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The European Public Health Association, or EUPHA in short, is an umbrella organisation for public health associations in Europe. EUPHA was founded in 1992. EUPHA is an international, multidisciplinary, scientific organisation, bringing together around 17'000 public health professionals for information exchange and collaboration throughout Europe. We encourage a multidisciplinary approach to public health. Our mission is to voice knowledge, enhance capacity, be the proactive platform for public health professionals and health services researchers and be a bridge between these professionals and policymakers.

EUPHA membership benefits:

- All EUPHA members can participate in all activities of EUPHA;
- All EUPHA members can participate in the annual scientific European Public Health Conference with a membership reduction of €80.
- All full members have direct access to the electronic version of the European Journal of Public Health and can subscribe for a hard copy subscription for a significantly reduced price;
- All full members are part of the EUPHA book club where you can buy books published by our partner – Oxford University Press – at 20% discount;
- All full members of EUPHA are also members of the World Federation of Public Health Associations, at no additional charge.

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Welcome EUPHA Executive Council



Martin McKee, EUPHA president 2014-2016

Executive Council 2016

Martin McKee, President
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Dineke Zeegers Paget, EUPHA office

On behalf of the EUPHA Executive Council, it is my pleasure to present you this report summarizing our activities in 2016.

I concluded this report last year with the words “European public health will be tested in the coming year. Together, we can be strong. Let’s work together to make a confident a healthier, safer, and better place for everyone.” I could not have anticipated how appropriate they would be on the morning of 24 June, in Oslo, when I spoke on behalf of EUPHA to those attending our conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health conference, organized in association with the Norwegian Centre for Minority Health Research. I hadn’t slept, spending most of the night listening with mounting despair to the BBC news. A small majority of the British public had rejected the European ideal that had shaped my entire adult life so powerfully. The case to leave the EU had been built on blatant lies and xenophobia, culminating in the murder of a courageous young British Member of Parliament whose words and deeds exemplified everything that we, in the public health community, stand for: internationalism, solidarity, and truth. And the UK was not unique. Across Europe we have seen the rise of ultra-nationalist parties, peddling lies and hatred. Yet, even then there was hope. The audience in Oslo comprised people who had reached out to support some of the most vulnerable people in our societies, and especially the many migrants who were fleeing death and destruction in countries like Libya, Iraq, and Syria. As I listened to their presentations, it was impossible not to be inspired by their commitment. And I was incredibly proud of the role that EUPHA had played in bringing them together, to make contacts, share ideas, and to use their new knowledge to make the world a better place.

I am very pleased to report that EUPHA has had another very successful year. I want to say particular thanks to Carlo Signorelli for his incredible leadership of our conference in Milan. Indeed, he and his team organized not one conference but two, combining the European Public Health Conference seamlessly with that of the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health. Both were remarkable successes, combining academic excellence, inspirational presentations, practical guidance, and outstanding networking opportunities, enjoyed by another record-breaking number of participants. Of particular note was the range of pre-conferences and sessions organised by our sections, whose leaders do so much to take forward their specific agendas throughout the year.

As I write, we are looking forward to another record breaking attendance in Vienna. Thomas Dorner and his colleagues have continued the very high organisational standards that we have become used to and, so far, it looks like the record attendance in Milan will be broken. And looking ahead, it is clear that we have excellent teams hosting our conferences over the subsequent years. At this point I want to thank Julian Mamo who, having demonstrated his amazing organisational ability when we were in Malta a few years ago, took on the role of chair of our Conference Council.

We have continued to engage in advocacy. Our new, streamlined system for reaching agreement has enabled us to react rapidly to events. More and more we are linking with other groups promoting the health agenda, especially our friends in the European Public Health Alliance and EuroHealthNet. I also want to thank our member associations and I have been delighted to be invited to speak at a number of your meetings. I want to repeat what I said last year. Do let us know if there are issues on which we, either as EUPHA or as one of our sections, should be speaking out on. And, as I also said last year, we need your help. Please do what you can to highlight our statements in your national media.

We are strengthening our collaborations in other ways. Early in 2017 we will sign a co-operation agreement with the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, placing our longstanding and very positive relationship over many years on a formal basis. I am especially grateful to Aura Timen, who leads our section in Infectious Disease Control, for taking this forward. Aura exemplifies the energy and enthusiasm in our sections, under the inspirational leadership of the head of our Section Council, Kristina Alexanderson. Our work with the World Federation of Public Health Associations continues to strengthen, supported in particular by Walter Ricciardi, and we were delighted to be so closely involved in the production of their Global Charter, published in our journal.

Our journal has had another very successful year under the leadership of Peter Allebeck. I've just received the latest edition and it is packed with fascinating papers (I make no comment on my own there!).

As you know, this is my final year as President. I am delighted that I will be succeeded by Natasha Azzopardi Muscat. Natasha brings a wealth of experience, bridging the academic and policy worlds, as well as boundless energy and enthusiasm. I will, of course, remain as Past President and I will do everything I can to support her. I have received tremendous support from our Executive Council, a group of outstanding professionals and also, I am pleased to say, close friends. I also want to thank our pillar leads and, especially, David Stuckler, for his contribution to our Vienna Declaration, which has just been published and which should set the agenda for public health in the years to come.

