

INVITATION TO A POLICY DEBATE

The role of public health in the Common Agricultural Policy

Ms Elena Oana Antonescu, Member of the European Parliament and the European Public Health and Agriculture Consortium (EPHAC) have the pleasure to invite you to a Policy Debate on The role of Public Health in the Common Agricultural Policy

June 16th, 2011

10:00 – 12:00

European Parliament, JAN 6Q1

Keynote speakers include:

Dacian CIOLOȘ, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development,

John DALLI, Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy,

Zsuzsanna JAKAB, Regional Director for Europe, World Health Organization.



The event is organized with the support of the **European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)**.



Purpose

The purpose of this debate is to discuss with **members of the European Parliament, European Commission representatives and relevant stakeholders** the importance of the role of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) in tackling chronic diseases and inequalities in health. The debate will aim to raise constructive discussions and ideas for policies and instruments that create synergies between agriculture and public health.

Background

The Commission's Communication on **the Common Agricultural Policy towards 2020 and the Impact Assessment Consultation Document** highlighted the need for CAP to meet the challenges of **chronic diseases and healthy nutrition** alongside climate change and feeding a growing world population adequately. Despite recent efforts to integrate public health into the CAP, addressing the challenges requires a more integrated approach to food and agriculture policy.

Diet related chronic diseases such as overweight and obesity, cardiovascular diseases, cancer and diabetes are major barriers to sustainable economic growth. Food and agriculture policy should be seen as part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

A lunch will be provided after the debate.

We would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by June, 7th via [the following registration link](#).

For more information, please contact **Dorota Sienkiewicz**, EPHAC Policy Officer (dorota.sienkiewicz@healthyagriculture.eu)

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