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EU Bubble News

Education & training

Council of the EU, Education, youth, culture and sport Council focused on education and youth • 27th November • European Education Area

The Council of the EU approved a resolution on the second cycle of the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area (2026-2030). The resolution sets out the work programme for the next five years. Here are the strategic priorities:

- Improving quality in literacy, mathematics and science for all, including efforts to improve access to high-quality early childhood education and care, particularly for learners from vulnerable groups
- Developing digital skills, including AI literacy, data literacy, and the responsible technology use.
- Creating inclusive and participatory learning environment at all levels of education and training.
- Furthering the implementation of initiatives such as the European Universities alliances and continuing the process agreed in May 2025 to implement a joint European degree label and paving the way for a joint European degree.
- Development of green and digital skills and of higher education in relation to AI and ethical and responsible use thereof.

Equality, diversity, inclusivity

European Parliament (EP) SANT Committee • 5th November • Presentation of the analysis of the results of the EP public consultation on women's health

EP SANT Committee launched in March 2025 a public consultation on women's health. The analysis of results was presented, and here are the noticeable points:



- The biggest challenge women face is the lack of recognition of women's health needs (62% of responses);
- Insufficient awareness of women's health needs is the main barrier (64%) withholding or blocking progress in addressing women's health issues;
- The highest positive outcomes for healthcare for women-specific diseases are in breast cancer care, both in the treatment and the respect shown by professionals.

The full study can be read here:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2024_2029/plmrep/COMMITTEES/SANT/DV/2025/11-05/ECTI_STU2025778578_EN.pdf

Artificial Intelligence

WHO Europe • 19th November • Release of the report "Artificial intelligence is reshaping health systems: state of readiness across the WHO European Region"

WHO Europe has just released a comprehensive overview of how AI in health is being adopted and regulated across the European continent, based on a survey open between June 2024 and March 2025.

Here are the key points of interest for the UEMS:

- Only 6 Member States (MS) offer in-service training opportunities to doctors, and 7 MS integrate it into medical education, mainly in northern Europe;
- Nearly half of MS have introduced cross-country regulatory knowledge exchange, in Northern Europe 70% of MS have set such collaboration;
- The motivations from MS to drive the development, testing or use of AI in health are mostly improving patient care and health outcomes (70% of MS), and reducing pressure on the health care workforce (67% of MS);
- The most common AI application is AI-assisted diagnostics used in 75% of MS, and in 100% of Northern European MS;
- Conversational platforms (chatbots) for patient assistance are the 2nd application currently used by almost 2/3 of the MS (90% in Northern Europe);
- Around 40% of MS use AI to automate logistics and administrative tasks.

To download the whole report: <https://www.who.int/europe/publications/i/item/WHO-EURO-2025-12707-52481-81028>



Cancer prevention & treatment

EP SANT Committee • 5th November • Exchange of views on Gastric Cancer Prevention and Screening in the EU

The EP SANT Committee hosted a short discussion with Mr. Jussi Hahtela, CEO of Biohit Oyj about gastric cancer prevention, and mostly on screening. Mr Hahtela presented the GastroPanel® quick test, a non-invasive blood test which can simultaneously diagnose helicobacter pylori infection and chronic atrophic gastritis.

The key points are:

- Gastric cancer is the 6th most diagnosed cancer in the EU, and one of the deadliest of the most common cancers: five-year survival rate is below 30%, compared to around 90% for prostate and breast cancer.
- No MS has yet implemented any gastric cancer screening projects.
- A pilot screening programme conducted in Chile used the test to prioritise patients that should be sent to upper gastro-endoscopy. They were able to shorten waiting time and queue for gastro-endoscopy by 87%.

EP SANT Committee • 5th November • Presentation of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) study "Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: Implementation findings"

Among the findings of this study, I have mostly noted that for cancer health professionals, the EU is mapping workforce needs and skills gaps. Through 2 funded projects, the EU-wide inter-specialty curriculum is being implemented in different cancer centres. Aside, training guidelines in digital technologies and healthcare innovation are being developed to address gaps in skills.

To read the whole report:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2024_2029/plmrep/COMMITTEES/SANT/DV/2025/11-05/EPRS_STU2025765809_EN.pdf

Cardiovascular diseases

EP SANT Committee • 5th November • Exchange of views between the MEPs in view of the own-initiative report on an EU Cardiovascular Diseases Strategy

MEP Romana Jerković, rapporteur of the future own-initiative report on an EU Cardiovascular diseases strategy, presented the main priorities to be included in the first draft:



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- Prevention through education on nutrition and mental health and physical activity, and systematic screening for hypertension, diabetes and cholesterol for adults aged 35 to 70;
- Adoption or update by each MS of a national cardiovascular plan;
- Integrating women's health in the strategy, as cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death among women;
- Comparable and transparent data to guide decisions, with the support of the European Health Data Space for harmonised registries and similar quality indicators among MS
- Ensuring equity and regional balance in access to cardiovascular care
- Acknowledging the connection between the heart disease and other conditions

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