

BRUSSELS OFFICE REPORT

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CED General Meeting May 2026

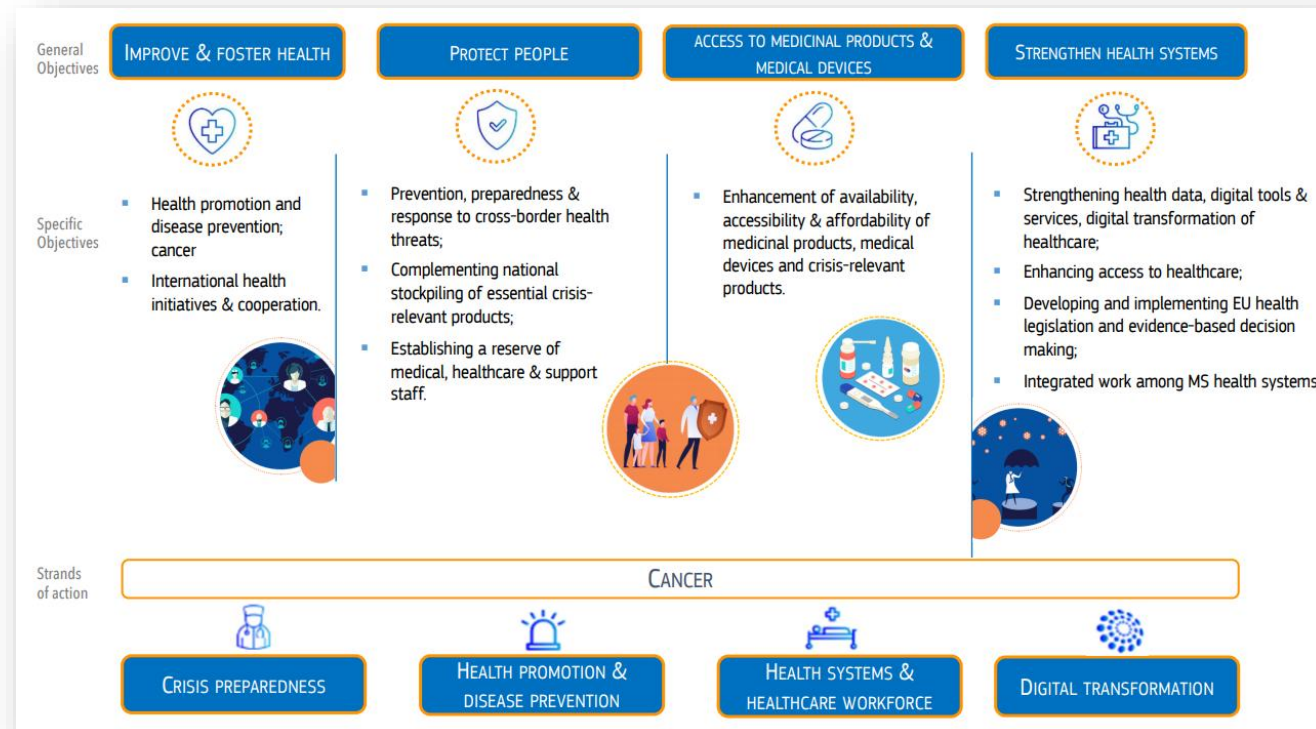


Overview

- **Internal affairs:**
 - **Finances**
 - **Communications**
 - **CED policy document on e-Health**
- **CED activities updates**

BRUSSELS UPDATE: EU4Health 2027

- Crisis preparedness and cross-border threats to health
- Health promotion and disease prevention
- Health systems and healthcare workforce
- Digital Transformation
- Cancer, cardiovascular and other NCDs



BRUSSELS UPDATE: European Public Health Week 2026



The banner features the European Commission logo on the left and the text "Health and Food Safety" on the right. The main content is on a dark blue background with a white box containing the hashtag "#EUHPP LIVE WEBINAR". Below this, the title "Health Workforce at the Core of the Transformation of Health Systems" is displayed in white. At the bottom, the date and time "8 MAY 2026, 15.00 – 16.30 CEST, BRUSSELS TIME" are listed. A background image shows a person's back as they look at a computer monitor displaying a video conference with several participants.

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#EUHPP LIVE WEBINAR

Health Workforce at the Core of the Transformation of Health Systems

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BRUSSELS UPDATE: Union Prevention, Preparedness and Response Plan for Health Crises



Health



Union prevention, preparedness and response plan for health crises

November 2025

EU launched plan to strengthen preparedness for cross-border health crises.



PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS

- ▶ planning, health system resilience, medical countermeasures



DETECTION AND ASSESSMENT

- ▶ national and EU-level surveillance, risk assessments



RESPONSE

- ▶ coordinated action, deployment of capacities and resources, recognition of a public health emergency at Union level



RECOVERY

- ▶ learning lessons and rebuilding across the EU

BRUSSELS UPDATE: EU developments- Ethanol

ECHA's Biocides Committee supports approval of ethanol in disinfectants



The Biocidal Products Committee (BPC) has concluded that ethanol **may be approved for use in hand and general disinfectants.**



The Committee **did not take a position** on whether ethanol should be considered a carcinogenic or reprotoxic substance.

What are the next steps?

