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Alcohol-related harm is a major public health concern in the EU. The Commission has therefore included a clear target to achieve a relative reduction of at least 10% in the harmful use of alcohol by 2025, as agreed by Member States as part of the Sustainable Development Goals¹.

The Commission does however not plan to relaunch the European Alcohol and Health Forum. The activities on alcohol related harm will continue to focus on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, through the identification and rollout of best practices facilitated by the Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases².

In the context of the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan³, an Implementation Roadmap is being developed, that details the timeline, launch of actions, and funding.

Actions notably aim to provide clear information that makes it easier for consumers to choose healthy and sustainable diets, this work includes the labelling of alcoholic beverages.

In this respect, stakeholder groups and health professionals are welcome to join and support the implementation of the Plan through the new Beating Cancer Stakeholder Contact Group established on the EU Health Policy Platform⁴, provided that they comply with the membership criteria.

¹ <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

² https://ec.europa.eu/health/non_communicable_diseases/steeringgroup_promotionprevention_en

³ https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/default/files/non_communicable_diseases/docs/eu_cancer-plan_en.pdf

⁴ <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/hpf/>