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Subject: Your application for access to documents - Ref GestDem 2015/5596

Dear Ms Paravicini,

We refer to your email dated 27 October 2015 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered under the above mentioned reference number.

As context, please take note that the Commission adopted in 2006 an EU strategy to support Member States in reducing alcohol-related harm. The Strategy addresses the adverse health effects related to harmful and hazardous alcohol consumption, as well as the related social and economic consequences. The role of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action is the involvement in the process of coordinating government-driven policies aimed at reducing alcohol harm at national and local level, building on good practice identified in Commission's Communication COM(2006) 625 final.

Regarding your first question, please note that the members of this group have been appointed by the national authorities of their Member States (plus Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein). The mandate of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action is attached.

All the information related to the meetings of the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action, including reports and presentations, are available to public on our website: http://ec.europa.eu/health/alcohol/events/index_en.htm#anchor1_more

The group produced two documents:

- The Action Plan on Youth Drinking and on Heavy Episodic Drinking (Binge Drinking) (2014-2016), endorsed by the Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action on 16 September 2014, available under:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/alcohol/docs/2014_2016_actionplan_youthdrinking_en.pdf

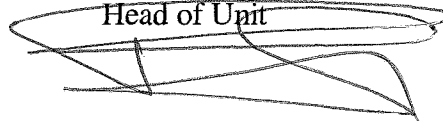
- On 10 December 2014, the Committee adopted a Scoping Paper - Member States call on the European Commission for a new and comprehensive strategy to tackle harmful use of alcohol and alcohol related harm. You can find the document under:
http://ec.europa.eu/health/alcohol/docs/eu_scoping_paper_cnapa_en.pdf

Since its creation in 2007, the group is chaired by the Head of the “Health Determinants” Unit. I chair the group meetings since 2013.

Regarding your last two questions, please note that, as mentioned before, the members of the group are nominated by the Member States and it is not the Commission practice to reject experts appointed by the national authorities.

I hope that the provision of these documents will prove satisfactory for your request.

Philippe Roux
Head of Unit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Philippe Roux', written over the printed name and title.

Annex: Committee on National Alcohol Policy and Action - Mandate, Rules of Procedure and Work Plan