Finally, I must pay tribute to the exceptional work of the team in the EUPHA office and, especially, to Dineke and Floris. Over the past few months we have begun a major organizational reform. Since our inception we have received excellent support from NIVEL, in effect functioning as part of their organization. Here I must thank our secretary Judith de Jong for her tremendous support, coordinating our links. However, in the past two years we felt that it was time to look again at how we operated, especially in the light of developments in areas such as employment law. Led expertly by our treasurer Markus Kaufmann and by Dineke, we have undertaken a comprehensive review and, following agreement by the Executive Council, we are now moving forward with implementation. This has already been a major task, and will continue to occupy Dineke for some time. But it is necessary and will make EUPHA a stronger, more resilient organization.

As I said last year, we can only succeed in what we do because we have the support of so many willing volunteers. Thank you. Without you we could do nothing.

Welcome EUPHA office



Dineke Zeegers Paget, Executive Director



Floris Barnhoorn, Deputy Director

EUPHA can look back on another successful year. The office is back in full strength and this has helped us to further several of the ambitious objectives of the Work plan 2016. We continue to successfully host the EPH conference office where a small and enthusiastic team works to support the EPH Conference Executive Board and local chairs in an ever growing conference.

The EUPHA strategy 'Voicing knowledge. Enhancing capacity.' focuses on three objectives:

1. Be a leading voice in public health.
2. Build capacity and knowledge.
3. Invest in future generations.

And in all three objectives we have been successful, as illustrated in this report. Under the pleasant and strategic guidance of the Executive Council, with the help of our sections, pillar leads, EUPHANxt coordinators, members and using our successful tools (European Journal of Public Health, website, newsletter, etc.), we continue to be at the heart of European policy discussions voicing the necessary evidence-base, which remains the backbone of our strength.

The best example of the EUPHA strategy at work was the collaboration on setting up the Vienna Declaration on health promotion:

- We – the whole EUPHA network – voiced public health clearly and loudly. We are so happy that many of our members are supporting the renewed commitment to health promotion.
- We used the existing capacity and knowledge in our network (EUPHA section on Health Promotion, Policy pillar lead and Executive Council) to formulate the Declaration, to distribute it and to support the Vienna Declaration; and
- We showed our next generation of public health professionals that even the 30-year old Ottawa charter is still as strong and accurate as ever.

We were fortunate to have the office team strengthened by our EUPHANxt coordinator, Ms Emma Honkala and by the first representative of our newly established Advisory working group, Dr Auke Wiegiersma. With the ongoing reorganisation of the office, we hope that a very much needed, long-term solution is possible for the strengthening of EUPHA office.

Our Executive Council members, several of our section presidents, representatives of our members and EUPHANxt coordinators continue to make EUPHA visible and put our concerns on the European health agenda. As Martin states: 'without so many willing volunteers, EUPHA would not be where it is now.'

Be a leading voice in public health

One of the key activities to further develop within the new strategy was for EUPHA to become a leading voice in public health. In 2016, thanks to several initiatives of our president, Martin McKee, our increased collaboration with other European NGOs and our members, and our very active EUPHA sections, we managed a large number of activities in this area.

Areas covered included, but were not limited to:

The Vienna Declaration on Health Promotion

The most visible activity this year is the Vienna Declaration, linked to the 2016 Vienna conference, where EUPHA and many of our members and partners reiterate their commitment to the principles of the Ottawa Charter of 1986. It was the first time, a conference-linked Declaration was launched before the start of the conference, asking our members and partners to support the Declaration. A large number of our members have given their support and have been listed on our website:

https://eupha.org/repository/publications/Vienna_Declaration_final_version_update24102016.pdf

The Declaration was initiated by EUPHA and the Austrian Public Health Association, to take account of new and emerging threats to public health that have arisen in the three decades since it was adopted, as well as the renewed global commitment to health set out in the Sustainable Development Goals and reiterated in the Global Charter on the Public's Health and the draft Shanghai Declaration on Health Promotion. The Vienna Declaration calls the public health community, in Europe and beyond, working at all levels, local, national, regional and global, to recognise the multi-tiered determinants of health and opportunities for action. We thank Martin McKee, David Stuckler (EUPHA Policy Pillar lead), Thomas Dorner (Chair of Vienna 2016) and Dineke Zeegers Paget for preparing the Vienna Declaration.

Call for an EU target to cut on serious road injuries

EUPHA joined several other NGOs by co-signing a letter to EU president Juncker on 25 October 2016 to demand more attention to be given to the prevention of road injuries. The letter was an initiative of the European Public Health Alliance together with the European Transport Safety Council.

Data protection

In September, EUPHA joined over 60 other NGOs in signing a position paper on Implementing the General Data Protection Regulation. This Data Protection Regulation provides a strong basis for the safe use of personal data in research. EUPHA has advocated for data protection for some years now, including the need to address the negative consequences for public health and health services research of the EU data protection regulation.

Mexico Declaration for Circulatory health

In June, EUPHA co-signed a letter to the editor of the Times newspaper in the UK adding further support to the Mexico Declaration for circulatory health that was signed by leading global health organizations at the World Congress of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Health 2016.

