

EAP Regional Activity February-April 2022

The European Academy of Paediatrics continued its mission to promote the health of children and young people in Europe and beyond during the first quarter of 2022.

The Virtual EAP Winter Meeting which took place on 3-4 December 2021, was followed by [a series of virtual meetings in January and February 2022](#) by the [EAP Strategic Advisory Groups](#), showcasing their work and facilitating discussions. EAPRASnet (European Academy of Paediatrics Research in Ambulatory Settings network) also conducted a virtual meeting in the first quarter of 2022. Among this group's most recent publications (2021) is an article on COVID-19 Era Effect on Pandemic and Post-pandemic Pediatric Telemedicine Use. Further EAPRASnet publications can be found [here](#).

The news of the war in Ukraine shook entire Europe in February 2022. An [EAP Executive Statement](#) was immediately released, calling



for a cessation of aggression and the promotion of children's welfare as recognized and obligated by international law. As a showcase of solidarity with

the children of Ukraine and its position against the violence ravaging so many innocent lives, EAP launched an [emergency charity](#)

[fundraiser for the children of Ukraine](#) to support the efforts of the National Societies based in and around Ukraine.

EAP and LOW Associates co-produced a podcast describing the situation of children and those

engaged in the war and how to help them. This podcast features Lord Andrew Lansley and Dr. Marina Mamenko, Chairperson of the Board of the



Ukrainian Academy of Paediatric Specialties and Member of EAP. [A Joint Statement on the Coordinated Efforts of Looking After the Health Care Needs of Children and Young People Fleeing the Conflict Zone of Ukraine](#) was published by the European Society for Emergency Paediatrics and the European Academy of Paediatrics was published in *Frontiers in Paediatrics*.

Two of the most recent EAP Statements include a position paper on Increasing the Focus on Children's Complex and Integrated Care Needs and recommendations for Adolescents with Eating Disorders in Pediatric Practice. Visit [EAP's website](#) for a full list of published statements.

The Young EAP (network of national junior pediatric representatives within the EAP)



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is involved in [ongoing projects](#) regarding Paediatric training programs across Europe.

In March, the EAP Executive Committee conducted a hybrid meeting in Bruges where several collaborations with fellow Paediatric bodies and important ongoing EAP initiatives and activities were discussed. EAP is represented in the EU Commission Coalition for Vaccination established in spring 2019 and brings together European health professionals' and students' associations to advocate for vaccination in their work with citizens and peers. Members of the Coalition for Vaccination commit to delivering accurate information to the public, fighting myths around vaccination and vaccines, and to exchanging best practices.

EAP maintains its continuous involvement of the EAP in the following EU projects.

- [Core-MD](#)
- [ImmuHubs](#)
- [RIVER EU](#) (project on vaccine equity)
- [IMMUNION](#) (read the [press release](#) from 25 April calling for easy vaccine access for Ukrainian refugees)
- [The Vaccinate your Child Campaign](#)

[World Immunization Week 2022 - 24 to 30 April](#) marks a joint social campaign titled 'One Less Thing' by UNICEF and EAP to increase routine vaccination in European children. Follow the EAP's social media channels over the course of May for details on the campaign.



During unprecedented times, we urge European pediatricians to continue to advocate for children's welfare in their nation-states, across Europe, and worldwide. We look forward to welcoming all National Delegates and EAP members at the [EAP Spring meeting](#) from 13-14 May 2022. The EAP thanks all the leaders of the Strategic Advisory Groups, National Delegates, Individual members, and collaborating societies for being a part of its accomplishments.

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