



CPME Activity Report

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General Assembly, March 2023

European Doctors stand for
Health For All



European Health Data Space (EHDS)

- CPME continues lobbying actions on EHDS with proposals for amendments
- Members' conference on 24 March explored what the EHDS will mean in practice, including address by MEP Tomislav Sokol, co-rapporteur on the EHDS file
- On 11 January, the European Health Union Network met for the 2nd time in the European Parliament to discuss challenges and opportunities of the EHDS. An event report is available [here](#).
- Outstanding issues: administrative burdens, high costs, need for clarity on medical liability and requesting exemption of small practices and hospitals in secondary use.



POLICY

Policy on Climate Change and Health

- Includes call for EU, member states, and local policymakers to ensure targets of the EU climate law will be met by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases
- Doctors, national medical associations, medical students, and healthcare sector should advocate for health promotion and protection in adaptation and mitigation of climate change
- CPME continues lobbying action on EU ambient air quality proposal calling for full alignment with the WHO guidelines by 2030

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Policy on climate change and health

Healthcare sector's action has become a necessary and immediate priority

European doctors recommend the EU, its member states, and local level policymakers to:

1. Ensure that the targets of the EU climate law will be met by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases through more sustainable energy management, transport, and food choices which also result in improved health. This can be done by increasing the use of renewable energy and phasing out the use of fossil fuels, promoting energy saving strategies, and supporting countries affected by the shift. Moreover, it is crucial to invest in more sustainable transport systems, improve urban and residential planning, increase and preserve green spaces, and preserve forests. Finally, it is necessary to make food systems more sustainable and offer people healthy and affordable ways to change their dietary habits, e.g. by shifting towards more sustainably and organically produced high-quality food.
2. Update the EU ambient air quality standards to fully align the new WHO guidelines and the latest scientific evidence on the health effects of air pollution by 2030 at the latest.
3. Strengthen the climate resilience of health systems. This includes putting in place public health plans to help all citizens cope with the consequences of climate change such as extreme weather events. Health systems should also be prepared to care for increased number of migrants due to climate change.

Policy on Antimicrobial Resistance

- Includes recommendations on the One Health approach, prescribing of antibiotics, education and awareness raising, the use of digital technologies, access to established and novel antibiotics and on the environmental aspects of antimicrobial resistance.
- The policy highlights the doctors' role in tackling AMR and the importance of stewardship programmes along with infection prevention and control.

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Policy on Antimicrobial Resistance

Main Messages:

1. Prudent prescribing of antibiotics is a responsibility of each practicing doctor in Europe and worldwide.
2. Doctors must prioritise the narrow-spectrum antibiotics while considering individual patient's needs.
3. Decisive political action is needed to ensure the prudent use of antibiotics and to improve infection prevention and control.
4. The European Union needs a common approach to antibiotic stewardship programmes, that will be adapted to healthcare delivery settings, local context and that will put emphasis on prescribing.
5. Each healthcare facility should be encouraged to establish and provide necessary funding and resources for AMR stewardship programmes.
6. Healthcare professionals must have access to fast and efficient point-of-care diagnostics to support prudent prescribing, and only in exceptional circumstances should antibiotics be prescribed without laboratory or point-of-care diagnostics.
7. Face-to-face consultations should remain a gold standard wherever possible. Telemedicine prescribing may be used as well as face-to-face providing proper diagnostic procedures have been followed.
8. Effective infection prevention and control (IPC) programmes must go hand in hand with adequate human and financial resources.
9. Hand hygiene should become a binding performance indicator for evaluating IPC practices in healthcare.
10. Cooperation between public health, veterinary and environmental sectors, rooted in the One Health approach, must be strengthened.

EVENT 27 APRIL

High-level conference on Antimicrobial Resistance

- Doctors, national policymakers, representatives of the European Commission and health stakeholders discussed how to address AMR
- Took place the day following the proposals for the revision of the EU's pharmaceutical legislation and Council Recommendation on AMR
- Organised in collaboration with Swedish Medical Association



Violence Against Doctors and Other Healthcare Professionals

- Continued joint action with EMOs in WG led by CEOM
- CPME members' discussion on experiences from the field as well as presented collected data
- A unanimous observation by medical associations in Europe is the rise in verbal and physical aggression.
- CPME released a press release on 10 March, raising attention at EU level

CPME MEDICINE EUROPEENS
EUROPEAN DOCTORS

10 March 2023, Brussels

Violence against healthcare professionals: a rising threat to the health workforce and patient care

Violence against healthcare professionals is increasing at an alarming rate across Europe. On Sunday 12 March we mark the 4th European Awareness Day of Violence Against Doctors and other Healthcare Professionals to raise attention and catalyse action.

The World Health Organization [reports](#) that up to 38% of healthcare professionals suffer physical violence at some point in their careers, and many more are exposed to verbal and online abuse. Such aggression can have devastating consequences, including physical injuries, impacts on mental health, and in the most extreme cases, death.

Violence and abuse also coexist with burnout, which can leave the health sector altogether. This is a [workforce](#) shortage and the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

CPME President Dr Christiaan Keijzer said "Violence against healthcare professionals, which in the end is a crisis, is critical to promote a culture of respect for healthcare professionals and for governments to provide benchmarks for healthcare professionals in the upcoming commission proposal.