UK referendum

Following the outcome on the Brexit referendum, EUPHA called upon political leaders to ensure that during negotiations, safeguarding the health of citizens in the UK and in the rest of the European Union is considered as a priority. The consequences of the UK referendum are also discussed by Dineke Zeegers Paget, Natasha Azzopardi Muscat and Martin McKee

in the latest editorial of the European Journal of Public Health (*European Journal of Public Health*, 2016, Vol 26, No. 5).

Healthy and sustainable diets

The EUPHA Section on Food and Nutrition prepared a statement calling for greater alignment of health and sustainability messages on diet and nutrition. The statement was targeted towards European leaders operating in the fields of health and nutrition, food safety, consumer affairs, and environmental protection, with a view to encouraging a broader perspective on sustainable food and nutrition policy, so that the dual objectives of tackling the NCD burden of today, the population health needs of tomorrow, and planetary health in the years to come, are all best met.

Support for the UK sugar tax

In March, EUPHA joined its member organization, the UK Faculty of Public Health, in supporting the decision by the United Kingdom to implement a tax on sugar sweetened beverages. EUPHA calls upon European governments to follow the approach taken by the UK government, as part of a comprehensive strategy against obesity and encourages the European public health community to learn from those activists in Berkeley who were so successful in standing up to powerful vested interests.

Tobacco and vaping

On World No Tobacco Day, May 31, EUPHA and EUPHAnxt contributed to build a smoke-free world through a Twitter campaign “We Care”, in which we asked our followers to convince one friend to stop smoking today! The twitter campaign was retweeted several times in our network. In March, EUPHA again called upon institutional investors to disinvest from the tobacco industry.

Health research

The EUPHA Section on Public Health Monitoring and Reporting is involved in the preparation of a joint publication on various health assessment approaches. The paper is coordinated by Rainer Fehr and supported by the EUPHA sections Public Health Epidemiology, Public Health Monitoring & Reporting, Health Impact Assessment, Health Services Research, Health Technology Assessment, Public Health Practice and Policy, and Public Health Economics.

After several years of negotiation, a project to set up an ERA-net on health services research (including public health) will officially start on 1 January 2017. EUPHA is a partner in this innovative project that will boost health research in Europe.

Sexual and reproductive health

At the WHO Regional Committee meeting, EUPHA supported WHO Europe’s new Action Plan for Sexual and Reproductive Health - towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Europe – leaving no one behind. The Action plan was accepted by the WHO member and EUPHA is committed to support WHO’s activities for making the vision of the Action Plan a reality.

Antibiotic resistance

In September, EUPHA was represented by the EUPHA practice pillar lead in a Brussels meeting discussing to reinforce the role of regions in promoting and implementing “good practices” in the field of antibiotic use.

JOIN US – HELP US

We continue our efforts in advocacy to become the leading voice in public health in Europe. And for this, we need your input and your help. On our website, all our advocacy actions can be found at www.eupha.org/advocacy_by_EUPHA. The website also includes tips and tricks for becoming an advocate for our members and all those interested www.eupha.org/how-to-advocate. And don't forget to contact us if you need our help or input.

Build capacity and knowledge

EUPHA continues with the successful tools it has developed to build capacity and knowledge wherever possible. These include, but are not limited to:

- European Journal of Public Health
- EPH annual conferences
- EUPHA members
- EUPHA sections
- EUPHA pillars and working groups
- EUPHANxt
- EUPHA newsletter
- Website and social media
- European projects
- EUPHA participation in meetings and conferences

The European Journal of Public Health



The EJPH is a multidisciplinary journal in the field of public health, publishing contributions from social medicine, epidemiology, health services research, management, ethics and law, health economics, social sciences and environmental health. The EJPH is published bimonthly. The journal provides a forum for discussion and debate of current international public health issues with a focus on the European region.

Brief statistics on manuscripts

During the past year (1st October, 2015 to 30th September 2016), manuscripts have been submitted from 66 countries from all continents. The highest number of submissions with a decision were received from Italy (78), United Kingdom (77), Spain (67), Germany (60), Netherlands (56), China (56), Sweden (43), France (41), United States (34), Finland (31), Poland (26) and Portugal (26). The highest number of accepted papers originated from The United Kingdom (31), Netherlands (29), Sweden (17), Finland (17), Italy (15), France (12), Germany (10) and Spain (10).

In addition to original manuscripts published (178), 12 editorials, 10 viewpoints, 3 letters to the editor, 2 short reports, 1 commentary and 1 book review have been published from October 2015 to August 2016. In each issue of the EJPH, EUPHA organises the European public health news, with contributions from the EUPHA president; EUPHA office; WHO EURO, European Commission and the EPH Conference Foundation.

Table 1: Original manuscripts submitted and published during 2009- September 2016:

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (Oct 2015 - Sept 2016)
Manuscripts received	672	796	784	861	932	893	959	708
% accepted	29%	20%	21%	19%	17%	21%	21%	22%

Manuscripts published	104	89	125	176	186	185	195	178
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Impact factor

The impact factor increased this year to 2.751 with a five-year average of 2.789.

