



**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-sixth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

Evidence-based policy making

CPME warmly welcomes the objective of improving the up-take of scientific evidence in policy decisions. CPME consistently calls on policy-makers to ensure that policy options are assessed on the basis of comprehensive, balanced and up-to-date evidence which is based on sound methodologies and is free from conflict of interest. This includes both scientific data on health indicators, as well as evidence on the effectiveness of policy tools in a given context. The WHO 'best buys' are a pertinent example of evidence which should be given a more decisive role in policy-making at national and European level.