"The health workforce is already in crisis. We need to keep healthcare professionals safe. We need to support healthcare professionals by providing benchmarks for healthcare professionals in the upcoming commission proposal.

We are committed to continuing our work with the health community to raise awareness for violence against healthcare professionals.

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European doctors are sounding the alarm over the growing incidence of physical and verbal aggression against healthcare workers.

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Coalition for Vaccination and IMMUNION project

- CPME together with the other Coalition for Vaccination co-chairs organised a [conference](#) in Brussels, bringing together nearly 100 vaccination experts
- The IMMUNION project supported the coalition for the past two years, coalition continues
- The results of the project, with key recommendations key recommendations to improve vaccine communication and uptake can be found in the [project booklet](#)



UKRAINE MEDICAL HELP FUND



- Established following urgent request from Ukrainian Medical Association
- Around €3 million in donations from the global medical community
- Medical supplies are being purchased and transported to Ukraine



Legal cases against Turkish Medical Association

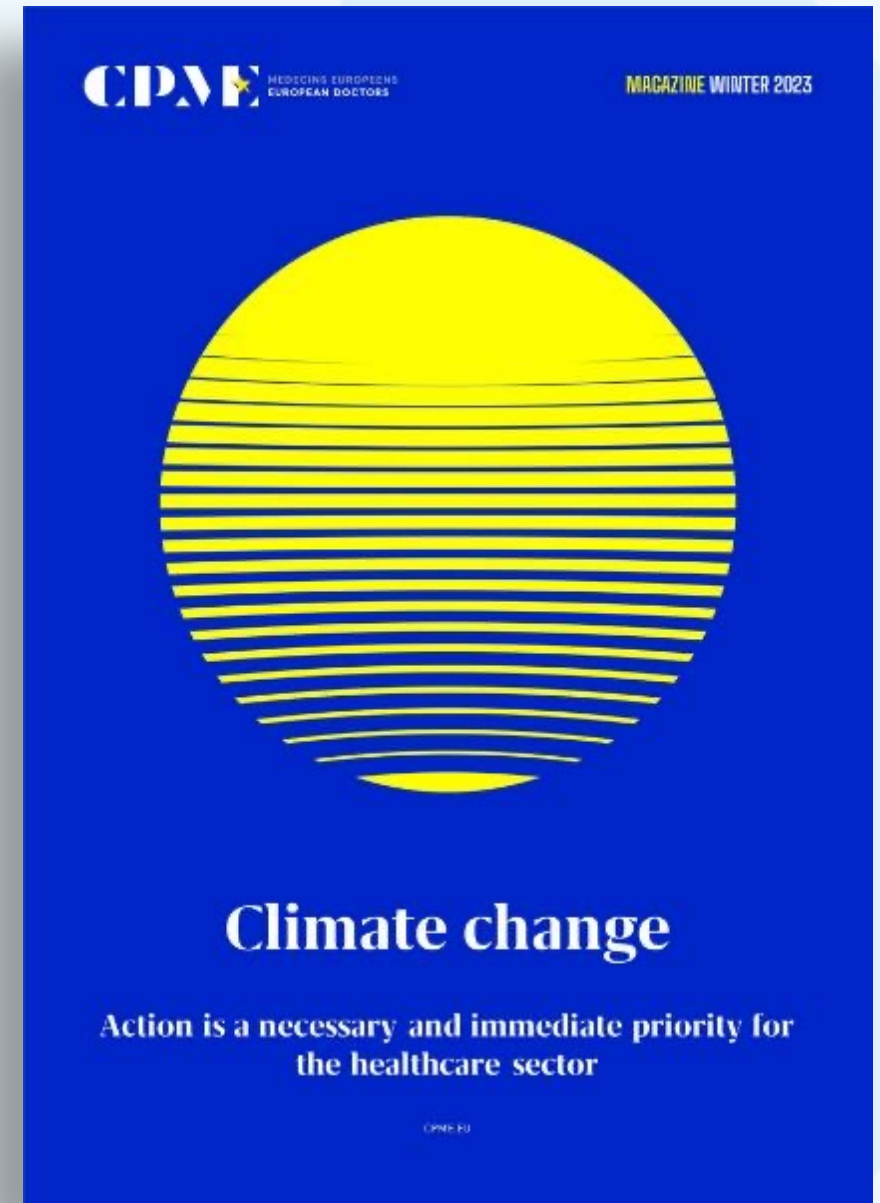
- TMA President, Şebnem Korur Fincancı convicted to 2 years, 8 months and 15 days and released pending appeal
- The 11 members of the Central Council face dismissal on arbitrary charges of terrorist propaganda
- We coordinate actions with a coalition to raise awareness, including the WMA and Physicians for Human Rights (PHR)
- The next hearing will take place on 22 June 2023



MAGAZINE FEBRUARY 2023

Second edition of magazine focused on climate change

- In the editorial our Vice President, Dr Ole Johan Bakke, explains why CPME has raised the climate to one of our highest priorities of our organisation
- Includes articles on European Health Data Space, revision of the EU's general pharmaceutical legislation, and the Ukraine Medical Help Fund
- Read the magazine [here](#)





Many thanks for your attention!

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