

## Flash Report

### Sub-group on Cancer under the Expert Group on Public Health

25 October 2023

The Sub-group on Cancer under the Commission Expert Group on Public Health held a virtual meeting, chaired by DG SANTE. The representatives of 21 Member States, plus Norway, attended the meeting together with several Commission services, and agencies<sup>1</sup> as well as one representative from the European Investment Bank.

#### Presentation of the 2016 SCHEER Opinion on biological effects of ultraviolet radiation relevant to health with particular reference to sunbeds for cosmetic purposes

A member of the Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER) presented the main conclusions of the **2016 SCHEER Opinion**<sup>2</sup>: Presentation of the legal aspects under the Low Voltage Directive concerning sunbeds

DG GROW gave a presentation on the legal aspects concerning sunbeds under the **Low Voltage Directive (LVD)**.<sup>3</sup> The LVD regulates the health and safety of electrical products operating at certain voltage when placed on the EU market, including sunbeds.

#### Presentation of the preliminary results of the survey carried out with the Cancer Sub-group of the PHEG as regards to national measures on the use of sunbeds in Member States and EFTA countries

An overview on preliminary results of the survey on to map the situation as regards sunbeds in Member States was given. The deadline for responding to the survey has been extended to the 5 November 2023.

#### Open discussion on content of the Commission's Recommendation on reducing human risks associated with the use of sunbeds

Participants exchanged their views on the possible recommendations on reducing human health risks associated with the use of sunbeds.

#### Update on the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre

DG RTD gave an update on the development of the **European Cancer Patient Digital Centre** and informed the participants about a final workshop.

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<sup>1</sup> Directorates-General represented included Health and Food Safety (SANTE); Research and Innovation (RTD); Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM); Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CNECT); as well as the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and representatives from the Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER).

<sup>2</sup> 'Opinion on Biological effects of ultraviolet radiation relevant to health with particular reference to sunbeds for cosmetic purposes' delivered by the Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER) on 17 November 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits.

## Conclusion

The next meetings focused on sunbeds are scheduled on the 17 November 2023 and the 7 December 2023.