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## Editorial

### Shopping around... for Mental Health best practices!

Irene Norstedt, Acting Director for Health research at the Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation, and John F. Ryan, Director of Public Health at the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, talk about the Third Marketplace of Best Practices in Ispra, Italy, which was organised by the Steering Group on Prevention and Promotion.

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## Key figures

### STATE OF HEALTH IN THE EU 2018



**1 in 6 people  
has a mental  
health issue**

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## News from the EU

### Global Vaccination Summit to take place on 12 September 2019 in Brussels

The Summit, organised by the Commission and the WHO, will bring together around 400 participants from around the globe, including high-level political decision makers, health ministers, UN organisations, NGOs, researchers, healthcare professionals and others.

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## **Special Eurobarometer results – 85% of EU citizens say vaccination is effective at preventing infectious disease**

This Eurobarometer published by the Commission showed mostly great confidence in vaccines, but also that 48% Europeans believe – incorrectly – that they can often produce severe side effects, and 38% think vaccines can cause the diseases against which they protect.

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## **The EU adopts a new Regulation that strictly limits the amount of industrially produced trans fat in all foods sold to EU consumers**

The maximum limit corresponds to 2 grams of industrially produced trans fats per 100 grams of fat in food intended for the final consumer and food intended for the supply to retail. Foods must comply by 2 April 2021. See the factsheet for more!

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## **Summary Record on the 21 March 2019 Meeting of the Group of Expert on Tobacco Policy**

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## **Every hour, 30 people are diagnosed with Tuberculosis in the European Region**

According to the latest report by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the WHO, Tuberculosis is still a major public health challenge in the Region.

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## **Gonorrhoea cases on the rise across Europe**

The number of gonorrhoea cases has gone up by 17% across the reporting EU/EEA countries with more than 89 000 confirmed diagnoses in 2017 – more than 240 cases a day.

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## **Forthcoming events**

### **European Public Health Week (13-17 May 2019)**

The first ever European Public Health Week will feature five themes in five days, with events across the EU! Find out where you can join in!

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### **European Parliament Elections (23-26 May 2019)**

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### **World No Tobacco Day (31 May 2019)**

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### **Conference “Medicines for rare diseases and children: learning from the past, looking to the future” (Brussels, 17 June 2019)**

This conference brings together representatives from Member States and other stakeholders to discuss two regulations: one for medicines for rare diseases (‘orphans’) and one for medicines for children. Register by 15 May 2019.

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## **Health Systems in the EU: Commission publishes report on tools and methodologies to assess the efficiency of health care services**

The EU Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment published its report "Tools and methodologies to assess the efficiency of health care services in Europe: an overview of current approaches and opportunities for improvement".

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## **New publications**

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### **Analytical Report: Improving Forecasting of Pharmaceutical Spending - Insights from 23 OECD and EU Countries**

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### **Country Reports: Pharmaceutical Expenditure Tracking, Budgeting and Forecasting in 23 OECD and EU countries**

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### **Manual for Patients – National Contact Points Toolbox**

This toolbox contains relevant information on the legal framework of cross-border healthcare and was produced under the Health Programme.

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### **Questions and Answers: Safety Features Medical Products for Human Use**

This documents sets out frequently asked 'questions and answers' regarding the implementation of the rules on the safety features for medicinal products for human use.

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## **EU Health Policy Platform**

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### **Watch the recording of the 30 April 2019 webinar "Healthcare in cross-border regions" by EUREGHA!**

The European Regional and Local Health Authorities (EUREGHA) present their draft Joint Statement in this webinar. The recording will be available through 30 October 2019.

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### **See the recording of the 8 May webinar on the Annual Work Plan 2019**

Learn more about the Commission's Annual Work Plan 2019, Project Grants and Procurement.

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### **Hellenic Cancer Society's SmokeFreeGreece helps young people stop smoking or never start!**

Looking at initiatives submitted for the 2018 EU Health Award, which focused on reducing tobacco use among young people, we look this week at SmokeFreeGreece, which defined outcome indicators and worked with school communities.

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