Table 2: The yearly impact factor and journal ranking

Year	Impact Factor	Ranking: (Public, Environmental and Occupational Health)
2015	2.751	38/173
2014	2.591	44/162
2013	2.459	49/160
2012	2.516	38/161
2011	2.728	33/158
2010	2.267	45/142
2009	2.313	41/122
2008	2.176	38/105
2007	1.910	38/100
2006	1.418	59/98
2005	1.118	63/99
2004	1.051	58/93
2003	1.281	45/89
2002	0.624	70/90

Partners

Our partners in the organization of the EJPH are:

- Oxford University Press, the official publisher of the journal;
- Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, where the editorial office is based; and
- The Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare, offering a grant to host the editorial office in Sweden.

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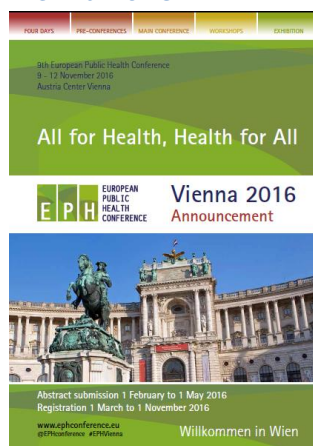
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EPH Conference

Since 2013, the separate foundation 'EPH Conference' is responsible for the organisation of the European Public Health Conferences at the initiative of EUPHA. EUPHA still provides the main input for these conferences, and collaboration has been set up with a large number of international NGOs and international organisations, including:

- EuroHealthNet
- ASPHER
- EHMA
- EPHA
- ECDC
- European Commission
- Observatory
- WHO Europe

Vienna 2016



The 9th European Public Health Conference: 'All for Health – Health for All'

is held at the Austria Conference Centre in Vienna, Austria from 9 to 12 November 2016. Organisers are: the EPH Conference Foundation, EUPHA and the Austrian Society for Public Health.

Prof. Thomas Dorner is the chair of Vienna 2016.

<http://ephconference.eu/future-conferences-33>

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Stockholm 2017



The 10th European Public Health Conference: 'Sustaining resilient and healthy communities'

will be held at the Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm, Sweden, 1 - 4 November 2017. Organisers are: the EPH Conference Foundation, EUPHA and the Swedish Association of Social Medicine.

Prof. Birger Forsberg is the chair of Stockholm 2017.

<http://ephconference.eu/future-conferences-33>

#ephstockholm

Ljubljana 2018



The 11th European Public Health Conference 2018 '**Winds of Change: towards new ways of improving public health in Europe**'

will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, 28 November- 1 December 2018

Marseille 2019



The 12th European Public Health Conference will be held in Marseille, France in 2019.

EUPHA members 2016

At the end of September 2016, we have 72 members from 41 countries:

- 37 national associations of public health
- 4 individual members from 4 countries
- 21 institutional members
- 9 International members
- 1 global member

In our database, we have 17'369 entries of which 6'165 are EUPHA members (35%). Full members of EUPHA are individuals who joined EUPHA through their membership in a national public health association. In 2016, we had 4'794 full members.

Table 4: Full members of EUPHA

Albanian Epidemiological Association	Central Asian Public Health Association - Kazakhstan
Armenian Public Health Association	Public Health Association of Latvia
Austrian Public Health Association	Lithuanian Public Health Association

Belgian Association of Public Health	Macedonian Association of Social Medicine - SZSM
Society of Social Medicine - Public Health of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Malta Association of Public Health Medicine
Partnership for Public Health – Bosnia and Herzegovina	Dutch Public Health Federation - NPHF
Bulgarian Public Health Association	Norwegian Public Health Association
Croatian Public Health Association	Polish Association of Public Health
Czech Society of Public Health and Management of Health Services	Portuguese Association for Public Health Promotion
Danish Society of Public Health	Romanian Association for Public Health
Health Promotion Union of Estonia	Serbian Public Health Association
Society for Social Medicine - Finland	SAVEZ - Slovak Public Health Association
French Society of Public Health	Slovenian Medical Society - Slovenian Preventive Medicine Society
German Society of Medical Sociology	SESPAS – Spain
German Public Health Association DGPH	Swedish Association of Social Medicine
Kooperationsverbund „Hochschulen für Gesundheit“ e. V.	Swiss Society for Public Health
Hungarian Association of Public Health Training and Research Institutions - NKE	UK Faculty of Public Health
Israeli Association of Public Health Physicians	UK Society for Social Medicine
Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health	

Institutional members:

Public Health and Reforms Center - Azerbaijan
Scientific Institute of Public Health - Belgium
Faculty of Public Health MU-Sofia - Bulgaria
National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) - Finland
EHESP - France
Mouvement et Action pour le Rétablissement Sanitaire et Social - France
School of Public Health, University of Georgia - Georgia
NRW Centre for Health – Germany
Health Research Board - Ireland
Health Services Research Laboratory-Department of Public Health - University of Siena - Italy
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Rome - Italy
Italian Barometer Diabetes Observatory – Italy
National Agency for Regional Health Services – Italy
Luxembourg Institute of Health – Luxembourg
RIVM – The Netherlands
Maastricht University, Department of International Health – The Netherlands
NIVEL – The Netherlands
National School of Public Health, Management and Professional Development – Romania
Center for Public Health Research CSISP - Spain
Karolinska Institute - Sweden
University of East London, School of Health, Sport and Bioscience - UK

Individual members:

Prof Constantinos Phellas – Cyprus
 Dr Lilia Turcan – Moldova
 Miss Serpil Keskin – Turkey
 Mr Saveliy Rudzsky – Ukraine

International members:

ASPHER
 EACH
 ESQH
 European Association for Dental Public Health
 European Forum for Primary Care
 European Health Management Association
 European Society for Prevention Research (EUSPR)
 IUHPE – Europe
 UEMS - Section for Public Health

Global member:

Public Health Perspective Nepal

EUPHA sections

EUPHA sections are networks on specific public health topics. At the moment, EUPHA has 20 active sections and one proposal for a EUPHA section on Gender and sexual minority health, to be established by the EUPHA Governing Board in November 2016.

