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European Alcohol Policy Alliance

Role of EURO CARE in European Alcohol Policy



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Exchange experience
Coordinate actions

EC projects
Meeting
Conferences





European
commission



Council of EU



European parliament





Internal market: free movement – open economy

PH competence MS

EU Complement, encourage cooperation and lend support

Advertising, Taxes, Monopolies
Labelling, Health claims, Road safety, AGRI

EU Alcohol strategy







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October November 2009

News from Eurocare

- ▶ New date for Eurocare event on "The Social Cost of Alcohol: Passive Drinking?"
- ▶ Eurocare and other eleven European health and safety umbrella organizations call for stricter EU-coordinated alcohol policies

News from the EU

- ▶ Council invites Member States and Commission to keep alcohol high on the agenda
- ▶ Interview with Robert Madelin (Director General for Health – European Commission).
- ▶ EU Public Health Programme: 'Call For Proposals 2010' already in 2009!
- ▶ Rapporteur proposes to exclude all alcoholic beverages from the proposed regulation on food labelling
- ▶ Commission's President Barroso unveils his new team
- ▶ Public consultation on the Citizens' Initiative that will enable 1 million citizens to request Commission to bring forward policy proposals
- ▶ Marie Curie Cofund call for proposals launched: encouraging researchers mobility

News from the Member States

- ▶ Catalunya bans happy hours and other special offers in Bars
- ▶ The city of Paris organises a contest of short films against binge drinking

Publications

- ▶ New trend report on Alcohol advertising in the new media (EUCAM)
- ▶ New report: Children's accounts of living with harmful parental drinking (SHAAP)

Interesting articles



EUROCARE IN ACTION



Commission:

Projects (BtG, PHP, ELSA, PHEPA...), EPC Roundtable, Working group on alcohol

BtG: Alcohol in Europe Report

Difficult birth – september interservice consultation
 press release: people or profits: who is being served (6 October)
 letter to Commissioners
 contact other NGOs in Brussels

Council: Member Organisations

Parliament:

Seminar – end of january
Meetings: Rapporteur / Shadows
Eurocare response to Report / amendments
Health Intergroup – 25 April (programme / speakers)
Voting recommendations
Lunch Meeting on FASD
Press releases



NGO's working to prevent alcohol-related harm in Europe



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Alcohol Action Ireland, Ireland
 Association Nationale de Prévention en Alcoologie et Addictologie (ANPAA), France
 Centre for Addiction Issues (Deutsche Hauptstelle für Suchtfragen - DHS), Germany
 European Transport Alliance, Estonia
 Eurocare Italia, Italy
 Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS), UK
 IOGT-NTO, Sweden
 National Foundation on Alcohol Prevention (STAP), Netherlands
 Nordic Alcohol and Drug Policy Alliance (NordAN), Denmark

Alcohol Policy Youth Network (APYN)

European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
 Royal College of Physicians, UK
 European Youth Forum (EYF)
 National Youth Council, Ireland
 European Federation of National Organizations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)
 European Transport Safety Council (ETSC)
 European Hubnet - Help Network for Alcohol-Related Problems (EMNA)
 European Helieline Association (EMA)
 Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPMC)
 Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
 Alcohol and Health Forum



Current Activities

- Alcohol and Health Forum (commitments) (pressing for evidence) (pressuring Industry)
- Joint Statement
- Labelling (project – campaigning)
- Conference June 2010 Brussels (bring close Alcohol to EU Institutions)
- Seminars: Pregnancy, Harm to Others, Marketing
- 1million signatures



Conclusions

- Important! - monitor – coordinate action : Industry does
- Sunscribe to Newsletter
- Encourage NGOs join Eurocare
- Conference 2010



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Thank you for your attention!

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