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Editorial

Hello readers! We are Alessandro Gallina (Policy Manager for NCD Prevention), and Alba Gil (Policy Officer for Food Systems), and together we represent the Healthy Environments cluster, one of the seven core thematic areas within EPHA. With our diverse backgrounds in medicine, law, and policy, we are committed to pave the way towards a healthier future.

As we continue our commitment to a comprehensive approach to health, addressing various aspects and challenges, our fantastic colleagues working on clean air, anti-microbial resistance, and climate change have joined forces to form a dedicated cluster on Global Public Health. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them and look forward to engage in fruitful collaborations across various cross-cluster themes and activities in the future.

As we, together with our members, embark on shaping the future of our cluster, we are actively engaged in the process of planning the advocacy strategy and workplan for the next two years. In fact, envisioning solutions and making them a reality is only possible with our members' relentless participation, support and energy, and for that we are grateful and proud. However, we strongly encourage each of our partners and supporters to voice their thoughts and actively contribute to the ongoing discussions, ensuring that our strategy encompasses the diverse perspectives and needs of the public health community.

With the sky set as our limit, our cluster aspires to reach new heights and make a profound impact, in terms of promotion of health, prevention of non-communicable diseases and protection of the most vulnerable groups. As we strive to address critical issues such as health equity, social justice, determinants of health, and primordial, primary and secondary prevention, we are actively seeking to expand our membership base, and invite experts from diverse backgrounds to promote innovation and drive progress. By fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and embracing a holistic approach, we are eager to tap into the expertise of members from other clusters within EPHA, as their unique perspectives and experiences can enrich our collective efforts.

Recent successes within our cluster serve as powerful examples of the power of collective action. We are thrilled to announce that Ireland has passed a national law mandating health warning labels on alcoholic products, contributing to greater public awareness of the associated risks. Additionally, we filed a public consultation on the

updating of the EU legislative framework on tobacco products, leveraging the expertise and insights of our members. Moreover, recently EPHA was invited to provide an intervention on the urgent need to address NCDs in Europe at the Subcommittee on Public Health of the European Parliament (SANT). Finally, we have published our latest report on [The Illusion of Choice](#) and how food environments shape our reality, and we have participated in the podcast of [SlowFood, Breaking the chain of food poverty](#). We encourage you to read the articles in this newsletter, which delve into these significant achievements.

As EPHA celebrates its milestone 30th anniversary, we look ahead with renewed determination to shape a future where everyone has better and equal opportunities for good health. Hence, we will continue striving for promotion, prevention, protection and, most importantly, participation. In fact, only together, we have the power to influence policy decisions, address the underlying determinants of health that impact our communities, and create environments that support healthy choices and lifestyles. Would you help us? [Join us!](#)



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This Month's Top Stories



Biodegradable Food Contact Materials: What is a stake for coeliacs?

By the Association of European Celiac Societies

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By European Public Health Alliance

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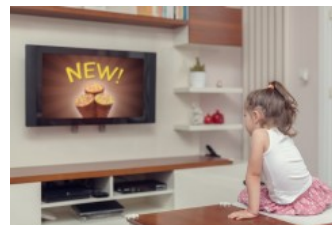
By Buy Better Food Campaign, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability Europe

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Public health civil society must request a wellbeing economy

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Getting the facts about alcohol – on the label

By Alcohol Action Ireland

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Giving Health a Voice - Podcast

The Rome Manifesto: A Manifesto for action to safeguard public health

The Rome Public Health Advocacy Manifesto represents a significant step forward in prioritizing public health on a global scale. In this episode, we discuss with those that helped develop the manifesto and very publicly signed it to find out what that they found new and important in it and what they personally committed to by putting their signature on the manifesto.

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EPHA Updates

WHO/Europe and EPHA Sign New MoU to Strengthen Collaboration for Better Health and Wellbeing in Europe

EPHA, as Europe's leading NGO alliance advocating for better health for all, will work closely with WHO/Europe to address key health challenges and drive positive change.

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News From Members

International Youth Health Organization

Advanced Youth School of Health Policy and Advocacy on Alcohol Control and Prevention: multi day workshop for youth, focusing on empowering young leaders on the topic of Alcohol Policy Advocacy.

Through this activity the participants will be able to build on their lobbying, advocacy and policy-writing skills, as well as putting them into action through organized meetings and dialogue with high-level stakeholders and decision makers in Brussels.

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CPA for NCD Prevention

Women diagnosed with early breast cancer today are much less likely to die from the disease than 20 years ago

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Final report on the evaluation of MUP shows the policy has prevented hundreds of deaths

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Mental Health Europe

MHE Publishes Swedish EU Presidency Scorecard (January-June 2023)

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EU 2024 Elections

Safe Food Advocacy Europe

Discover SAFE's EU 2024 Elections Manifesto – Strengthening food safety, sustainability, and inclusion for European consumers

SAFE is calling on policymakers from all EU institutions to ensure that consumers' health and concerns remain at the core of the future EU food legislations. Together with its members from across the European Union, SAFE has identified 10 key priorities that need to be addressed and drive future EU food policies following a horizontal and multistakeholder approach.

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Association of European Cancer Leagues

Intensifying the fight against cancer - a call to action

A new case of cancer is diagnosed in the European Union (EU) every nine seconds. Cancer mortality is set to increase by more than 24% by 2035, making it the leading cause of death in the EU. Therefore, ECL sets out a call to action ahead of the 2024 EU elections urging policymakers for a timely rollout of cancer initiatives.

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Mental Health Europe

In view of the upcoming European elections in 2024, Mental Health Europe (MHE) adopted the following Manifesto with the aim of guiding the next mandate and agendas of the European Union (EU) bodies: from programmes of political groups and works in the European Parliament to the European Commission composition and their priorities, policies and initiatives for the 2024-2029 period.

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