

European framework for action on alcohol 2022–2025

Draft decision cosponsored by Estonia, Montenegro, Norway and Slovenia

The Regional Committee,

(PP1) Noting that alcohol consumption and its related burden of disease are responsible for some of the greatest health and societal challenges faced by Member States of the WHO European Region;

(PP2) Envisaging a WHO European Region with improved health and social outcomes for individuals, families and communities, and considerably reduced morbidity and mortality from alcohol consumption and ensuing social consequences;

(PP3) Emphasizing that there is a robust evidence base for cost-effective alcohol control measures but that the powerful tools of the Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol (2010) and the European Action Plan to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol 2012–2020 have been underutilized;¹

(PP4) Acknowledging the regional commitment to aim to achieve the targets set in the global Action Plan (2022–2030) to effectively implement the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority;

(PP5) Having considered the European framework for action on alcohol 2022–2025,² which has been developed through consultations with Member States, civil society organizations and the public;

¹ EUR/RC61/R4.

² EUR/RC72/12.

(PP6) Noting that the European framework outlines key priority areas for action and policy options that could be considered for implementation and adjusted, at the discretion of each Member State, depending on the needs and status of implementation of these measures in a given country;

(OP1) ADOPTS the European framework for action on alcohol 2022–2025;

(OP2) EMPHASIZES the priority areas for action, which will pave the way towards the achievement of the targets of the global Action Plan (2022–2030) to effectively implement the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority;

(OP3) REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to promote intersectoral work and provide leadership, strategic direction and technical support to enable implementation of the priority areas for action, based on national needs;
- (b) to submit a final report to the Regional Committee in 2025 with recommendations for the way forward for the period 2026–2030, in line with the global Action Plan (2022–2030) to effectively implement the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol as a public health priority.

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