencies on health issues

The Commission for Natural Resources (NAT) coordinates the Committee of the Regions' work in the following areas: Rural Development and CAP, fisheries, food production, maritime policy, **public health**, consumer protection, forestry, civil protection, tourism.

Health - related topics being currently discussed within the area of public health are: EU Strategy on alcohol - related issues, m-health, etc.

More information, [here](#).