



## **EU Health Policy Platform Meeting – 27 November 2017**

The second annual meeting of the **EU Health Policy Platform** took place on **27<sup>th</sup> November 2017** **John F. Ryan**, Director of public health, country knowledge and crisis management, DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission, chaired the meeting. More than 70 interest groups participated.

### **Presentation of Joint Statements**

Four Joint Statements, which had been prepared by Thematic Networks under the lead of a stakeholder organisation, were presented:

The **European Public Health Alliance** presented a Joint Statement on “**Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**”. It makes proposals aiming to support the Commission’s new “EU One Health Action Plan on AMR”

The **European Chronic Diseases Alliance** presented a Joint Statement on “**Employment of people with chronic diseases**”. The statement provides recommendations to EU and national policymakers to improve the participation of people with chronic diseases in the employment market.

The **European Society of Radiology** presented a Joint Statement on “**Medical training and professional development for patient safety**”. The statement underlines the role of medical and health professional education and training in healthcare and possible measures to improve patient safety.

The Joint Statement on “**Migration and Health**” prepared under lead of the **Platform for Undocumented Migrants** together with the **International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims** focuses on proposals for a better targeted response to migration health needs and inequalities, and for tackling existing structural and educational gaps.

Each Joint Statement received first feedback from DG SANTE representatives. Follow-up meetings to have more in-depth discussions were announced.

Following the presentation of the joint Statements, the chair invited stakeholder organisations to participate in the **poll on the themes for thematic networks in the 2018 cycle**, open on the Platform until 7 December. The Commission will consider the outcomes of the poll when confirming the selected themes.

Three NGOs receiving **operating grants** from the European Commission (period 2014 to 2017) gave presentations about their activities (**Aids Action Europe, Association of European Cancer Leagues, European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention**).

The **European Health Parliament (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)** was presented, with its intention of involving young people in health policy and healthcare-related issues.

### **Ceremony for EU Health Award for NGOs 2017 on promoting vaccination**

**European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis** gave a speech about the role of health in the EU policy context, the role of stakeholders and the importance of vaccination.

Following a presentation by **Isabel de la Mata Barranco**, Principal Adviser for Health and Crisis management at DG SANTE, about the Commission’s vaccination promotion initiatives, the Commissioner handed over certificates to the 7 shortlisted NGOs: **Collaborative Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Outcomes Research** from Greece; **Confederation of Meningitis Organisations** from UK; **GHAPRO**

vzw from Belgium; **KBO-PCOB** from the Netherlands; **Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre** from Ireland; **Romanian Association for Education In Family Medicine** from Romania; **Vienna Vaccine Safety Initiative Think Tank**, from Germany. The Commissioner handed over the 1st prize to **SloMSIC Ljubljana** from Slovenia, the 2nd prize to the **Association National Network of Health Mediators** from Bulgaria and the 3rd prize to the **European Pharmaceutical Students' Association**.

#### **Presentation of Commission initiatives**

The Commission (DG SANTE), together with the OECD and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, presented the new deliverables from the **"State of Health in the EU"-process**, country health profiles for all Member States and a companion report.

([https://ec.europa.eu/health/state/summary\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/state/summary_en))

The plans for health and care in a **Commission Communication on the Digital Single Market** were presented by the Commission (DG SANTE), together with the results of a public consultation on this.

The Commission (DGs ESTAT and SANTE) explained the **First EU Sustainable Development monitoring report** and the creation of a **Multi-stakeholder Platform on SDG Implementation** with 30 stakeholder organisations participating.

(<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-statistical-books/-/KS-04-17-780>)

Finally, the Commission (DGs EMPL) gave a presentation about the principles and rights summarised in the **European Pillar of Social Rights** and the Social Scoreboard, which measures progress. DG SANTE presented data and activities related to **principle 16** of the Pillar (**"Health care"**) on unmet medical needs.

([https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/deeper-and-fairer-economic-and-monetary-union/european-pillar-social-rights\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/deeper-and-fairer-economic-and-monetary-union/european-pillar-social-rights_en))

The new composition of the **EU Expert Panel on Health** and a recently launched **project for the Commission ("SEPEN")** on health workforce

policy and development in Europe were addressed under Any Other Business.

The Chair announced that the **third annual meeting of the EU Health Policy Platform** is planned to take place on **5 November 2018**.

A video of the meeting, the poll on themes for Thematic Networks and all presentations are available on the EU Health Policy Platform (Agora), under the following link: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/hpf/> (registration required).