



## **EUPHA supports UK public health practitioners and researchers following the Brexit referendum**

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The European Public Health Association (EUPHA) wishes to express its solidarity with public health practitioners and researchers in the United Kingdom following the outcome on the Brexit referendum. Both our UK member organisations, the Society for Social Medicine and the Faculty of Public Health, after sounding out their respective memberships, had supported that the UK remain part of the European Union. It is understandable that the outcome is therefore a highly disappointing one for them.

EUPHA believes that as a European public health community, our role is to continue to work closely with the United Kingdom and with our British colleagues to implement our vision for public health in Europe and beyond. The need to advocate for good health for all which can only be achieved if the prerequisites of peace, social justice and solidarity prevail, is now more important than ever. EUPHA recognises the strong contribution that public health scientists and practitioners in the United Kingdom have made to the development of European Public Health over the past decades and calls upon UK public health professionals to maintain and strengthen their contribution through the strong links forged in European scientific and professional organisations. EUPHA calls upon political leaders to ensure that during ensuing negotiations, safeguarding the health of citizens in the UK and in the rest of the European Union is considered as a priority.

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**Note to editors:** The European Public Health Association, or EUPHA in short, is an umbrella organisation for public health associations and institutes in Europe. EUPHA was founded in 1992. EUPHA now has 71 members from 41 countries: • 40 national associations of public health • 18 institutional members • 9 European NGOs • 4 individual members. EUPHA is an international, multidisciplinary, scientific organisation, bringing together around 14,000 public health experts for professional exchange and collaboration throughout Europe. We encourage a multidisciplinary approach to public health. Our vision is of improved health and reduced health inequalities for all Europeans. We seek to support our members to increase the impact of public health in Europe, adding value to the efforts of regions and states, national and international organisations, and individual public health experts.