



An independent scientific and professional
voice for public health in Europe

EUPHA Think tank

Summary of activities in 2012 for EUPHA members

Looking back:

- EUPHA's heritage is the scientific and broad base of the association. This has made us a reliable and independent partner for public health in Europe.
- EUPHA is a bottom-up organisation of public health professionals (in the widest sense) which aims to achieve better health in Europe.
- EUPHA is an evidence-based NGO that aims to be helpful in policy building at national and international level.

The basics:

- EUPHA is member-based, we do need their support and we should offer them support. EUPHA should therefore be both bottom-up (from our members to the European arena) as well as top-down (from the European arena to our members).
- EUPHA should aim at assisting (in any way possible) at translating knowledge to practice and policy, both at European level as well as at national and regional level (through our member associations).

Looking forward:

EUPHA feels that it is important to encourage an European approach to certain public health issues, that can be more efficiently dealt with at European level. At the same time, we should consult our members to explore public health issues better dealt with at national/regional level.

1. European public health issues

EUPHA should encourage European actions on certain public health issues. To find out which ones should be dealt with at European level, we should contact our members. On 5 selected European topics, EUPHA should be the driving force of European-wide action. Without organisations such as EUPHA, European public health will not exist.

2. National/regional public health issues

EUPHA should consult its members to select 5 public health topics that are better solved at national and regional level. EUPHA should support its members in setting strategies to deal with these national/regional public health issues.