

# Towards an EU-wide food marketing directive to protect child health and child rights

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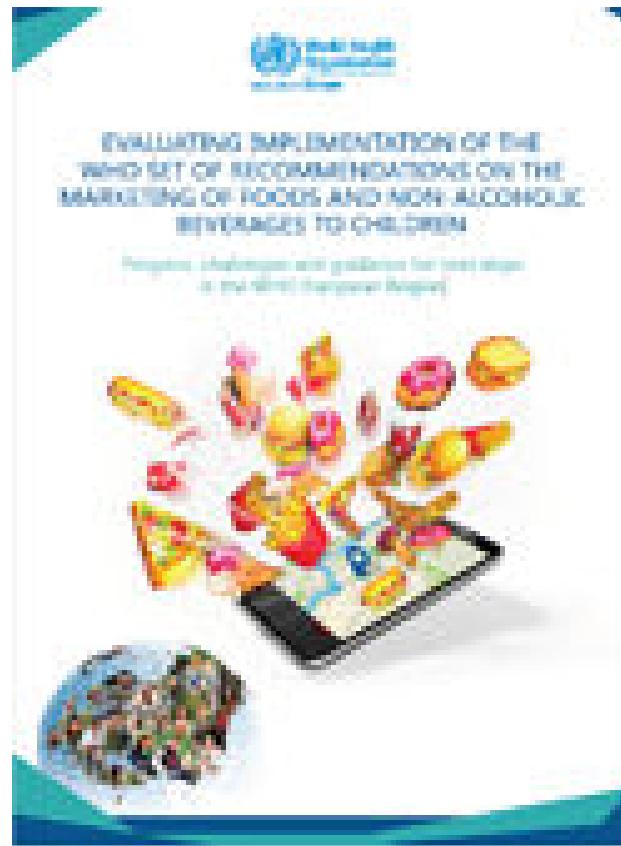


# FOOD MARKETING RECOGNISED AS AN EU-WIDE PROBLEM

**child health**

**child rights**

# THE FAILURE OF CURRENT EU RULES



## FOOD MARKETING TO CHILDREN NEEDS RULES WITH TEETH

A snapshot report about how self-regulation fails to prevent unhealthy foods to be marketed to children

Emma Calvert



Legislative reforms must be driven by evidence, not by a dogmatic, misplaced belief in self-regulation.

Need for **legally binding rules** protecting children from exposure to all forms of cross-border unhealthy food marketing.

# TURNING RHETORIC INTO EFFECTIVE ACTION

- We have drafted a directive to demonstrate that the EU can – and should – adopt legislation based on existing evidence and which upholds the best interests of the child as a primary consideration
- Public health, consumer and children's rights protection at the heart of this initiative
  - DG Santé must drive the process
- Directive compliant with the constitutional principles enshrined in the EU Treaties
  - Focus on **cross-border marketing** (attributed powers)
  - Focus on the **effectiveness** of the proposed measures (proportionality)

# THE DIRECTIVE IN A NUTSHELL

1. end the marketing of nutritionally poor food between 6am and 11pm on **broadcast media**;
2. end the marketing of nutritionally poor food on **digital media**;
3. ending the **sponsorship** by food brands of events with cross-border effects, unless brands can prove that such sponsorship is not associated with nutritionally poor food; and
4. end the use of **marketing techniques appealing to children** for the promotion of nutritionally poor food;
5. a child is **any person below the age of 18**;
6. the definition of nutritionally poor food should be based on the **WHO Europe nutrient profile model**.

