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As a patients association, or better, as an Active Citizens Association, consisting of more than 2,200 Clubs in Italy, and some 400 in other 30 foreign countries, we would like to register that we would have expected that alcohol was also included among the health determinants.

A healthy diet should not include alcohol beverages, but because such beverages are integral part of the european culture and consequently, of the european diet, we believe the consumers should be informed about the risks.

In one of the graphs attached to the Paper, alcohol is indeed being mentioned, as being responsible for more than 500,000 deaths per year in Europe, but surely we would have appreciated more importance to be given to its role in european citizens health.

The recent Rapport Chabalier in France dramatically outlined how we all are lagging behind our duties in respect of a correct information about alcohol to be given to consumers.

Chabalier claims health warnings on alcohol beverages labels are long overdue, and it is unacceptable that no proper information is being given when alcohol kills al least 23,000 french citizens every year.

So the Green Paper should incorporate some warning about risks related to alcohol consumption, and addressed to every single consumer, but in particular to young people, who are the least informed.

Best regards

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