

Vaccination: Commissioner Andriukaitis Announces Shortlist for the EU Health Award for NGOs

Today, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis announced the 10 initiatives that have made it on the shortlist for the **EU Health Award for NGOs 2017**, which aims to reward Non-Governmental Organisations that have contributed to a higher level of public health in the EU through promoting **vaccination**.

Speaking at the closing press conference at the [European Health Forum Gastein 2017](#), Commissioner Andriukaitis said "*Vaccines are one of the safest and most cost-effective ways to ensure public health and avoid preventable disease. It is therefore my honour to announce the shortlist of 10 outstanding initiatives by NGOs which have significantly contributed to higher levels of vaccination in the EU population. I will give the award for the three top prizes during the EU Health Policy Platform Meeting on 27 November 2017, but from my point of view, all 10 NGOs are winners.*"

The Commissioner went on to announce the following shortlist, in alphabetical order of the NGOs:

1. ***Vaccine Prophylaxis Through Health Mediation In Roma Community*** by the Association National Network of Health Mediators (NNHM)
2. ***Increasing Healthcare Workers' uptake of seasonal influenza vaccination in a tertiary pediatric hospital in Greece with a 3-step, tailor-made multifaceted strategy*** by the Collaborative Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Outcomes Research (CLEO)
3. ***The Life Course Immunisation Initiative*** by the Confederation of Meningitis Organisations (CoMO)
4. ***EPSA Vaccination Awareness Public Health Campaign 2016*** by the European Pharmaceutical Students' Association (EPSA)
5. ***Hepatitis B vaccination for sex workers in Flanders*** by GHAPRO vzw
6. ***Vaccination program for senior citizens*** by KBO-PCOB
7. ***Community Awareness Programme on Vaccination*** by the Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre
8. ***Vaccine Advocacy/National awareness and education campaign on the benefits of vaccination and the risks of non-vaccination*** by the Romanian Association for Education In Family Medicine (AREPMF)
9. ***Project Immuno*** by SloMSIC Ljubljana
10. ***A Mobile Application Prevention: availability of vaccines and access to sustainable immunisation services*** by the Vienna Vaccine Safety Initiative Think Tank

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https://ec.europa.eu/health/ngo_award/home_en

For more information on vaccination:

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