



EUROPEAN COALITION FOR VISION  
*Better Eye Health For Europe*

## **At its meeting on 6 October 2017, the ECV:**

- reviewed and endorsed three important new data sources for EU members states and eye health advocates:
  - [‘\*The Economic Impact of Blindness in Europe\*’](#), Ophthalmic Epidemiology, 30 Jun 17.
  - [IAPB Vision Atlas](#) – showing latest data and evidence on avoidable blindness or sight loss (released 12 October 2017).
  - [‘\*Global causes of blindness and distance vision impairment 1990–2020: a systematic review and meta-analysis\*’](#), Lancet Global Health, 11 Oct 17.
- agreed how the ECV would promote these on World Sight Day 2017 (12 October) as well as supporting EFAB's event [‘\*An Agenda for Change - Eyes Right\*’](#) at the European Parliament on 11 October.
- supported the renewed application to the Marie Curie Fellowship
- reviewed progress on healthy ageing and falls and agreed next steps
- discussed the possibilities of future work on diabetes, diabetic eye disease, links with glaucoma and how the ECV might support prevention models across the EU
- discussed a new project monitoring system for the ECV
- discussed [‘\*The Origins of the European Coalition for Vision: Exploring the Formation of a Network\*’](#), Journal of Public Administration, 23 Dec 16 by Dr Karen Heard-Laureote from University of Portsmouth.
- agreed how communications to external supporters and stakeholders would be improved.