EAP welcomes upcoming EC proposal on tuberculosis

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The European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP), warmly welcomes today's announcement by the European Commission that it will publish in the summer a proposal to eliminate tuberculosis.

The EAP wrote to Commissioner Andriukaitis and the EPSCO Council last December to draw attention to the high numbers of children still dying from TB in Europe. "No child should die of TB. Children with TB have excellent outcomes if diagnosed and treated early. However, treatment of TB in children is hampered by the scarcity of child-friendly drug formulations" said Stefano del Torso, EAP Executive Director, and Robert Ross Russell, Chair of the European Board of Paediatrics, on behalf of the EAP Executive Committee. "We are delighted that the Commission is to take coordinated action and we hope that the proposal will address the lack of child-friendly treatment, particularly in the case of multi-drug resistant TB".

Notes to Editors

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EAP's original letter to the EPSCO Council and to Commissioner Andriukaitis can be found here.