Maintaining the Momentum:

A Blueprint for Continued success

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Key factors contributing to the success





Continuous collaboration with decision-makers



Supporting the National Cardiac Societies



Creating & exploiting opportunities for effective communication – Moving Hearts & Minds

Current state of CV Health Plan support in the EU



Trio Presidency of the EU

• The current trio Presidency (Spain-Belgium-Hungary) took a historic step by addressing cardiovascular disease for the first time in the EU's 30-year history.

HU Presidency of the EU

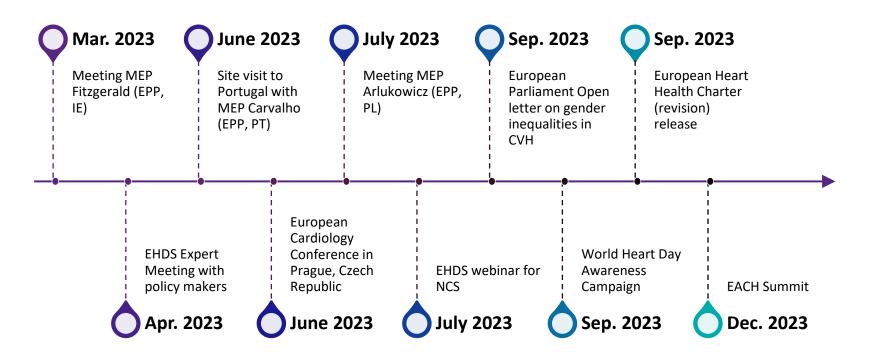
 Commitment from the HU **Health Ministry** to prioritise cardiovascular disease (CVD): High-level Presidency Conference on CVD in July 2024 and Council Conclusions in December 2024.

European Parliament

• EU
Cardiovascular
Health Plan on
Election
Manifesto of the
largest political
group (EPP),
announced in
recent interview
with ESC
President and
EPP President;

Advocacy activities overview





EACH Summit Strasbourg





NCS were brought to present national data on CVD to their MEPs and demonstrate the urgent need for an EU CVH plan.



Over 100 MEPs from 20 countries signed a pledge and gave interviews.



to demonstrate EPP support for
Cardiovascular Health

- Organised by EACH
- Hosted by MEP E. Łukacijewska (PL, EPP) and R. Maxová (CZ, S&D).
- The largest-ever exhibition on cardiovascular health held in the European Parliament.

Gathered over 100 representatives from the

EACH community.





CVH in all policies: Gender Inequalities





- Meeting with MEP Fitzgerald 21.03.2023
- FEMM Committee letter on CVH in women

European Health Data Space: Expert meeting



- Organised with the MEP Heart Group
- Joint effort of ESC Advocacy & Regulatory Affairs Committees
- In presence of MEP leading on the dossier within the European Parliament: Tomislav Sokol (HR, EPP)
- Topic: European Health Data Space for the use and exchange of electronic health data in the EU, and for conducting CV research



Awareness campaigns: 2023 World Heart Day





Dedicated toolbox to National Cardiac Societies



ESC Dedicated Webpage



European Heart Health Charter: Launch of the revised version



MEPs compiled videos calling for an EU CVH Plan



European Parliament FEMM committee letter on gender inequalities in CVH care







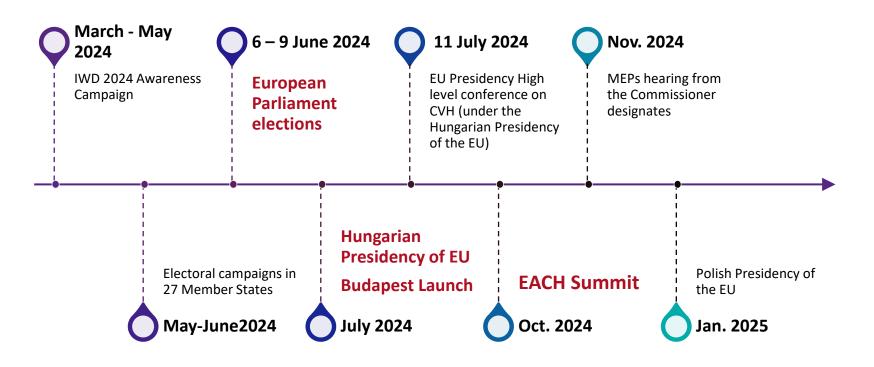
Building on past achievements – Planning for the future

Developing a blueprint for continued SUCCESS



What are the key opportunities ahead?

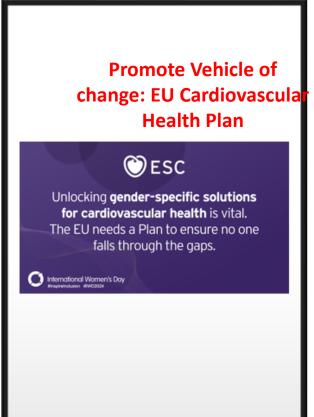




Awareness campaigns: 2024 International Women Day









2024 Advocacy Work Plan in a nutshell



CARDIOPOLICY

Invest in building advocacy efforts at the National Level



EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH

Lead EACH in prioritising cardiovascular health in the EU and beyond:

EU Cardiovascular Health Plan



HU PRESIDENCY OF THE EU

Lead prioritising of CVH under the HU Presidency of the European Union



EU PRESIDENCIES TRIO

Leverage political momentum, and mobilise resources to promote CVH across EU

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COMMISSION

Articulate the importance of cardiovascular health to NEWLY elected MEPs and Commissioner designates