

COPENHAGEN DECLARATION

Formation of the European Alcohol Health Alliance of Medical Organisations to Address Alcohol-Related Harm

Copenhagen, 11 December 2024

Recognising the significant and widespread impact of alcohol-related harm on the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across Europe, and the need for urgent and coordinated action to address this public health challenge;

Acknowledging the unique role of health professionals as trusted, credible, and respected voices who have the capacity to influence public opinion, empower individuals to make informed choices, and drive policy changes that protect and promote health;

Highlighting the collective commitment, expertise, and leadership of 21 pan-European medical societies and health associations, which have come together with a shared vision of reducing alcohol-related harm and promoting healthier lifestyles across Europe;

Affirming the importance of establishing a united platform to advocate for evidence-based policies and practices, raise public awareness, and provide holistic solutions to address alcohol-related harm;

Appreciating the opportunities presented by interdisciplinary collaboration, advancements in digital communication, and the renewed focus on public health at the European level, including the appointment of a new EU Commissioner for Health in 2024;

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- 1. Resolve to establish** the European Alcohol Health Alliance of Medical Organisations to Address Alcohol-Related Harm, with the formal launch planned for May 2025.
- 2. Advocate** for implementation of effective prevention measures and evidence-based policies to reduce alcohol-related harm;
- 3. Increase public awareness** of the risks and harms associated with alcohol use and promote healthier alternatives;
- 4. Foster interdisciplinary collaboration**, unifying the voice of health professionals across Europe;
- 5. Call upon** all health professionals, medical societies, and relevant stakeholders across Europe to join the Alliance and actively contribute to its mission of reducing alcohol-related harm and promoting health and well-being.
- 6. Pledge to ensure** transparency, accountability, and inclusivity in the governance and operations of the Alliance, fostering trust and collaboration among its members.
- 7. Request support** from European policymakers and institutions to prioritise alcohol-related harm reduction in health and social policy agendas and to allocate resources to enable the Alliance to achieve its goals.

Adopted on this day, 11th December 2024,
By representatives of the founding organisations:
(Signatures and affiliations of representatives)