EUPHA sections organize different activities throughout the year that range from:

- Satellite meetings;
- Project proposals;
- Newsletters;
- Mailing members;
- Representing EUPHA in advisory bodies of international organisations;
- Representing EUPHA at meetings and conferences; and
- Pre conferences and workshops linked to the EPH Conference.

Table 5: Overview of EUPHA sections' membership

EUPHA Section	No. Of members	Increase from 2015
Child and adolescent public health	1664	273
Chronic diseases	1526	213
Environment-related health	912	121
Ethics in public health	1142	177
Food and nutrition	1178	196
Health impact assessment	986	227
Health promotion	2485	383
Health services research	2090	280
Health technology assessment	479	152
Infectious diseases control	1034	138
Injury prevention and safety promotion	591	82
Migrant and ethnic minority health	1119	195
Public health economics	1287	203
Public health epidemiology	2552	343
Public health genomics	400	65

Public health monitoring and reporting	1161	254
Public health practice and policy	2376	353
Public mental health	1180	190
Sexual and gender minority health (proposed)	40	-
Social security, work and health	1019	138
Urban public health	1043	139

In Vienna 2016, the EUPHA sections are organising/co-organising:

- 14 pre conferences, with 10 sections involved;
- 31 workshops and skills building seminars, with 20 sections involved;
- 7 round tables, with 6 sections involved

All sections are organising their annual *Join the network meetings* during the conference, combining annual meetings with networking opportunities for all conference delegates.

EUPHA Pillars and working groups

At the end of 2013, the Four Pillar networks of EUPHA were restarted, of which three are currently active. The objective of the EUPHA pillars is to have specific networks set up for Research, Policy, Practice and Public health workforce and leadership, where representatives from EUPHA members and EUPHA sections discuss activities developed or to be developed by EUPHA.

In 2016, the following Pillars were active under the leadership of:

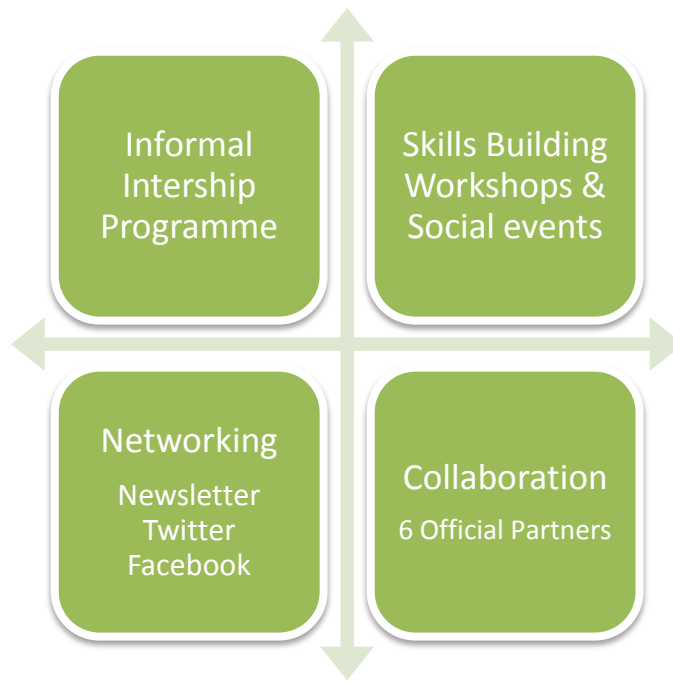
Research	Peter Groenewegen, The Netherlands
Policy	David Stuckler, United Kingdom
Practice	Silvio Brusaferro, Italy

A **working group on Public Health Leadership** was established in 2014 with Prof. Kasia Czabanowska as chair. In 2016, the report for this working group was presented to the EUPHA Governing Board to discuss next priorities for EUPHA.

In 2016, EUPHA installed an **Advisory Working group**. This working group will assist and advice the EUPHA office in activities to further the objectives of EUPHA. A first meeting is planned during the Vienna 2016 conference.

