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White Paper on a Strategy for Europe on Nutrition, Overweight and Obesity related health issues

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Amendment by Gabriela Crețu

Amendment 1

Recital A (new)

- A. *whereas it is scientifically proven that the incidence rate and the gravity of the ill-nutrition related diseases affect men and women differently,***

Or. en

Amendment by Gabriela Crețu

Amendment 2

Paragraph 1

1. ***Regrets the gender neutral approach of the Commission in the White paper and calls on the Commission and the platform for action on nutrition, physical activity and health to take account of the differences between men and women, in particular in connection with the compilation of data and the dissemination of information and best practices;***

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Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell, Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Iratxe García Pérez

Amendment 3
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote information and assistance strategies to prevent obesity in those groups which are most likely to experience rapid weight gain: individuals in the process of giving up smoking; patients taking medicines that cause increased appetite; pregnant, breast-feeding and menopausal women, immigrant populations and disadvantaged groups;

Or. es

Amendment by Hiltrud Breyer, Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 4
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Underlines that, in order to reduce gender disparities in ill-health treatment due to poor nutrition, overweight and obesity, gender sensitive services are essential; believes, therefore, that, in order for women to access treatment at all levels from primary to specialist care, services must be tailored to meet their needs; calls on the Member States to ensure a safety net of medical treatment for those citizens who are not covered by national insurance schemes;

Or. en

Amendment by Hiltrud Breyer, Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 5
Paragraph 1 b (new)

1b. Refers to the fact that child obesity is increasing rapidly in virtually all the Member States of the European Union; calls on the Commission and the Member States to explore options for providing healthy foods to a larger segment of the population as well as education of and information to children and parents about healthy living;

Or. en

Amendment by Roselyne Lefrançois

Amendment 6
Paragraph 2

2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to encourage information campaigns on the dangers *to children* represented by *excessive use of* new information *and communication* technologies, *and* in particular *video* games, which *may lead to a reduction in their physical and sporting activity and, consequently, contribute* to overweight;

Or. fr

Amendment by Anni Podimata

Amendment 7
Paragraph 2

2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to encourage information campaigns *and preventive measures* on the dangers represented by new information technologies, in particular computer games, which pose an obstacle to the socialisation of young girls and boys and their participation in sporting activities, in turn contributing to overweight;

Or. fr

Amendment by Marusya Ivanova Lyubcheva

Amendment 8
Paragraph 2

2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to encourage *special educational programmes and* information campaigns on the dangers represented by new information technologies, in particular computer games, which pose an obstacle to the socialisation of young girls and boys and their participation in sporting activities, in turn contributing to overweight;

Or. en

Amendment by Christa Prets

Amendment 9
Paragraph 2

2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to encourage information campaigns on the dangers represented by new information technologies, in particular computer games, which ***influence*** the socialisation of young girls and boys and their participation in sporting activities, in turn contributing to overweight;

Or. de

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell, Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Iratxe García Pérez

Amendment 10
Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. Encourages the Member States to agree the standardisation of clothes sizes with businesses and fashion designers and to promote, among the organisers of fashion events, the hiring of models with a body mass index of around 18, the figure considered healthy by the World Health Organisation (WHO), in order to avoid conveying standards of beauty which, being associated with extreme thinness, may cause health problems such as anorexia and bulimia;***

Or. es

Amendment by Gabriela Crețu

Amendment 11
Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. Welcomes the Commission's intention to cooperate with the Member States and relevant stakeholders in developing and supporting scientific information and education campaigns; calls on the Commission to gather gender disaggregated data in its assessments, in order to make education campaigns more effective and well targeted;***

Or. en

Amendment by Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou

Amendment 12
Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. Recalls the crucial role played by families in developing children's interest in good health and therefore calls on the Member States to raise parents' awareness of the benefits of healthy nutrition and sport;**

Or. fr

Amendment by Anni Podimata

Amendment 13
Paragraph 3

- 3. Calls on the Commission to ensure balanced representation of women and men on the future High-Level Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity, *so as to target the problems more closely and propose the best solutions in keeping with the gender dimension, i.e. for men on the one hand and for women on the other;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Anni Podimata

Amendment 14
Paragraph 4

- 4. Welcomes the assessment, scheduled to be carried out in 2010, of the Code of Conduct on commercial communication concerning foodstuffs and drinks intended for children; *stresses the importance of the role played by the advertising and marketing sector in nutritional behaviour and ways of life and calls on this sector to play an active and responsible part, in cooperation with the food industry, when producing publicity spots by promoting the consumption of healthy products, above all where they are intended for children;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Marusya Ivanova Lyubcheva

Amendment 15

Paragraph 4

4. Welcomes the assessment, scheduled to be carried out in 2010, of the Code of Conduct on commercial communication concerning foodstuffs and drinks intended for children *as well as for pregnant and breastfeeding women*;

Or. en

Amendment by Hiltrud Breyer, Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 16

Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Underlines that policies to prevent ill-health treatment due to poor nutrition, overweight and obesity will require the participation of many sectors (e.g. education, transport, food supply, social welfare) and stakeholders (e.g. food manufacturers, fast-food operators, school authorities, parents and children's representatives) and that a process which includes these elements in the development of policy has a greater chance of success;*

