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PGEU Publishes Annual Report 2016

The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU) is the European association representing more than 400,000 community pharmacists.

PGEU's members are the national associations and professional bodies of pharmacists in 32 European countries, including EU Member States, EEA/EFTA members and EU applicant countries.

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The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union today published its 2016 Annual Report. Throughout 2016 PGEU responded to a number of consultations of EU Institutions, continued collaboration with EU Scientific Agencies, organised a number of exciting events and developed and published several policy statements. In his farewell speech, the outgoing PGEU President, Dr Jan Smits said: *"After my year as PGEU President I feel more passionate than ever about the European cooperation. We have a lot to learn from one another, a lot to share and we have an obligation to make our voices heard and argue that together we are stronger, safer and better off."*

The PGEU Report 2016 entitled *'Community pharmacy, a public health hub'*, features various examples of the public health activities of community pharmacists. The report illustrates these activities under the three domains of public health: health protection, health improvement, and health service delivery and quality.

Launching the report, PGEU Secretary General, Ms Jūratė Švarcaitė, said: *"A range of individuals [estimated 46 million a day] in both good and poor health, and those that may not have formal contact with any other health professional visit a community pharmacy in Europe every day. As it is seen from examples of public health activities carried out by community pharmacists, the network of 160.000 community pharmacies in Europe already significantly contributes to local community health and effectiveness and quality of health systems. With the right support and recognition, our network offers a unique opportunity to governments to both provide a wider preventive healthcare and better management of long-term conditions."*