

## Summary 17th European Public Health Conference 2024, Lisbon, Portugal

### **Delegates**

For the first time in the history of EUPHA/EPH conferences, we had to partially close the registration of delegates one month before the start of the conference. With 3,000 delegates, we have reached the maximum number of delegates allowed by the conference venue, CCL, Lisbon. Due to fire and safety regulations, we are not allowed to admit more people.

Almost 500 of our delegates have registered as students or trainees, and 97 delegates are coming from the host country, Portugal. The Lusophone Conference has attracted almost 125 delegates.

### **Abstracts**

We received a record number of 3,364 abstracts of which 312 were for workshops. The numbers exceed the numbers we received for Dublin 2023 conference when we received 2,550 abstracts of which 257 for workshops.

The average score for single abstracts was 4.478 on a scale 1 to 7 (Dublin 2023: 4.478, the average score for workshops was 4.913 (Dublin 2023: 5,031). Single abstracts were scored by an average of 4.45 reviewers (Dublin 2023: 4,46), workshops by 4.69 reviewers (Dublin 2023: 3.94).

With the increasing number of abstracts, we have experienced serious capacity problems in our parallel programme, resulting in lower acceptance rates. The initial acceptance rate for workshops in Lisbon 2024 was 39.4% (Dublin 2023: 46.7%). Given this low percentage, we decided to create two more conference tracks, allowing for an additional 44 workshop abstracts to be included in the programme. This increased the acceptance rate to levels comparable to recent years: 53.5%. With 16 regular Conference tracks and 11 time slots, we had room for 176 regular sessions and 44 in the newly created Pecha Kucha tracks.

For Lisbon 2024, we accepted 2,069 single abstracts were accepted (acceptance rate 68.1%): 333 oral and pitch presentations and 1,736 poster presentations and displays.

The E-poster programme includes around 330 abstracts for moderated poster walks and 1,400 for poster displays only. The same cut-off point as in 2023 and 2022 was applied (4,200).

### **Abstract tutoring programme**

In total, 21 abstracts were reviewed by 15 reviewers (Dublin 2023: 25 abstracts. by 16 reviewers. Of this year's 21 abstracts 15 were finally submitted and 10 were accepted (67%). Last year, the success rate was much higher than last year (90%) with 20 abstracts finally submitted and 18 accepted.

A detailed analysis of the abstract scoring and selection is provided in the meeting of the International Scientific Committee on Friday 15 November, 12:55-13:55, Auditorium II.

### **Lunch symposiums**

There are nine lunch symposiums organised (last year six). They are not part of the parallel scientific programme. They are free to attend by registered delegates of the main EPH Conference.

*Wednesday 13 November, 12:55 – 13:55 (Lisbon time)*

- **Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) burden in older adults and the potential role of prevention in strengthening European healthcare systems**, organised by GSK
- **Commercial determinants of NCDs in the WHO European Region: A call to action**, organised by WHO Regional Office for Europe
- **Everything you want to know about EUPHA**, organised by EUPHA

*Thursday 14 November, 12:55 – 13:55 (Lisbon time)*

- **Crawl, Walk, Run: a commonsense approach to data and system modernization for public health and disease surveillance programmes**, organised by Conduent, Healthcare solutions
- **Late Breaker: Reimagining public health services in Ukraine: leadership and action for change amid the war**, organised by USAID, Pact, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) and European Institute of Public Health Policy (EIPHP)
- **Avoiding future Respiratory Tripleemics: what do we need to do collectively in Europe?**, organised by Sanofi

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- **Data-driven health policies: Informed decision-making for Cervical Cancer elimination in Europe**, organised by MSD
- **Mapping and changing the food environment in Europe: from theory to practice**, organised by the European Public Health Nutrition Alliance (EPHNA)
- **The making of a Public Health Leader: unveiling leadership journeys**, organised by EUPHAnxt, WHO Regional Office for Europe

### **Pre-conferences**

The full pre-conference programme with 23 sessions is held on Tuesday 12 November.

### **Networking: Join the Networks**

All EUPHA Sections, Working groups and EUPHAnxt are organising their Join the Network sessions during the conference. These meetings are open to all delegates.

### **Media representation**

Media representatives from The Lancet, Nature, PLOS ONE, Medscape, Agencia Lusa have registered.

### **Conference Statement**

The conference statement was published in October and has been signed by around 15 national public health associations and partners.

### **Accreditation**

We have applied for accreditation from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) and are waiting for the results.

### **Partners**

**Organisers:** EPH Conference, EUPHA, ANMSP, APPSP

**International partners for the plenary programme:** European Commission, WHO Regional Office for Europe, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, ASPHER, EuroHealthNet, EHMA

**Partners for specific activities (lunch symposiums)** Conduent, GSK, MSF Sanofi, WHO Regional Office for Europe, USAID, Pact, Swiss THP, European Institute of Public Health Policy (EIPHP), European Public Health Nutrition Alliance (EPHNA)

**Exhibition:**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EUPHA</li> <li>▪ EPH Conference</li> <li>▪ EUPHANxt</li> <li>▪ EuroHealthNet</li> <li>▪ ASPHER</li> <li>▪ European publishing</li> <li>▪ Springer Nature</li> <li>▪ Oxford University Press</li> <li>▪ InFact</li> <li>▪ HealthData@EU Pilot project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WHO Regional Office for Europe</li> <li>▪ European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies</li> <li>▪ European Commission / HaDEA</li> <li>▪ European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)</li> <li>▪ Conduent</li> <li>▪ Pfizer</li> <li>▪ Covidence</li> <li>▪ BioTools</li> </ul>