

UK RC75 Written Intervention: European Immunisation Agenda

We thank the WHO for their report which outlines a vision and strategy for realising the full benefits of immunisation in the WHO European Region over the decade ending in 2030.

Overall, it is pleasing to see that the Region is progressing towards achieving the EIA2030 goals. However, we are concerned that the rate of progress is inadequate to meet all the interim milestones by 2026 and the targets by 2030.

Decreased immunization coverage for most childhood vaccines in some countries compared to 2019 is concerning to see, as well as vaccine-derived poliovirus detections and VPD outbreaks. Immunity gaps and inequity should be addressed as a matter of urgency, through an evidence-based and targeted approach, with a renewed commitment to VPD control and elimination targets.

The UK government is committed to high uptake in all our vaccination programmes, ensuring the underpinning technical evidence are of the highest standards and delivery is robust, equitable and multi-channelled.

We are working closely with other health system partners to increase uptake of routine immunisations by adults and children. This includes data collection and analysis, production and dissemination of vaccine-related materials and training resources, and procurement, storage and distribution of vaccines for vaccination programmes.

The UK supports the EIA2030 and progress being made to meet the 7 impact indicators and targets.