

**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.

2030 Agenda for sustainable development and Health 2020

CPME strongly supports objectives of the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda and recognises the efforts which have been invested in this area to ensure a coherent policy with the Health 2020 framework.

CPME wishes to highlight two dimensions in particular:

CPME welcomes the emphasis on the social determinants of health such as economics, environmental and societal impacts. Although there is consensus on the importance of raising awareness for the health dimension across sectors, the effectiveness of health policy and healthcare is still frequently undermined by contrary policy decisions, e.g. in taxation, labour or agricultural policy. In the European Union context, CPME is dedicated to calling for cross-sectoral action, not least in the European Semester process.

CPME is also continuously active on the promotion of health throughout the life-course. Starting with the prevention of disease in children and young people, examples of CPME action include the call for effective controls on the advertising and marketing of alcohol and unhealthy foods (see below) and the promotion of adherence to national immunisation schedules. CPME also recognises the need to ensure health and well-being in adult life, including the safeguarding of health at the workplace. CPME is therefore pleased to continue its support of the campaigns hosted by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), currently focussing on 'Healthy Workplaces for All Ages'. This complements CPME's activities focussed on older patients, in particularly the prevention of frailty. We therefore welcome the plans for the implementation of the Minsk Declaration as an important framework for better health policy and care.

CPME and its members hear the call for the increased involvement of professional associations and are committed to contributing towards the objectives of the 2030 Agenda.

CPME Policies

- [CPME contribution to WHO Expert Group of the Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth](#)
- [CPME Position on the Proposal for a Directive amending Audio-Visual Media Services Directive 2010/13/EU](#)



- [Healthy ageing: prevention of frailty and functional decline. Joint Statement of the Standing Committee of European Doctors and the European Medical Students' Association](#)