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## Global Health – think global, act local, but what do we do at EU level?



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The 2010 Commission Communication on Global Health stated that global health is about worldwide improvement of health, reduction of disparities, and protection against global health threats; it considered the concept through various lenses including development, trade, security, human rights and governance. What role do EU policies and instruments fit into this paradigm?

The EU is a committed supporter of global health governance and multilateralism and it looks to the WHO for global health leadership. The Commission and the WHO cooperate on a wide range of issues: the EU is in fact the third largest fu [...]

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This conference, supported by the Public Health Programme, aims to assess and facilitate the implementation of strategic documents on nutrition and physical activity in the EU Member States in order to help reduce childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles.