



**Launch of the WHO Global oral health status report:
summary for the European Region**

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Online event (Zoom webinar)

**Date: 20 April 2023
Time: 9.00-10.30 CET**

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Scope and purpose

Good oral health is essential in people's everyday life: it impacts eating, speaking, communication behaviour and overall personal confidence.

Oral diseases are among the most common noncommunicable diseases worldwide, affecting an estimated 3.5 billion people globally and 466 million in the European Region. Oral Diseases disproportionately affect disadvantaged and marginalised populations with stark and persistent inequalities in the burden of disease and access to oral health care.

Oral health has long been neglected in the global health agenda yet many oral diseases are preventable. This report is a call towards universal oral health coverage linking to the ambition of the Global Strategy on Oral Health.

The European Regional summary report draws on the WHO Global oral health status report published in 2022, including country profiles, providing a comprehensive picture of the oral disease burden, the resources available for oral health, and the challenges ahead.

On 20th April the WHO European Regional office, Noncommunicable Disease management programme will host an event to review the report followed by an expert session for Member States and experts in Oral Health area. The session will introduce key concepts and insights from the report and explore the current disease burden across the region and the opportunities to build structures, supports and policies towards universal oral health coverage.

To support the launch, representatives from selected European Member States will share perspectives of the challenges and innovations in oral health provision. This will be followed by an opportunity to augment learning through facilitated discussion. There will be an opportunity for online participants to join the conversation.

The event will be conducted in English and Russian with simultaneous translation.

Please click on the link below to register:

[Oral Health Consultation - Zoom meeting registration](#)