EUPHAnxt

EUPHAnxt is a network for students and early career researchers, policymakers and professionals in the field of public health. EUPHAnxt is a free and open initiative that aims to collect the active contribution of students, young researchers, practitioners and policymakers interested in European public health issues, in order to sensitize and involve them into the European and multidisciplinary network of public health associations. The EUPHAnxt network currently has almost 1300 subscribers (in 2015: 1087). EUPHAnxt also has a seat in the EUPHA Executive Council to ensure that the voice of the new generation is heard when planning new activities and projects. Activities include:

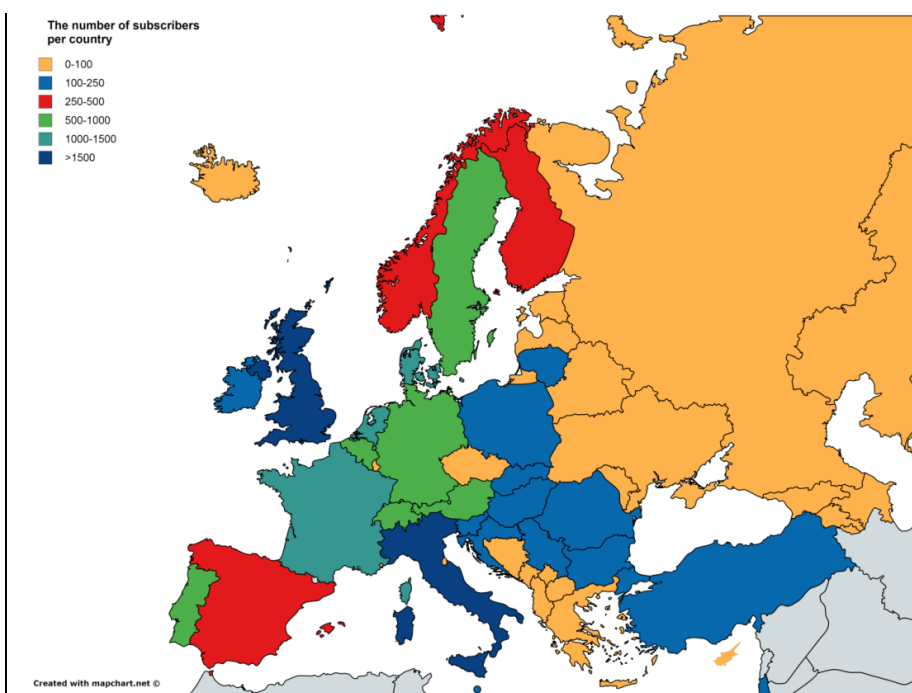


EUPHA newsletter

The EUPHA newsletter aims to build the knowledge of public health professionals worldwide and to increase the visibility of EUPHA as an association that builds capacity, knowledge and policy in the field of public health, with an emphasis on Europe. The newsletter is free of charge and available to all those with an interest in public health. With 17'369 subscribers this year, the newsletter continues to be one of the most visible tools of EUPHA.

EUPHA actively invites members and partners to further distribute the newsletter, announce its publication in their tools as well as encourages them to make the EUPHA newsletter available on their website.

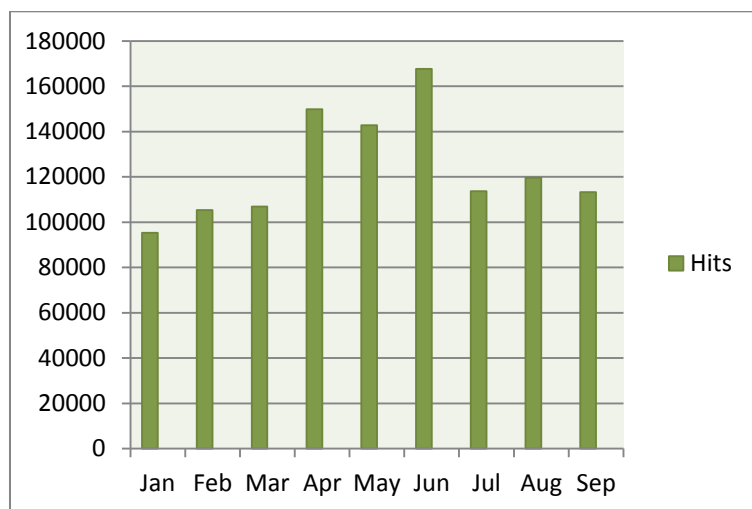
Distribution data of the EUPHA newsletter by country



Website and social media

The new EUPHA website was launched on 1 March 2015. This website is linked to the objectives of the EUPHA strategy and continues to be an excellent visibility tool for EUPHA.

Website hits in 2016



The EUPHA twitter account (@EUPHActs) is available on our opening page and has been extensively used for advocacy. The number of followers has increased again in 2016 to 1585 (2014: 821; 2015: 1207).

European projects

EUPHA continues to be contacted by a large number of institutions/universities to be a partner in European projects.

Gender specific mechanisms in coronary artery disease in Europe (GENCAD)

Aims to provide novel explanations as to why and how different forms of CAD affect women and men and which preventive approaches are most effective in a gender specific manner; generate awareness among health professions and the general public. EUPHA's tasks:

- Development of factsheets – by contracted writer/editor
- Assessing member state policies – by member associations
- One-day conference 1 March 2017 in Brussels

Consortium with Charité University (DE), School of Public Health, Andalusia (ES), Radboud MC (NL), Centre for Men's Health, Leeds (UK). Contract DG SANTE.

Personalised prevention of chronic diseases (PRECeDI)

Aims to identify and validate biomarkers for primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases (CVD); secondary prevention of Alzheimer (AD); tertiary prevention of head and neck cancer (HNC);

Funded by Marie Curie Programme of Horizon 2020. Future PhD students at partner universities will be seconded to other universities, institutes or private companies. EUPHA will host 3 researchers for 6 months in 3 consecutive periods. From UCSC, Debrecen, La Sapienza.

