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European Public Health Alliance

EPHA is an international non-profit association registered in Belgium. Our membership is composed of not-for-profit organisations working on all aspects of public health.

EPHA’s mission is to promote and protect the health of all people living in Europe and to advocate for greater participation of citizens in health-related policy making at the European level.

Membership benefits

What will EPHA membership provide?

Information on health issues and EU policy developments:

- **An Electronic Newsletter.** On a monthly basis a newsletter is sent by e-mail. Regular features include recent EU policy developments, secretariat activities, members’ activities and forthcoming events on public health related issues.

- **Health Alerts.** Short alerts are sent to members via e-mail whenever an important development on health-related EU policy takes place.

- **’Members Only’ section of Website.** Apart from the information available to the general public on EPHA’s website, members have access to internal policy and strategy information on website pages, which are accessible only with a membership password.

- **Newslists.** Special briefings on particular subjects of interest to a certain group of members are provided via an electronic mailing list.

- **Daily information help desk.**

Communication among EPHA members:

- **Special Interest Group and Working Groups.** At present there are two Special Interest Groups (SIG) - on Health Determinants and Health Systems. Each SIG meets twice a year and convenes ad-hoc working groups for more focussed discussions. In 2009, the active working groups are: Alcohol, Food and Nutrition, Health professionals, Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals and eHealth. These groups can be set up following members’ requests or at the suggestion of the secretariat.

- **Policy Co-ordination Group.** Monthly meeting in Brussels, open to all EPHA members. Contributions to the meeting are also received via e-mail. The aim of these meetings is to share
information, discuss EU health policy developments and create policy positions and strategies for EPHA and its members. The minutes of these meetings are available on the "members only" section of the EPHA website.

- **Seminars and training sessions** organised by EPHA.

**Visibility in EU policy making circles :**

- **EPHA website.** Given its extensive use among those involved in health policy at EU level, including EU officials, the EPHA website enhances public visibility of our member organisations and activities.

**Support for advocacy work :**

- **Meetings of Health Intergroup’s Working Group on Public Health.** These meetings allow members to access and share their expertise with Members of the European Parliament, Commission officials and other authorities and health professionals stakeholders in public health.

- Access to EU decision makers and major players enhanced by the **Brussels expertise** of EPHA’s Secretariat.

- **Access to EPHA’s comprehensive data base.**

**Representation and participation at European and international fora :**

- Representation by an EPHA staff person, EPHA President or Executive Committee member at many working groups, conferences, and meetings organised by the **EU institutions.**

- Membership in the **Platform of European Social NGOs.**

- **Co-operation with the World Health Organization.**

- Ad hoc collaboration with **NGOs involved in the environmental sector, consumer affairs, transport** and so on, in areas affecting health.

**Members’ classification and fees**

Around 100 local, national, regional and European non-governmental (NGOs) and not-for-profit organisations are members of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA). EPHA membership organisations work individually and collectively to promote and protect the health interests of people living in Europe.

EPHA has two categories of membership :

- **FULL members** are Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) active in the public health sector. Full members have two votes at the Annual General Assembly.
ASSOCIATE members are other not-for-profit organisations, professional bodies, academic institutions and local or regional authorities. Associate members have one vote at the Annual General Assembly (AGA).

EPHA membership fees are based on the income of the member organisation.

In 2009, the fees for new members are:

- Annual income over 5,000,000 Euros: 5,000 + 5,000 euros (1)
- Annual income of 1,000,000 - 5,000,000 Euros: 5,000 Euros
- Annual income of 300,000 - 1,000,000 Euros: 1,500 Euros
- Annual income of under 300,000 Euros: 800 Euros

(1) This extra 5,000 Euros corresponds to a mandatory contribution to the Mentor scheme for new members only. (please check the Work Programme for more details)

EPHA is aware that NGOs often have limited or ring-fenced funding therefore if you are interested in your organisation becoming a member of EPHA but would find the membership fee challenging to meet please indicate this in your application. EPHA will review reductions in fees on a case-by-case basis.

Credits

The European Public Health Alliance runs projects which receive financial support from the European Commission. The views expressed in this website do not necessarily reflect the official views of the EU institutions.

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### Membership Application Form

#### part 1 – general information

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**Hereby applies to become EPHA member.**

There are two kinds of memberships at EPHA:

Full members are **non-governmental organisations (NGOs)** active in the public health sector and have two votes at the Annual General Meeting. (EPHA Statutes, Art.6)

Associate members are **other not for profit organisations and professional bodies** and are entitled to one vote at the General Assembly. (EPHA Statutes, Art.6)

EPHA Executive Committee will establish which kind of membership will be granted to your organisation by reading your statutes and part 3 of this application form.

EPHA promotes and protects the health interests of all people living in Europe, and champions their involvement in decision-making related to their health. EPHA achieves its mission by strengthening dialogues between the EU institutions, citizens and NGOs in support of public health policies.

In applying for EPHA membership, our organisation commits to share the aims and objectives of EPHA.

Date:       Signature:
**part 2 – EPHA special interest groups & working groups**

If you are interested in becoming a member of one (or several) of EPHA special interest groups and working groups, please tick the relevant boxes below and add the email address to which information related to the working group should be sent.

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**part 3 – membership questionnaire**

1. When was your organisation established?

2. How would you describe your organisation?

   [ ] Non-governmental organisation  
   [ ] Not-for-profit/charity  
   [ ] Local or regional authority  
   [ ] Educational/academic institution  
   [ ] Professional Network  
   [ ] Other: ______________________________

3a. Do you have your own members?  
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

3b. How many?

3c. What type of members (individuals, organisations, academics, etc.)? Please describe
4. What is your mission?

5. What are you main activities?

6. What are your major publications?
   (Newsletters, bulletins, position papers, electronic materials, etc.)

7a. How are you funded?

7b. What is your annual budget?

7c. Breakdown of income (amount and \%):
   - Private grants (foundations)
   - Private donations
   - Membership fees
   - Project money
   - Commercial funds (companies)

7d. Please indicate how your organisation maintains independence from any grants received from industry or commercial organisations

I enclose the following supporting documents:

- a copy of the statutes (description of the legal basis of your organisation or equivalent)
- a copy of the latest annual accounts

Please fill out this form and send it back, together with all the supporting documents by email and by normal post to the following address:

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