Strengthening EU cooperation against vaccine preventable diseases

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Prioritise communication on vaccination, explaining the benefits and combating the myths, misconceptions and scepticism that surround the issue.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in her Mission letter to Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Vaccination is the main tool for primary prevention of disease and one of the most cost-effective public health measures available. The EU is supporting countries by:

- co-ordinating efforts to increase the uptake of vaccination
- implementing actions under the 2018 Council Recommendation on strengthening cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases
- supporting Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan
- facilitating the exchange of best practices
- funding studies to evaluate the effectiveness of vaccines
- addressing mis- and disinformation
- actions and guidance for building trust

VACCINATION AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTION TOOL

FACILITATING VACCINATION ACCEPTANCE AND UPTAKE

Vaccines are used in hundreds of millions of people worldwide each year to protect from serious diseases.

The European Commission is working with Member States on targeted interventions that address:
- CONFIDENCE
- COMPLACENCY
- CONVENIENCE
EU actions to boost vaccine confidence

**Enhanced cooperation:** joint procurement of vaccines

Providing accurate, objective, up-to-date evidence on vaccines and vaccination, including the Joint Vaccine Monitoring Platform and European Vaccination Information Portal vaccination-info.eu

**Coalition for Vaccination** European associations of healthcare workers and students’ associations coalitionforvaccination.com

**Monitoring attitudes towards vaccination** and investing in behavioural insights: State of Vaccine Confidence in the EU reports (2018, 2020, 2022) and Eurobarometer surveys

**Joint Action on Vaccination (EU-JAV)**, bringing EU countries together to increase the uptake of vaccination including by increasing confidence. EU-JAV - European Joint Action on Vaccination

Supporting countries in **boosting uptake** of Human papillomaviruses (HPV) and Hepatitis B vaccination to prevent cancers

**Exchanging best practices** on vaccination through the subgroup on vaccination of the Public Health Expert Group

**Proactive communication United In Protection campaign,** annual contributions to the European Immunisation Week vaccination-protection.ec.europa.eu

**Addressing mis- and disinformation** by creating resilience, monitoring and addressing misleading narratives

- Task-force on fighting Covid-19 related disinformation, European Democracy Action Plan, strengthened Code of Practice on Disinformation and support to factcheckers
- European Commission Network Against Disinformation and Rapid Alert System to Exchange EU institutions and Member States

**Enhanced cooperation with the World Health Organisation** to support the Immunization Agenda 2030.

**Projects financed under** EU4Health and Horizon Europe for research, vaccine misinformation counter initiatives and support for disadvantaged and socially excluded groups.

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