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THE JOURNAL OF PEDIATRICS · NEOPED VISION 2050

## The EPA-UNEPSA NeoPed Vision for 2050

“Navigating the Future of Child Health” — an integrated neonatal–pediatric life-course model of care, presented in Istanbul and published in *The Journal of Pediatrics*.

**Presented:** 3rd Hot Topics in Europaediatrics Meeting, Istanbul · June 2026

**Published:** August 2026, *The Journal of Pediatrics*

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The NeoPed Vision for an integrated life-course model of care by 2050 was presented by EPA-UNEPSA at the 3rd Hot Topics in Europaediatrics Meeting, hosted by the Başakşehir Çam and Sakura Pediatric Center in Istanbul in June 2026 and attended by more than 1,000 participants. The Vision, published in August 2026 in *The Journal of Pediatrics*, emerges as a strategic response to the need to reform established models of care that are increasingly strained by structural transformations and require a shift away from short-term, reactive approaches.

The strategic approach discussed in Istanbul proposes reframing pediatric healthcare as a continuous, integrated trajectory extending from birth through adolescence and into adulthood, rather than as a sequence of episodic interventions. Early-life health is recognized as a fundamental determinant of long-term outcomes across the life course — making the 2050 Vision not merely aspirational, but a necessary, evidence-informed roadmap.



Manuscript header: *The Journal of Pediatrics*, August 2026 — “Navigating the Future of Child Health.”

### NEW MEMBER SOCIETY



## Global Society for Pediatric Research (GSPR) Joins EPA-UNEPSA

GSPR's membership in EPA-UNEPSA has been formally approved by the Council, marking an important step toward strengthening cooperation within the European and global pediatric community. The announcement follows GSPR's successful organization of the “Hot Topics by Europaediatrics” congress in Istanbul, reflecting its commitment to international collaboration and the advancement of pediatric research.

### ● COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CLINICAL PRACTICE

## Music, Art and Science: EPA-UNEPSA at the Social Orchestras Meeting in Padua



On 12 September 2026, the international meeting “Educational Approaches for Making-Music Communities” was held in Padua, Italy, organized by EPA-UNEPSA in collaboration with the Ghirardi Foundation. The meeting brought together delegations from 20 Social Orchestras alongside experts from international university-based pediatric centers, to explore convergence between developmental medicine and the practice of Social Orchestras — and whether music as a therapeutic, educational, and social tool may represent an innovative frontier in pediatric care.

**Core message:** moving beyond a purely clinical approach to symptom management, toward an integrated promotion of physical and psychological well-being, cognitive development, and social health.

**About EPA / UNEPSA** — European Paediatric Association / Union of National European Paediatric Societies and Associations

Founded in 1976 at the St Sophia Children's Hospital in Rotterdam, EPA/UNEPSA is a non-profit pan-European body uniting some 50 national societies — more than three-quarters of all European countries — to promote child health and comprehensive paediatric care through scientific cooperation, education and research.

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### EPA-UNEPSA WORKING GROUP ON SOCIAL PEDIATRICS

**Results of the EPA-UNEPSA pilot study on the management of Atopic Dermatitis (AD) in general pediatrics were presented at the Congress of Pediatricians of Serbia, Vrnjačka Banja · 24–27 September 2026.**

The multicenter project evaluated general pediatricians' knowledge and management competence for AD across European regions, aligning clinical practice with the EuroGuiDerm and AAP guidelines.

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### 2026 SCIENTIFIC CALENDAR — AT A GLANCE

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| <b>Aug</b>       | NeoPed Vision published — <i>J. Pediatrics</i>       |
| <b>12 Sep</b>    | Social Orchestras Meeting — Padua, Italy             |
| <b>24–27 Sep</b> | Congress of Pediatricians of Serbia — Vrnjačka Banja |
| <b>Ongoing</b>   | GSPR membership approved — EPA-UNEPSA                |