

CEOM – EU Commission collaboration

# EU COALITION FOR VACCINATION

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# BACKGROUND

In line with the objectives of the Council Recommendation on strengthened cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases, adopted on 7 December 2018, the EU Commission has invited CEOM to attend a meeting for the creation of an "*EU Coalition for Vaccination*"

During the one-day meeting at the EU Commission in Brussels, multiple European health associations were present and agreed that action must be taken, with a tailor-made solution for each country



# LAUNCH OF THE EU COALITION

## **Draft declaration of the EU coalition for vaccination - version 20.2.2019**

*“We, the members of the EU coalition for vaccination, commit to strengthen our efforts towards elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases.*

*Healthcare workers and students, represented by associations which are members of the EU coalition, commit to:*

- 1. Work in collaboration with the national associations to deliver accurate and transparent information to our patients, to the student body, and the general public*
  - 2. Join efforts to increase confidence in vaccines and improve uptake of vaccination by citizens*
  - 3. Drive by example, vaccinating ourselves, to prevent dissemination of infectious diseases to our patients and publicly showing our confidence in vaccination*
  - 4. Combat myths and fake information related to vaccines*
  - 5. Exchange good practices among countries, regions, settings and professions*
  - 6. Make vaccination the easiest choice”*
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# FOLLOW-UP ON THE COALITION

As a follow-up on the kick-off meeting of the EU Coalition for Vaccination, the EU Commission launched an **Online Health Policy Platform**, monitored by DG SANTE



# CEOM ENGAGEMENT

Seeing that the purpose of this “Coalition” is perfectly in line with CEOM’s missions and objectives, CEOM has expressed its will to be a member of the EU Coalition for vaccination by fully endorsing the Declaration and by inviting the EU Commission to include CEOM’s logo on the Declaration

CEOM President Dr Santos suggested that CEOM issues a declaration in Tirana regarding the importance of vaccination for public health

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# CEOM DECLARATION ON VACCINATION

*“CEOM notes the clear increase in vaccine-preventable diseases on the European continent; this situation calls for urgent collective action.*

*CEOM reminds that vaccination remains one of the most important investments in health care. Therefore, there is a need to build public confidence in this prevention tool of certain communicable diseases to help people make the right choices for themselves and for their families, in particular for their children.*

*CEOM calls on physicians, health professionals, health authorities and all stakeholders to work collectively to improve health sector delivery in the fight against vaccine-preventable diseases.*

*CEOM believes that it is essential that physicians and health professionals become more aware of the importance and challenges of vaccination and get the tools they need to better inform and convince their patients. **CEOM calls on all physicians and health professionals to vaccinate themselves with the aim of preventing the dissemination of infectious diseases to their patients and of publicly showing their confidence in vaccination.***

*CEOM calls on European governments and educational authorities to further develop vaccination courses in the basic curriculum of medical students. Vaccination should be considered as an important educational course within medical faculties, throughout the learning process as well as during continuous professional development.*

*CEOM supports the European Commission's Coalition for Vaccination launched in 2019 and is committed to strengthening the exchange of good practices between its participating organizations with other European Medical Associations”*

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# AMENDMENTS & VOTE

