

DRAFT OPINION
European Committee of the Regions

Communication on an EU Cardiovascular
Health Plan: **The Safe Hearts Plan**
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The Safe Hearts Plan – Official Timeline

- 23rd April : Submission of **first draft opinion**
- 1st June : NAT Commission meeting for **discussion** and adoption
- October : **Plenary session**

Main contents

- Focus toward collective-level interventions (e.g., urban planning)
- Reducing VAT / general taxation on healthy diets
- Recommended policies and good practices at local level which, if correctly implemented, can reduce risk factors

Stakeholders

Local institutions, universities, research centers, hospitals, doctors, associations, politicians at local level etc.

- Examples of recommended and implemented policies that address CVD risk factors
- European Commission's Best Practices Portal
- New criteria for greener and healthier public canteen menus
- The need for data at regional and local level

Thank you for your attention,

Carmine Pacente