Or. en

Amendment by Anni Podimata

Amendment 17

Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Calls on the Member States to encourage the food industry to improve the labelling of consumer products as regards the levels of sugar, fats, salt, saturated fats and trans-fats and to reformulate their products with regard to these substances in order to make them healthier;*

Or. fr

Amendment by Anni Podimata

Amendment 18

Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Member States, the regional and local authorities and sports associations **to take initiatives aimed at creating areas for open-air activities for young people**, to make physical and sporting activities available to everyone and encourage participation in them, and to take account of the differing preferences of women and men;

Or. fr

Amendment by Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou

Amendment 19

Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Member States, the regional and local authorities and sports associations to make physical and sporting activities available to everyone and encourage participation in them **from a very early age, particularly at school**, and to take account of the differing preferences of women and men;

Or. fr

Amendment by Edite Estrela

Amendment 20

Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Member States, the regional and local authorities and sports associations to make physical and sporting activities available to everyone and encourage participation in them, **bearing in mind possible** differing preferences of women and men; **stresses that professional demands and domestic responsibilities placed on women may make it difficult for them regularly to practise a physical activity;**

Or. pt

Amendment by Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou

Amendment 21
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Encourages the Member States to offer balanced and age-appropriate diets in school canteens and organisations and to raise awareness among citizens, particularly women, of the need for lifelong healthy eating;

Or. fr

Amendment by Anni Podimata

Amendment 22
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Calls on the Member States, in close cooperation with local authorities and schools, to provide educational programmes on the importance and promotion of healthy eating and on the promotion and importance of physical activity for young people; points to the importance of offering healthy food in school canteens, encouraging the consumption of vegetables and fruit in school canteens and restricting consumption of fatty and sugary food;

Or. fr

Amendment by Anni Podimata

Amendment 23
Paragraph 5 b (new)

5b. Draws attention to the need to tackle nutrition problems by adopting effective measures, such as information on health risks and the promotion of physical exercise, in order to combat obesity by targeting children from a very early age, above all children from disadvantaged social and professional backgrounds;

Or. fr

Amendment by Eva-Britt Svensson

Amendment 24
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. *Calls upon sports organisations to bear in mind in particular that girls in their later teenage years often cease to participate actively in sporting activities and instead become spectators of boys' sporting activities; considers that sports organisations have a large role to play in maintaining the interest of girls and women in participating in various sports activities;*

Or. sv

Amendment by Roselyne Lefrançois

Amendment 25
Paragraph 6

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Or. fr

Amendment by Marusya Ivanova Lyubcheva

Amendment 26
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Insists on the need for special attention to be given to rational nutrition for adolescents and in particular young girls in order to prepare them for future maternity and responsible family behaviour;*

Or. en

Amendment by Anni Podimata

Amendment 27
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Stresses the need to gather data on the results of the various initiatives taken at local, regional and national level in each Member State and to compare them at European level in order to exchange good practices, promote the measures that*

have obtained the best results and set up a system to monitor developments;

Or. fr

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell, Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco, Iratxe García Pérez

Amendment 28
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to promote breast feeding in primary care centres;*

Or. es

Amendment by Edite Estrela

Amendment 29
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. *Urges the Member States to promote better access to healthy food for the whole population, including disadvantaged groups, by cutting the prices of such food; stresses, further, the importance of involving the private sector in order to facilitate the widespread adoption of healthy lifestyles;*

Or. pt

Amendment by Edite Estrela

Amendment 30
Paragraph 6 b (new)

6b. *Calls on the Member States to ensure that national health services promote specific nutritional advice for pregnant women and menopausal women, since these are two important stages in women's lives when there is an increased risk of storing fat;*

Or. pt

Amendment by Edite Estrela

Amendment 31
Paragraph 6 c (new)

6c. Takes the view that those responsible for bringing up children, along with schools, form an integral part of the front line in reversing the trend of childhood obesity and they should therefore be the target of specific information campaigns, with the aim of persuading them to take on board good practices that they can easily incorporate into children's everyday life;

Or. pt

Amendment by Edite Estrela

Amendment 32
Paragraph 6 d (new)

6d. Draws attention to the fundamental role played by women in nutrition education in the family and the decisive contribution they can make to combating obesity, since in very many families they intervene directly in the choice of food;

Or. pt

Amendment by Siiri Oviir

Amendment 33
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. Calls on the Commission and Member States, in health-care and nutrition action programmes, to take greater account also of people's individuality, devoting attention at regional and local level to individual nutrition programmes;

Or. et

Amendment by Hiltrud Breyer, Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 34
Paragraph 6 a (new)

6a. Calls for a large-scale EU campaign that raises awareness of the risks of obesity

and provides a central point of information which people can contact or from which they can obtain advice; notes that there is a connection between healthy lifestyles and social and ethnic background that needs to be taken into account when adopting measures to promote healthy lifestyles;

Or. en

Amendment by Hiltrud Breyer, Raúl Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 35
Paragraph 6 b (new)

6b. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider a ban on selling junk food especially at schools.*

Or. en