The mission of Eurocare is to promote the prevention and reduction of alcohol related harm, through advocacy, networking and collaboration, so that alcohol will no longer be a major cause of premature death, interpersonal violence and disability throughout Europe.

To achieve its mission EUROCARE works to:

**Create and nurture ties between organizations concerned with alcohol related harm:** starting with 9 member organizations, Eurocare now has 56 member organizations in 26 European countries, including central and Eastern Europe. It also maintains close ties with other organizations in Europe and the world. Eurocare actively fosters cooperation among members and between the members and other non-governmental organizations working in the field of advocacy for the prevention of alcohol related harm.

**Influence European policy makers by advocating effective evidence based alcohol policy:** On an on-going basis, Eurocare works to monitor all policy discussions of the European institutions that have an impact on alcohol related harm by attending open meetings of the European Parliament, maintaining ties with key people in the European Commission, and following all the relevant publications. Eurocare is an active member of the EU Health Policy Forum and the EU Alcohol and Health Working Group of the European Commission.

**Publish reports and position papers, which have included:**

- A Guide for Action - a summary of "Alcohol Policy and the Public Good" published in conjunction with the WHO European Office.
- Counterbalancing the Drinks Industry - a report to the European Union;
- Alcohol Problems in the Family - a report to the European Union
- Social aspect organizations: A public health warning
- Drinking and Driving in Europe
The State Agency for Prevention of Alcohol-Related Problems exists since 1993. It is a professional government-based institution created to construct the foundations of the national alcohol policy under the supervision of the Minister of Health.

The Agency’s goals and tasks are pointed out in the Act on Upbringing in Sobriety and Counteracting Alcoholism. According to this act PARPA:

- Prepares a draft of The National Program of Prevention and Solving Alcohol-Related Problems and a plan for the division of funds for its implementation.

- Gives its expert opinions and prepares the drafts of legislative acts and agendas on the policy concerning alcohol and alcohol-related problems

- Provides information and education, prepares expert opinions, and prepares and executes the new methods of preventing and solving alcohol-related problems

- Provides professional support for local governments, institutions, associations, and individuals that perform the tasks connected with the prevention and solution of alcohol-related problems as well as commissioning these tasks and financing their implementation

- Cooperates with representative bodies of provinces and representatives of local government councils in charge of alcohol abuse prevention.

- Initiates and coordinates activities that make the substance abuse therapy more efficient and more available

- Commissions and finances the tasks connected with the prevention and resolution of alcohol-related problems

- Cooperates with international organizations and institutions in the field of alcohol abuse prevention.
The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) represents 90 non-governmental and other not-for-profit organisations working in support of health in Europe.

EPHA aims to promote and protect the health interests of all people living in Europe and to strengthen the dialogue between the EU institutions, citizens and NGOs in support of healthy public policies by:

- monitoring the policy making process within the EU institutions and maximising the flow of information concerning health promotion and public health policy developments amongst all interested players including: Commission officials, MEPs, member state and candidate country ministries, NGOs and citizens.

- promoting greater awareness amongst European citizens and non-governmental organisations about policy developments and programme initiatives that effect the health of EU citizens so that they can contribute to the policy making process and take practical action to take part in appropriate programmes

- supporting collaboration at a European level between non-governmental organisations and other not for profit organisations active in the member state and candidate countries in health promotion and public health.

EPHA issues a bi-monthly magazine on health policy in the EU and Europe – the European Public Health Update, to which non-members can subscribe. The Update is available in English and French.
Our organisation

The European Youth Forum is an international organisation established by national youth councils and international non-governmental youth organisations to represent the interests of young people from all over Europe. It is the youth platform in Europe representing youth organisations in its contacts with international institutions - mainly the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations. It serves to channel the flow of information and opinions between young people and decision-makers. The European Youth Forum has 91 members made up of national youth councils and international non-governmental youth organisations, which are federations in themselves, bringing together tens of millions of young people from all European countries.

Our mission

The European Youth Forum works to empower young people to actively participate in the shaping of Europe and the society in which they live. Through our member organisations and our representative role we want to improve the living conditions of young people as European citizens in today’s world.

The European Youth Forum works for the interests of all young people in Europe. As a platform, we are the representative body of our members in contacts with the institutions and partners in the youth field.

Our aims

The European Youth Forum aims to:

- Be a consultative body for international institutions (European Union, Council of Europe, United Nations Organisation, etc) on all issues relevant to young people and to youth organisations
- Promote youth policy through government and institutional policy
- Influence the policy of international institutions on youth-related issues
- Increase the participation of young people and youth organisations in society as well as in the decision-making process
- Promote the exchange of ideas and experiences, mutual understanding, and equal rights and opportunities among young people in Europe.
The European Cultural Foundation is an independent, non-governmental organization.

It was founded in 1954 to ‘promote cultural and educational activities and research of a multinational nature and European character.’

It stands for an open, democratic Europe which respects the basic human rights and cultural diversity of its people. It is committed to the importance of the cultural dimension within the process of wider European integration.

The European Cultural Foundation seeks to foster within Europe a sense of belonging for all its people. It promotes artistic and cultural activities in Europe and across its borders as a contribution to civil society.

On the operational front, the ECF runs its own programmes and awards grants for innovative work.

On the political front, the Foundation is very active in advocating culture. The ECF currently supports the cultural dimension of EU integration and enlargement (including those countries 'beyond enlargement') with its new action-line 'Enlargement of Minds'.

For further information: www.eurocult.org