

Editorial

A closer look at EPHA's priorities ahead of the European elections

The next European elections will take place between the 6th and 9th of June 2024. These elections will be decisive for the EU in addressing public health challenges, as well as climate change and other dire issues in a permacrisis context.

Ahead of the elections, EPHA is publishing today the longer version of its manifesto "Strengthening public health across the European Union - A closer look at EPHA's priorities ahead of the European elections". This document follows up on [EPHA's key priorities](#) published in June 2023.

At the core of EPHA's manifesto is a clear call for health to be at the forefront of the next European Parliament and European Commission's political agendas. To make sure that it is the case, EPHA is asking for a strong commitment from the institutions, with calls for a dedicated European Commission Vice-President on Public Health, Social Rights and Wellbeing, a more powerful SANT Committee in the European Parliament and an ambitious budget for strong health promotion and disease prevention policies. Health equity should be central, silos should be broken down, and public health should be considered in all policies, and thought together with environmental and climate change considerations. This is essential to address all the determinants of health, and challenges such as non-communicable diseases and antimicrobial resistance. Finally, strong support should be provided to civil society to play their part, with a Civil Society Strategy.

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By publishing this manifesto, EPHA seeks to inform the elections debate with evidence-based policies and proposals, and make sure that the next mandate of the European Commission and European Parliament delivers on what is needed for public health and lays the grounds for the long-term perspective. It is also essential that initiatives started in the [2019-2024](#) mandate, that are aimed at ensuring positive public health, environment and climate outcomes are delivered, such as the Green Deal.

Through this newsletter, we also invite you to discover the activities of some of our members regarding the upcoming European elections.



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21 November | 15:00 - 16:30 CET | Online

The World Health Organization recognised the "*right to healthy indoor air*" over two decades ago, but little action has been taken at the EU and national levels, resulting in indoor air quality becoming a regulatory challenge.

This event focuses on the issue of gas stoves, which emit harmful pollutants directly into our homes, contributing to health problems and societal costs, including childhood asthma. The event explores research on gas stoves and their health impacts, with input from medical professionals and patients, advocating for the Health in All Policies approach in product policy. It presents a current policy change opportunity and invites the endorsement of a manifesto by the health and medical community.

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6th EPHA Universal Access and Affordable Medicines Forum

8 December | 09:30 - 13:00 CET | Brussels

EPHA's annual Access to Medicines (A2M) Forum in Brussels serves as a platform for discussions on pharmaceutical and medicine policies, fostering capacity-building for diverse stakeholders, including patients, healthcare professionals, payers, medicine agencies, European policymakers, and health law experts.

The 2023 edition aligns with the revision of EU pharmaceutical legislation, aiming to rebalance public and private interests for affordable access to quality, safe, innovative medicines. It will address the need for more effective incentives for antibiotic development and improved transparency in pharmaceutical R&D costs to ensure fair medicine pricing as part of the EU pharmaceutical legislation revision.

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Association of School of Public Health in the European Region

ASPHER Young Professionals Programme call for applicants - 2023-2024 Intake

The goal of the programme is to incorporate public health students and professionals early in their career with the ASPHER network. The programme does this by:

- Building a network within the YPs that is maintained through monthly meetings and provides a medium for advice, feedback, and future collaboration
- Incorporating YPs into ASPHER research collaborations to provide opportunities to gain relevant experience

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