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Medical point of view on European population health

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Increasing life expectancy across Europe

- People live now more than six years longer than in 1990
- Growing health care needs
- Inequalities both across and within countries
- People in Western European countries live over eight years longer than people in Central and Eastern European countries
- Inequalities in health and life expectancy between people with higher levels of education and income and the more disadvantaged
- Addressing social determinants of health and reducing health inequities





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Prevention and promotion needed

- Many illnesses and injuries can be avoided through more effective public health and prevention policies, and health promotion
- Preventive actions are needed for example to reduce smoking, obesity and alcohol related harm
- They are also needed to prevent and control communicable diseases





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Current CPME actions on prevention of non-communicable diseases

- Tackling current trends in obesity and physical inactivity in the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health
- Contributing to the ongoing negotiations of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive, in view to minimise children's exposure to the marketing of alcohol and food high in fat, sugar and salt
- Tackling alcohol-related harm by calling for better labelling of alcoholic beverages
- Supporting the increase of tobacco taxation





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Current CPME actions on communicable diseases

- CPME reaffirms that the prevention of communicable diseases through vaccination is safe and effective
- Tackling the problem of vaccine hesitancy
- Doctors' role in containing AMR and promoting the responsible use of antibiotics
- Cooperation with the ECDC
- Forthcoming EU joint action on vaccination to provide perspectives for the further harmonisation of vaccination policies and to address the common goal of increasing vaccine coverage rates in Europe





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Doctors' preparedness and response strategies in public health emergencies

- WHO has the responsibility for coordinating the international response to epidemics and pandemics, allowing an escalating approach to preparedness planning and response
- CPME supports EU's 2013 decision on serious cross-border threats to health which strengthens preparedness planning and gives the Health Security Committee a solid legal footing in coordinating preparedness
- Preparedness and response planning should also consider better collaboration on health system resources including emergency care units and healthcare professionals





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World Medical Association's (WMA) new Statement on Pandemics and Epidemics

- contains recommendations for WHO, national governments, national medical associations (NMAs) and physicians
- NMAs should clearly acknowledge their responsibilities and can offer training, information and clinical support tools
- Physicians should be sufficiently educated and remain involved in planning for epidemics and all stages of epidemic response





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To conclude

- More effective prevention and quality of care are needed
 - to achieve improvement in population health and
 - to reduce health inequalities
- Cross-border and cross-sectoral approach is needed to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and epidemics





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Thank you for your attention.

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