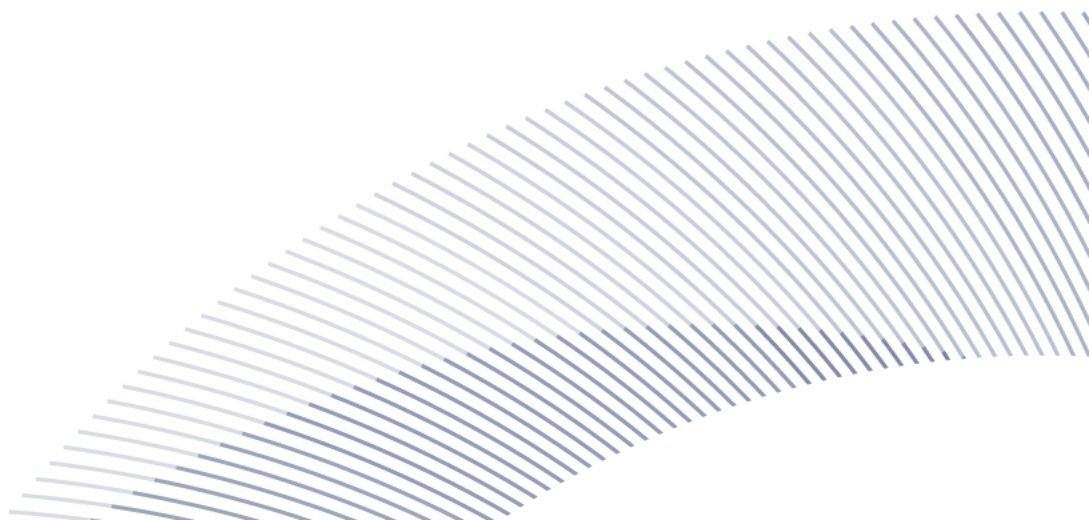




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Welcome and Update on Network activities Claudia Habl & Olga Gvozdetska

Regional Network Europe Meeting, 8 Oct. 2025, Oslo, Norway



— What happened since Budva meeting/1

- **Roles**

- Claudia took over network chair from Trygve in February 2025, Olga kept her mandate.
- We both apply again for the Chair and co-chair but with switched roles 😊 → pls. vote for us

- **Webinars, Seminars, meetings**

- *AI & Public Health Institutes: Challenges and possible Solutions* – 2 presentations at EPH Conference in Nov. 2024, Lisbon/Portugal
- Annual meeting in Maputo/Mozambique, April 2025 – 7 European members present
- *Shaping European Health Policies: Strengthening NPHIs' Role in Transnational Challenge* – online, Sept. 2025
- Contributions by several European countries to Thematic Committees e.g., on Climate Change and Social and Public Health Inequalities.
- Speaker at EHFG Seminar on “*Global Health Diplomacy*”, Oct. 2025
- Working title: *Ethical perceptions and concerns of Public Health Professionals* – upcoming Dec. 2025

— What happened since Budva meeting/2

- **Activity plan 2025/2026 finished end of April 2025**
 - on good track except recruiting of new European members (we addressed e.g., Latvia)
- **Partnerships**
 - Exchange with Eurohealth and major contribution to their EU4Health Infoday on 25 Oct. 2024
 - Exchanges with EU and external public health partners, e.g. HADEA, ECDC, ASPHER, EUPHA, EHFG
 - Pot. cooperation with the WHO PanEuropean Network on Disease Control
- **Survey**
 - Mapping NPHIs – Analysis with focus on European institutions -> Session V on 9 October

Thematic focus

- **Scientific independence – constant topic**
 - How can NPHIs best ensure scientific independence?
 - Limitations on political influence and on influence from private sector operators, including commercial industry
- **Climate change and health**
 - Work in subcommittee → upcoming Lyon meeting in cooperation with the French Development Agency, the European Environment Agency and the One Sustainable Health Foundat
- **Artificial intelligence**
 - How can NPHIs timely utilise artificial intelligence?
 - Plans for a small working group of willing countries → currently on hold as no leader
- **Increase positive impact of NPHIs on European health policy and legislation**
 - Strengthening and coordinating NPHIs advocacy efforts
 - Foster stronger collaboration with EU agencies, European Commission and WHO Offices in Europe → MoU with ECDC was a big milestone, workplan in development
 - Creation of an informal European Public Health Consulting Group – who is interested to join

— Hopes for this meeting

- **Foster exchange and collaboration**
- **Concrete tangible actions**
 - Follow up on results of Analysis working group „Mapping of NPHIs“
 - Stop / Go decision regarding work on AI – who could lead? Resources?
 - Input to workplan with ECDC based on MoU
 - Creation of an informal European Public Health Consulting Group for interested Directors and General-Directors
 - Ideas for webinars?