Consortium of 11 organisations, duration four years.

Transfer of Organisation innovations for Resilient, Effective, Accessible, sustainable and Comprehensive Health services and systems (TO-REACH)

ERA-NET Coordination and Support Action, funded by Horizon 2020. Aims to contribute to the sustainability, accessibility, quality and cost effectiveness of care provision, by preparing an internationally comparative research programme. Ultimate goal is cross-country learning, thus enhancing the performance, innovation and competitiveness of health care organisations and the health care sector as a whole. Project will start in January 2017. Consortium led by ISS (IT) with all major European organizations and 15 MS involved. EUPHA is co-lead with EHMA in WP Dissemination and communication.

OSF - Support to promote the OSF – Public Health Program activities 9th EPH Conference

The grant for Vienna 2016 includes the support for the participation of 55 delegates: 15 OSF-PHP delegates and 40 public health professionals from countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Support consists of providing logistical support including travel, accommodation and other participation-related arrangements to enable them to participate in the Vienna 2016 conference.

EUPHA participation in meetings and conferences

The visibility of EUPHA as a solid partner with a research background has been strengthened. Activities were aimed at WHO Europe and the European Union (both Commission and executive agencies such as ECDC and the Joint Research Centre). EUPHA continues to build the capacity and knowledge of policy-oriented organisations and has an official seat in:

- EU Expert panel on effective ways of investing in health;
- WHO Europe – Advisory Committee for Health Research;
- EACHR;
- WFPHA board;
- Advisory forum to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control;
- WHO European Regional meeting;
- APHEA board.

Furthermore, EUPHA remains one of the leading associations (together with EHMA and HSR Europe) to set up an ERAnet on public health and health services research (see also the TO-REACH project mentioned above).

In 2016, EUPHA representatives attended/were active in the following meetings. Please note that this list is not exhaustive:

ASPHER Conference/ Deans and Directors Retreat ASPHER 2016

ASPHER Conference was held in Athens, 25-27 May 2016. The conference had a series of presentations on the effects of the economic crisis on health systems and public health. One of the conclusions of the conference was that there is a need to strengthen collaboration between public health organisations to give a louder and stronger voice to public health.

WHO EURO is currently working closely with ASPHER to update its document on Strengthening Public Health Services in Europe. EUPHA is also looking for ways to collaborate with WHO in this exercise.

19th European Health Forum Gastein

EUPHA was also present at the 19th European Health Forum Gastein that was held in Bad Hofgastein, Salzburg, Austria, 28-30 September 2016. The theme of the conference “Demographics & Diversity in Europe. New Solutions for Health” provided an opportunity to

expand knowledge on various topics, including “best point of service”, migration and refugee’s health, healthy ageing, health literacy, innovative medicine and “brexit”.

AASPA meeting

EUPHA was also present in the AASPA (Alianza de las Asociaciones de Salud Pública de las Américas) meeting in Panama City on 28th of July 2016. The meeting provided a great opportunity to share ideas and discuss future collaboration between EUPHA and the AASPA. The following aspects were discussed:

1. Collaboration in the dissemination of information.
2. Presence of AASPA in the EUPHA conferences and vice versa.
3. To facilitate the exchange and mobility of human resources.
4. To facilitate the search for scientific partners for research projects and join actions.
5. Collaboration in specific initiatives for public health advocacy.

Central Eastern European Networking Event of Researchers on Roma Health and Policy

As a joint initiative of the WHO EURO and the WHO Collaborating Centre on Vulnerability and Health, University of Debrecen, a three-day Central Eastern European Networking Event of Researchers on Roma Health and Policy was held in Hungary, 1-3 June, 2016. The president of the EUPHA Section on Chronic Diseases presented her views on major challenges in epidemiology of NCDs and actively participated in the discussion of issues on Roma health in Central and South Eastern European countries. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity to share information on Roma health, contributing to current efforts to strengthen the different components of national Roma integration strategies.

WFPHA Annual Meeting

EUPHA continues to build capacity and knowledge also through global collaboration. On May 23, the annual meeting of the World Federation of Public Health Associations took place in Geneva, Switzerland. Europe was represented by 7 national associations as well as EUPHA itself. Several discussions on future collaboration with WFPHA and their regional associations took place. EUPHA is looking forward to intensifying this collaboration. It was also a great opportunity to meet several of our member associations.



WFPHA meeting in Geneva

12th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion

EUPHA was a supporter of and represented at the 12th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion that was held in Tampere, Finland, 18-21 September 2016. In order to ensure that the interests of the future generations are taken into consideration, EUPHANxt organised a workshop “Self-harm and drunk driving among adolescents and

young adults”. Two of the EUPHAnxt coordinators attended the conference and chaired the workshop.

6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health

EUPHA’s 6th European Conference on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health was held in Oslo, Norway, 23-25 June, 2016. The conference made a significant contribution to the advancement of Migration Health research, both in terms of spreading new research findings within the scientific community as well as to a broader audience of policy makers, clinicians and NGOs. The conference was jointly organized by the EUPHA Section on Migrant and Ethnic Minority Health and the Norwegian Competence Center on Migrant Health.

