



# EU REPORT

## European Academy of Paediatrics

### AT A GLANCE: HIGHLIGHTS

**ECHI Data Tool** - The ECHI (European Core Health Indicators) data tool is a graphic tool and an interactive application to present relevant and comparable information on health at European level. The tool presents a list of indicators, among which health status (infant mortality, perinatal mortality, etc.), health services (vaccination coverage in children, medical technologies, medicinal use, etc.) and health promotions (policies) are included. It is the result of a long-term cooperation between the EU Member States and the European Commission. These new data cover until 2014. Read [more](#).

**Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency Call for Tenders** - Concerning 2 studies: a study on the added value of the strategic and life-course approach to vaccination and a study on shortcomings related to low vaccination coverage in health care workers. Read [more](#).

### INSIDE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Exchange of views with Minister Mr Tomáš Drucker, Slovak Minister of Health, on priorities on health for the second semester 2016.** As part of the new Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the following legislative files of interest will be tackled in the realm of health: (i) food safety: GMOs, (ii) discussion of the issue of tuberculosis, in terms of treatment, multi drug resistance and vaccination. Read [more](#) (more information will be available in due course).

**Workshop on Improving outcomes for critically ill children: Innovation and research translated to save lives.** Under the auspices of the European Parliament's Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) and organised by the European Critical Care Foundation (ECCF) and the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC), the discussion that took place the past 29 June revolved around the latest research on the benefits of new ways of delivering care for critically ill children. Read [more](#) for further information about guest speakers and their presentations.

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### **Workshop on 'The fight against cancer is a team sport: The role of education and sport'**

With the purpose of providing background information and advice for members on the latest findings and trends in the field of cancer prevention and potential contribution of education and sports, this workshop took place the past 13 July at the European Parliament. Read [more](#) for further information about guest speakers and their presentations.

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## BRIEFINGS

**Special information on vaccination** - The European Commission's Directorate General on Health and Food Safety has dedicated its latest monthly newsletter (July 2016) to the topic of vaccination ('Vaccination- make the better choice') covering a whole range of aspects such as: vaccines shortages, percentages of population vaccinated, and other information of interest. Read [more](#).

**Report on Zika vector control measures in the European Union** - Compiled report covering aspects related to the Zika virus such as the state of the epidemic, mosquito control, vector control methods in the field, etc. Read [more](#). Also, as part of the regular monitoring of the Zika virus outbreak, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), has published its new epidemiological update. Read [more](#).

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## GENERAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

**European Parliamentary Research Service** - '[Child poverty in the European Union. The crisis and its aftermath](#)'. Amongst European policy priorities in the social field, the reduction of poverty, including child poverty, are a priority. This document addresses the determinants of child poverty as well as the EU child poverty reduction policy. Read [more](#).

**World Health Organisation and European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies** - '[Investing in Health Literacy: What do we know about the co-benefits to the education sector of actions targeted at children and young people?](#)'. This report seeks to highlight the benefits of implementing actions to improve health literacy outside the health sector that can positively influence education and academic performance, as well as bring long-term benefits in the life course. Read [more](#).

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## MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

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We are looking forward to receiving your contributions.

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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.*

### **COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

The European Council consists of the heads of state or government of the EU member states, together with its President and the European Commission President. It is where national ministers from each EU country meet in order to adopt laws and coordinate policies.

Even though it is a single legal entity, it adopts 10 different 'configurations', depending on the subject being discussed. Council meetings are regularly attended by representatives from each member state at a ministerial level. Therefore, participants can be ministers or state secretaries, and they have the right to commit the government of their country and cast its vote.

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The Council takes its decisions by a simple majority, qualified majority or unanimous vote, depending on the decision that needs to be taken.

The Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council configuration (EPSCO) is the one in charge of increasing employment levels and improve living and working conditions, **ensuring a high level of human health** and consumer protection in the EU.

It is up to national governments to organise healthcare and ensure that it is provided. The EU's role is to **complement** national policies.

For more information, click [here](#).