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## Editorial

### From aspirations to transformative change: going political

Times of crisis call for well-considered, but bold responses. It is not an option to retreat and wait out the storm. The storm seems only to be getting bigger. Things previously held impossible are happening one after the other. A global pandemic. War in Europe. An area three times the size of Luxembourg [burned down](#) this summer alone. Life, for many, is increasingly a struggle to make ends meet. And all this on top of already pre-existing inequities.

Luckily, and as illustrated by this month's newsletter, civil society, expressing people's aspirations for a healthy and sustainable Europe, is energised to push for change. In partnership with forward-looking public institutions, such as front-running governments, a committed European Commission and a change-oriented World Health Organization, we stand a chance to put people's and the planet's well-being at the heart of our economies and daily lives.

Our task in the coming months is to transfer this energy into concrete, transformative actions. The upcoming European elections will be a very consequential step in this. We need a Europe that doubles down on initiatives like the Green Deal and takes its actions to tackle non-communicable diseases (NCDs) to a next, more comprehensive level. The stakes couldn't be higher, the prize – a future we would all want to live in.



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## This Month's Top Stories



### A rapid assessment of five national CAP plans

Enriched with a new objective to promote better health, how has the EU's freshly reformed common agricultural policy fared so far in translating this aim into action?

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The Oslo Declaration: Unity will drive better alcohol policy

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Sustainable Food Systems: CSOs call for renewed commitment from the Commission

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## Buy Better Food Campaign

### A healthy school meal for every child

Public food procurement is a powerful market AND opportunity to invest in healthy food systems. With prices soaring, we call for healthy meals AND food education in EU schools to implement the Farm to Fork strategy.

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## Upcoming Events



This online discussion intends to help turn this decade of Roma inclusion into a great leap forward for Roma health and Roma equality.

**October 12 | 10:00 - 11:30 CEST**

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## World Cancer Series Europe

The summit will feature over 90 speakers in keynote plenaries and four tracks on cancer prevention, early detection and diagnosis; accelerating innovation; frontiers in treatment; and AI, data and digital health care.

EPHA Director General – Milka Sokolović – will take part in the panel discussion *"Stepping up prevention - the foundation of cancer control"*.

**November 8-9 | Brussels, Belgium**

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## Previous Discussions



This debate gathered Members of European Parliament to reflect on next steps for EU action to protect children from harmful food marketing.

**28 June 2022**

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## EPHA Updates



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Joint Statement | Strengthening health emergency preparedness and building back better

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## News From Members

### European Heart Network (EHN)

On World Heart Day, EHN calls for urgent coordinated action by policy makers to promote cardiovascular health for all Europeans.



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### AGE Platform Europe

New report presents empowerment model for sustainable and quality long-term care

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### Eurochild

State of the Union address reveals children's needs are overlooked in von der Leyen's agenda

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### European AIDS Treatment Group

Decision-makers of today have the opportunity to bring about the end of HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs

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### Mental Health Europe (MHE)

Mark your calendars for World Mental Health Day, observed annually around the globe on 10 October. To mark the day, MHE is delighted to invite you to an event at the European Parliament *'World Mental Health Day: Migrants, Refugees and Mental Health'*.

10 October 14:00 - 16:00 | Hybrid

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## Association of European Coeliac Societies

AOECS is now introducing a new version of the AOECS Standard for Gluten-Free Food

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## Cancer Research UK

New Scottish Government Programme commits to introduce legislation to restrict junk food price promotions

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## International Diabetes Federation

Statement on WHO Europe's launch of regional action plan on digital health

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## Alcohol Action Ireland

Not Just Words – AAI aims to tackle stigma with new language guide during 'recovery month'

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## European Cancer Organisation

WHO European Region Adopted a Roadmap to Combat Cervical Cancer

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## Smoke Free Partnership

Article 5.3 finds its way into the new ethic guide of the French National Assembly

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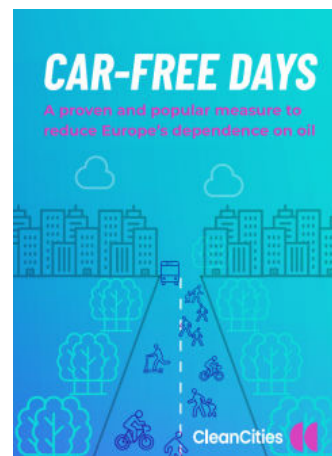
## Other News

### Clean Cities Campaign

#### Car-free days: A proven and popular measure to reduce Europe's dependence on oil

In the light of the ongoing energy crisis and the climate emergency, many people can agree there is an urgent need to reduce Europe's fossil fuel consumption. The question is how to do it. Our analysis estimates that one single car-free day implemented in major European cities could save between 534 and 932 thousand barrels of oil! That's why we're calling on cities to introduce regular car-free days.

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