Law Enforcement and Public Health Conference

EUPHA President Martin McKee was one of the keynote speakers at the Third International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health, held in Amsterdam, 2-5 October. This conference was supported by EUPHA and more than 500 delegates from 30 countries attended the conference with over 180 different presenters, panellists and facilitators who covered a wide range of topics in diverse sessions.

Invest in the future generations

The third objective is to prepare future generations of public health professionals to take on a leadership role. The activities to reach this objective are in the hands of the EUPHANxt., network and of course, the EPH Conference is a great tool to invest in future generations.

EUPHANxt in 2016

Meetings

In May 2016 a representative of EUPHANxt was invited to the meeting of 50 years of the Association of Schools in Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER). More specifically, the EUPHANxt representative took part in a round table with other students and young public health professionals to discuss possible future scenarios in public health workforce development and professionalization.

Conference Workshops

For the EPH Conference in Vienna, EUPHANxt is involved in four workshops:

1. Skills building Seminar: 50 shades of grey in scientific integrity
Together with EUPHA section on Ethics in Public Health
2. Skills building Seminar: Capacity building for a successful HTA team: the value of HTA in the PH agenda
Together with the EUPHA section on Health Technology Assessment
3. Skills building Seminar: Social Media for Public Health Actions – Maximising the use of Social Media Tools
Together with Young Forum Gastein, EuroNET MRPH
4. Skills building Seminar: Scientific speed networking: expand your personal scientific network
Together with Austrian Public Health Association

Other activities

Since last year EUPHANxt has arranged new partnerships with other associations, namely Global health next generation Network, Swedish Organisation for Global Health and Child Family Health International.

EUPHANxt is happy to have helped a student in organising an internship with Dr Iveta Nagyova, president of EUPHA section on chronic diseases.

EUPHANxt continued sending round mails and updates to its subscribers with relevant information.

EUPHANxt also created a new Facebook group for its members to inform them about recent events, projects and activities.

Outlook 2017



Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat

2016 was a successful year for EUPHA

As we can see from this annual report, EUPHA has done really well in 2016. We have increased our visibility by being a strong voice for the public health workforce in Europe. We have stepped up our relations with WHO, including the support – together with ASPHER – to strengthen the public health workforce. EUPHA office is back in full force with Dineke returning to work. The reorganisation of the EUPHA office will make EUPHA more independent and stronger.

Stepping into Walter and Martin's shoes is not going to be an easy task, but I am looking forward to continue building on the successes of previous years.

Be a leading voice in public health

We will continue to increase the visibility of EUPHA, both by being outspoken on public health issues as well as by increasing our active engagement with European institutions. This will include a discussion on public health priorities post 2020 following feedback from our member survey and engaging with the European Parliament's Value for Health Programme. We aim to provide input to the programme that will replace HORIZON 2020 and will actively respond to any consultations that are of interest to EUPHA - an example here being the Commission consultation on Health Technology Assessment. EUPHA will seek to engage more with the upcoming Maltese and Estonian Presidencies on their public health priorities.

After signing the agreement with ECDC, we plan to intensify our collaboration with them. And we will use this agreement as an example to establish official collaboration with other international institutions.

We will continue to support WHO with its work on strengthening public health workforce and we look forward to partnering with ASPHER on this topic.

Build capacity and knowledge

We have very successful tools in building capacity and knowledge in the field of public health and we intend to use them to the fullest. The EPH conferences (Stockholm 2017, Ljubljana 2018 and Marseille 2019) will continue to be our flagship and the goal for Stockholm 2017 to have 2'000 delegates networking and exchanging knowledge is within reach.

The European Journal of Public Health will continue its sterling work and we plan to continue the excellent collaboration with Oxford University Press.

Our sections will become more active and visible, as we are planning to increase topic-specific activities, including special electronic supplements to the European Journal of Public Health and more satellite meetings, following the excellent examples of the EUPHA section on Migrant and ethnic minority health and the EUPHA section on Injury prevention and safety promotion in 2016. The newly elected Section council chair will join the Executive Council in realizing this ambitious plan.

We will continue to reach out and support National member public health associations. We – particularly need to find new ways of reaching out to public health practitioners working at regional and local levels and reach the younger generation also with efforts of EUPHANxt. We will assist countries, where no public health association yet exists, in setting up such an association by reviving our twinning programme.

And – as always – we will look for new tools opportunities and allies to further capacity and knowledge building in the field of public health.

Invest in future generations

We will continue the work of EUPHANxt to join, inform and further the young public health professionals in Europe. An abstract mentor programme will be added to the list of the activities of EUPHANxt, so the number of younger professionals networking and building skills at EPH conferences will increase even further.

Strengthening the organisation

Finally, we will focus on strengthening EUPHA as an organisation. By finalizing the office reorganization, but also by addressing the financial sustainability of EUPHA in the future and increasing its presence and visibility with other European and International organisations..

Together with our members, our sections, our pillars, our young generation and our partners, with the help of my colleagues at the Executive Council and the office, EUPHA has a wealth of knowledge, capacity and enthusiasm that generates a strong potential to be ambitious!