



EU REPORT

European Academy of Paediatrics

AT A GLANCE: HIGHLIGHTS

European Commissioner for Food and Health, Vytenis Andriukaitis, announced the State of Health in the European Union Initiative for 2016 - 17 - On 17 June the Commissioner Andriukaitis announced this initiative that aims at bringing together internationally renowned expertise to provide Member States with evidence on health that is relevant to their specific country. Read [more](#).

Call for expression of interest on Public Health - Until 26 July, the European Commission is seeking experts, covering a wide range of disciplines, interested in joining an independent expert panel, to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health. Topics of interest for the Commission are (among others): primary care, hospital care, integrated care models, pharmaceutical expenditure, research and development, disease prevention and health promotion, links with the social protection sector, cross-border issues, system financing, information systems and health inequalities. Read [more](#).

INSIDE THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Agreement of Members of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee on safer medical devices and in - vitro diagnostic medical devices (legislation in process). After more than two years of negotiations, Members of the ENVI Committee agreed this 17 June on plans for stricter monitoring and certification procedures to ensure full compliance and traceability of medical devices. The agreement will be put for vote by the Full House in 2017. Read [more](#).

Energy drinks and their claims on increasing alertness or concentration asked to be vetoed during the next plenary session in July - Given the high consumption of this kind of drinks among adolescents and also children, members of the ENVI Committee voted to call upon the Parliament as a whole to veto the legislation proposal in July session. Read [more](#).

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Workshop on 'The fight against cancer is a team sport: The role of education and sport' to take place at the European Parliament next 13 July. Further information about this workshop and its main conclusions will be included in the next edition of the EAP Report.

Workshop on 'EU options for improving access to medicines' to take place at the European Parliament next 14 July. Further information about this workshop and its main conclusions will be included in the next edition of the EAP Report.

BRIEFINGS

Connecting Health Systems in Europe. The European Commission has released a new leaflet giving an overview of eHealth initiatives that already exist in the European Union and their expected benefits. Read [more](#).

Conclusions of the European Initiative “We Love Eating”. The conclusions of this project aimed to promote healthy lifestyles across Europe will now support policy-making. Targeting children, pregnant women and older people, it encouraged conscious eating and promoting more physical activity in daily life, offering realistic ways to adopt a healthier and more active lifestyle. Read [more](#).

Conclusions of the Council of the European Union. Health Ministers of the European Union Members States gathered on 17 June and agreed on the need of all EU member states to have Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Plans by mid-2017. Read [more](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control - ‘Preparing for Zika in the EU’ (Policy Briefing). This document highlights preparedness measures that can minimise the risk of Zika virus spreading in continental Europe, primarily to protect pregnant women and women who wish to become pregnant, considering the evidence of the association between Zika virus and congenital malformations of the brain of the developing foetus. Read [more](#).

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control - ‘Systematic review on the incubation and infectiousness/shedding period of communicable diseases in children’. This report gathers a systematic literature review on the control of communicable diseases in schools or other childcare settings using the following key parameters: 1. incubation period; 2. period of

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infectiousness and/or the duration of shedding; and 3. exclusion period for 30 of the most common childhood infections or those of particular concern. Read [more](#).

Quarterly of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies. Priorities for health systems strengthening in the WHO European Region (Ljubljana Charter 1996 – 2016). To have access to the special issue, click [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

Eurochild Conference 'Children's Rights Matter: Why Europe needs to invest in children' 5-7 July, Brussels.

(EAP will be represented at the conference by Belgian Delegate Dr. Armando Barillari)

Conference where participants, both young and old, will have the opportunity to learn and reflect on how policies and services promote the rights of all children in the five sub-themes: education, early years, health promotion, family strengthening, social protection and welfare support. Download the programme, [here](#)

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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The European Commission (EC) is the executive branch of the European Union. It proposes new legislation to the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, and it ensures that EU law is correctly applied by member countries. The term 'Commission' refers to both the [28 Commissioners](#) and the wider institution itself. For more information, click [here](#).

The Directorate General in charge of Health is 'Directorate-General - DG Health and Food Safety'.

Their work aims at achieving these goals:

- protect and improve public health,
- ensure Europe's food is safe and wholesome,
- protect the health and welfare of farm animals,
- protect the health of crops and forests.

For more information about this Directorate- General (Health), click [here](#).