



**CPME Written statement to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe
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The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.

CPME welcomes the opportunity to submit a written statement to the sixty-eight session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

Vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization: realizing the full potential of the European Vaccine Action Plan 2015–2020

CPME welcomes the review of the document “Vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization: realizing the full potential of the European Vaccine Action Plan 2015–2020”. CPME reaffirms that the prevention of communicable diseases through vaccination is safe and effective. CPME encourages doctors and other healthcare professionals to deliver facts about vaccination and increase awareness about the benefits of immunisation to ensure good vaccination coverage across Europe. CPME also supports measures to increase doctors’ vaccination coverage. At the same time, it should be ensured that doctors are equipped to understand perspectives and barriers to vaccination among populations with low vaccine uptake. CPME is participating in the new EU Joint Action on Vaccination which aims to develop common and durable cooperation to build concrete tools useful for EU and non-EU Member States’ health authorities.