After BPC adoption, ECHA will forward the opinion to European Commission for decision-making

Draft regulation is sent to EU Member States for vote



The Commission drafts an Implementing Regulation proposing approval or non-approval

If approved



- Biocidal products containing ethanol may be authorised
- Companies need to apply for product authorisation at national or Union level

If NOT approved



- Products containing ethanol must be withdrawn from the EU market

Developments on tobacco

Tobacco Tax Directive – update of negotiations:

- On-going Council negotiations
- Attempts to weaken the 2025 Commission text
- Include: reducing minimum tax rates; decrease indexation mechanisms ; extend transition period



Study on tobacco industry interference in the dental profession:

- Publication of a new academic study: ***Big tobacco and the dental team: what you need to know***
- Available on the website of online journal **BDJ Team** or on website of the **Tobacco Control Research Group**

EU global resilience initiative



Source : European Commission,
Jozef Sikela, Commissioner for International Partnerships



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CALL FOR EVIDENCE FOR AN INITIATIVE (without an impact assessment)

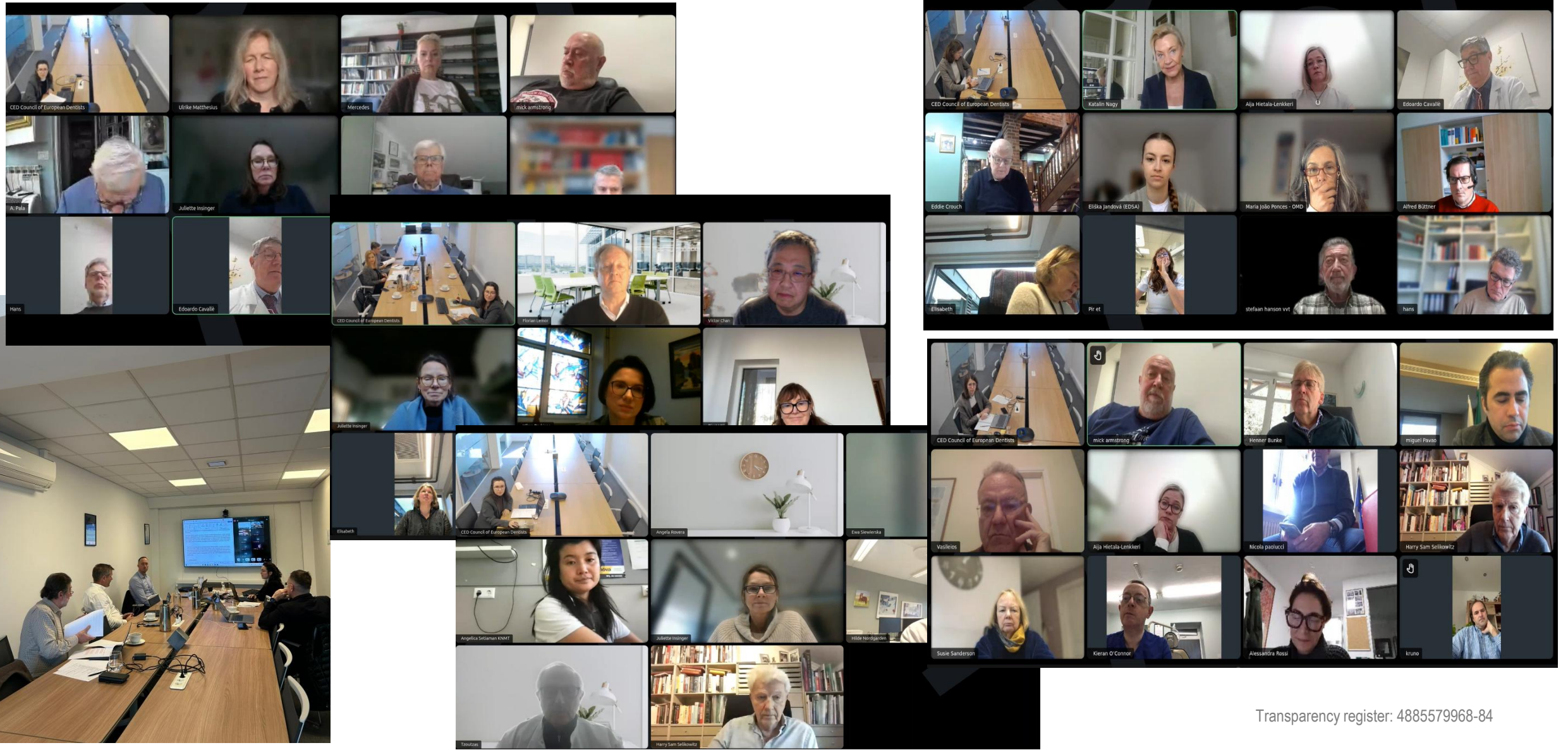
This document aims to inform the public and stakeholders about the Commission's work, so they can provide feedback and participate effectively in consultation activities.

We ask these groups to provide views on the Commission's understanding of the problem and possible solutions, and to give us any relevant information they may have.

TITLE OF THE INITIATIVE	Global Health Resilience Initiative
LEAD DG – RESPONSIBLE UNIT	INTPA G.4. – Social Inclusion and Protection, Health and Demography
LIKELY TYPE OF INITIATIVE	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council
INDICATIVE TIMING	Q2-2026
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	–

This document is for information purposes only. It does not prejudice the final decision of the Commission on whether this initiative will be pursued or on its final content. All elements of the initiative described by this document, including its timing, are subject to change.

CED Activities Update: WG meetings



CED Activities Update: surveys

- **3 different surveys/questionnaires have been completed in last few months:**
 - **Survey on Restorative Dental Materials following Regulation 2024/1849**
 - **Survey on the Dental Workforce and Regulatory Framework**
 - **Survey on CED Sponsorship**



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